

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.



2026 Impact

**More details can be found by visiting the Inclusive Health & Wellness section of our website.*

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.

53

*athletes
screened*

15

*Health care
Professionals*

Opening Eyes

Offers Special Olympics athletes free comprehensive 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.

127

*athletes
screened*

64

*pairs of
eyewear
prescribed*

Special Smiles

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

61

*athletes
screened*

64

*flouride
treatments*

Health Promotions

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

87

*athletes
screened*

15

*Health care
Professionals*

FUNfitness

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

92

*athletes
screened*

27

*student
volunteers*

Fitness Programs

Special Olympics Virginia 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.

227

*athletes
participating*

319

*fitness
coaches*

Skin Cancer Eval

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

100

*Individuals
participating*

10

*Individuals
w/potential
skin cancer*