

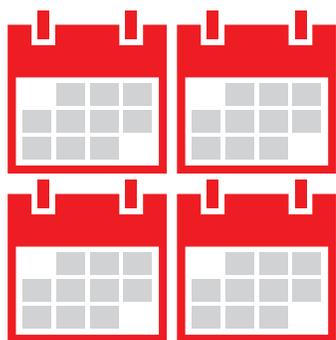
Young Athletes Research Overview



In 2015, **146,971 children** participated in Young Athletes in **179 countries and United States.**



After 2 months of participation in Special Olympics Young Athletes, children with intellectual disabilities experienced a **7-month gain in motor skills.**



The benefits from Young Athletes continue even after the program ends. At 5 and 10-month follow-ups, children who participated in Young Athletes maintained a **4-month advantage in development.**



91% of parents agreed or strongly agreed that participation in Young Athletes made them more hopeful about their child's future.



The Special Olympics Young Athletes program forms a community of **support and resources for parents and caregivers.**