

# Special Olympics

## Stance on LGBTQ+ Lifestyle

<https://specialolympicsri.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Transgender-Guidance-11-13-18-FINAL.pdf>

As of 2018, the Special Olympics has guidelines for admitting transgender and “gender-diverse” participants into any of the Special Olympics’ events.

## Stance on Abortion and Contraception

<https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/health/disciplines/medfest/Special-Olympics-Womens-Health-Services-2023-exp-7-31-2024.pdf>

In partnership with CVS’ Minute Clinic, Special Olympics is offering a “Women’s Health” discount voucher that will expire in July 2024. Shockingly, the services listed under the women’s health services program voucher include:

- ◆ Birth Control Care
- ◆ Depo-Provera Injection
- ◆ STI/Vaginal Discharge Evaluation
- ◆ HPV Vaccination

<https://www.specialolympics.org/stories/news/minuteclinic-provides-discounted-care-to-special-olympics-athletes>

The above article shows the relationship established between Minute Clinic and Special Olympics from at least 2020.

<https://www.specialolympics.org/what-we-do/inclusive-health/family-health-forums>

The link above discusses Special Olympics’ Family Health Advisory Committee. It states, “Special Olympics engages families, scientific experts, and other organizations serving families of people with ID to support the successful development and implementation of ongoing **family health education that promotes positive behavior change.**”

In a video in the link above for their Family Health Advisory Committee, there is footage of some literature handouts, including “How to Be an Ally” and “Consent-My Permission, **My Choice**, My Consent”:



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<https://www.specialolympics.org/get-involved/partners-of-the-movement/major-donors-family-foundations/golisano-foundation?locale=en>

This link above describes the Golisano Foundation’s relationship with Special Olympics as one of its largest partners:

Golisano Foundation has enabled Special Olympics to provide nearly 700,000 health screenings and follow-up visits, decreasing urgent referrals by half, train over 150,000 health and wellness professionals and students in 60 countries, partner with 130 health professional schools to integrate inclusive health into their curricula, and improve the physical fitness of over 150,000 athletes and their families.

<https://media.specialolympics.org/soi/health/Golisano-Building-Healthy-Communities-Capstone-Book-Online-Version.pdf>

The Golisano Foundation also partners with anti-life groups such as UNICEF (p. 49) and the Clinton Global Initiative (p. 8).

### **Other**

<https://www.specialolympics.org/about/leadership/timothy-shriver?locale=en>

Timothy Shriver, of the Kennedy-Shriver family, is the chairman of Special Olympics' board of directors. Timothy has been outspoken for pro-abortion politicians and was critical of Archbishop Cordileone's and other bishops' adherences to upholding Canon 915 by not giving Holy Communion to pro-abortion politicians (<https://www.instagram.com/p/CQy7GNiJZCs/?hl=en>).

<https://www.specialolympics.org/what-we-do/inclusive-health/healthy-communities>

The link above describes Special Olympics' recognition program Special Olympics Healthy Communities, which works "to increase access to quality health care and effective prevention programming to improve the health of people with intellectual disabilities." They provide the following: "ongoing health, wellness and prevention activities to athletes in the areas of fitness, water and sanitation, malaria, hygiene, nutrition, and HIV."



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