Special Olympics
Healthy Athletes®

2026 Impact

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Healthy Athletes is the largest global public health organization dedicated to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities. At our Summer Games, we offer a range of initiatives aimed at improving the health and well-being of Special Olympics Virginia athletes.

53 athletes screened
15 Healthcare Professionals

Healthy Hearing

Offers free hearing screenings designed to ensure proper audiology care for Special Olympics athletes to improve their communication skills, social interactions and quality of life.

127 athletes screened
64 pairs of eyewear provided

Opening Eyes

Offers free eye assessments, prescription eyewear, sunglasses, and sports goggles. Following 12 testing stations, decisions about new prescriptions or sport goggles are made, all at no cost to the athlete.

61 athletes screened
64 flouride treatments

Special Smiles

Provides the gateway to not only good oral health but to overall better health through screening, education and treatment options.

92 athletes screened
27 student volunteers

FUNFitness

Opportunity for athletes to receive a total body fitness evaluation and educational materials from fitness experts to improve flexibility, strength and balance.

227 athletes participate
319 fitness coaches

Fitness Programs

Offers three models for engagement in fitness. Fitness Clubs, Walking Clubs, and the incorporation of fitness activities into one of the many existing sports teams throughout the state.

100 athletes screened
10 potential cancers detected

Skin Cancer Eval

Athletes and volunteers have the opportunity to have board certified dermotologists examine their skin for potential skin cancer risks providing early detection and treatment options.

87 athletes screened
15 Healthcare Professionals

Health Promotions

Improves the quality of life and long-term health of Special Olympics Virginia athletes by promoting healthy behaviors, screenings and medical referrals.