

Healthcare Advocacy Initiatives



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Agenda



- The Arc of Philadelphia's HealthMeet
 - Program Components
 - Partners
- Special Olympics PA: Cities of Inclusion
- DOH and The Arc of PA initiative
 - Philadelphia's Regional Work Group

The Arc of Philadelphia's HealthMeet:



Healthcare Advocacy focused on providing university students in healthcare programs educational experiences working with people with IDD.

- Primary goal = Mitigate disability bias
- Secondary goal = Educate about disability services fields

HealthMeet: Founded with a national CDC grant in 2014

The Arc of Philadelphia: Leverage our geographical location

Our Partners



University partners:



- Medical
- Dentistry
- Rehabilitation Sciences
- Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing
- Public Health

Home/Community-Based Services partners:

SpArc Services









Program components:



1. Health Screenings

45 students, 85 screenings, w/ 52 people with IDD

2. Fieldwork Placements

20 MS-OT/OTD, Public Health, and BSN students

3. Health Promotion Classes

105 students delivered 77 classes for people with IDD

Discussion Panels

- With self-advocates, family members, and physicians
- 13 panels reached 1,000+ students





Partnering with: Universities



Where can we integrate disability education into the curricula?

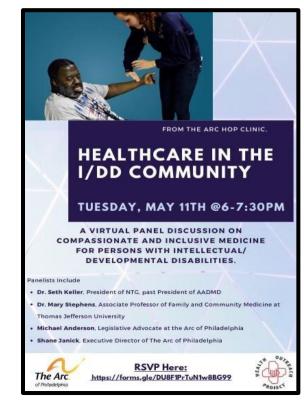
- Faculty Champions
- Curricula Review Committees
- Student Clubs
- DEI offices
- Fieldwork and Volunteer site coordinators
- Research Centers
 - Autism & Neurodiversity, Physical Disability, Mental health, etc.



Partnering with: Healthcare Providers



- Disability Champions
 - Providers with family members with disabilities
 - AADMD members
- Specialists (Dev. Peds., Medical Geneticists, etc.)
- Practices that market to serve people with disabilities
 - Jefferson Continuing Care Program/FAB Center
 - Cavity Busters



Special Olympics PA: Cities of Inclusion



- Ensure Philadelphia is a city where people with disabilities can lead healthy and fulfilling lives as respected members of an inclusive society.
 - Unified network of committees addressing
 - Education
 - Access to Information & Services
 - Employment
 - Health and Healthcare
 - Housing





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The Arc of Philadelphia's HealthMeet

SOPA Cities of Inclusion's Healthcare Committee

The Arc of PA's Report to PA Dept of Health

PA Dept. of Health & The Arc of PA initiative



- Philadelphia Regional Work Group
 - Center for Independent Living (CIL)
 - Public Health Professionals, PDPH
 - Rehabilitation Sciences
 - O Social Worker, Department of Family and Community Medicine
 - Physicians, Nurses, Oral Healthcare providers
 - Medical Geneticist, Primary Care, Pediatrician, Neurodiversity Researcher
 - Professors of Medicine and Nursing
 - Mental Health Therapist



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