

# Families Research Overview



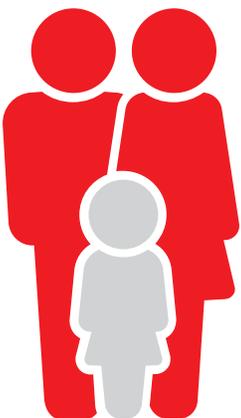
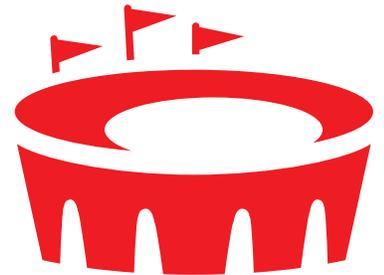
**89%**  
of parents

agreed or strongly agreed that they had higher expectations of their child as a result of Young Athletes found in a survey of more than 1,400 family members throughout the world.



Parents learn about their child's **athletic capabilities** through Special Olympics. Parents of athletes in the United States reported being impressed, and often surprised, by their child's athletic abilities.

Families of Special Olympics athletes are often actively involved in Special Olympics. **The majority of families** in Peru (80%), Argentina (85%), Brazil (59%), and the United States (82%) **reported attending competitions.**



As of 2015, the global Special Olympics community included **627,452** registered family members serving in leadership roles in Programs around the world.



of parents in the United States said that Special Olympics had a **positive impact on their relationships outside the family.**