



The Healthy Athlete Clinical Director Role: Healthy Hearing

Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to fostering inclusion and community, ensuring that all individuals are accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability. Through the participation of athletes, volunteers, and family members, Special Olympics works to create a healthier, more positive environment for people worldwide.

The Healthy Athletes program is committed to delivering health services and education to Special Olympics athletes while enhancing the interaction between health systems and individuals with intellectual disabilities. By offering complimentary health screenings, training healthcare professionals, and assessing the health status of those with intellectual disabilities, Healthy Athletes has established itself as a leading global public health initiative.

Clinical Directors are an important part of the Healthy Athletes Healthy Hearing team. Clinical Directors are responsible for working with their local Special Olympics Program and other volunteer health professionals in coordinating a Healthy Hearing event in their region.

The role of a Healthy Hearing Clinical Director includes, but is not limited to:

1. *Determining event opportunities*

Identifying and scheduling the best opportunity to provide Healthy Hearing screenings is a joint effort between the Clinical Director and their local Special Olympics Program.

2. *Recruiting and Training Volunteer Health Professionals*

Clinical Directors are optimally positioned to identify and train health volunteers for service in the designated areas within the Healthy Hearing venue, due to their comprehensive understanding of both the community and local healthcare professionals. Potential volunteers may be recruited from:

- Private Practices
- Universities/Colleges/Schools
- Health and Professional Associations
- Medical Facilities
- Government Medical Facilities (Military/VA/State/National/Local) and
- State or Local Public Health Agencies



