

## The Healthy Athlete Clinical Director



The Healthy Athletes program is dedicated to providing health services and education to Special Olympics athletes, and changing the way health systems interact with people with intellectual disabilities. Through free health screenings, training for healthcare professionals, and evaluation of the health status of people with intellectual disability, Healthy Athletes has become a powerful public health organization worldwide.

Clinical Directors are responsible for working with their local Special Olympics Program and other volunteer health professionals in coordinating event screenings.

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

**1. *Determining event opportunities***

**2. *Recruiting and Training Volunteer Health Professionals***

Potential volunteers may come from:

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

**3. *Assist in Obtaining Equipment, Supplies and Athlete Giveaways***

**4. *Supervising the Healthy Athletes Venue***

**5. *Collecting Data***

**6. *Program Evaluation***

Evaluation gives Clinical Directors the opportunity to continuously improve and adapt their programs to the needs of the athletes.

### Clinical Director Background and Requirements:

- Be a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner;
- A minimum three-year commitment to serving as a Clinical Director to ensure quality and continuity of services; and
- Attend a Training
  - Online for MedFest and in-person for all other disciplines
    - Trainings are offered two times each year and Special Olympics covers the cost for Clinical Directors to attend the three day training.

**To learn more about becoming a Clinical Director contact Emilie Ricker at [ERicker@SpecialOlympicsCO.org](mailto:ERicker@SpecialOlympicsCO.org).**

