

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:*



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family of organizations

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

4. 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



FROM THE ARC HOP CLINIC.

HEALTHCARE IN THE I/DD COMMUNITY

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH @6-7:30PM

A VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON
COMPASSIONATE AND INCLUSIVE MEDICINE
FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL/
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Panelists include

- **Dr. Seth Keller**, President of NTC, past President of AADMD
- **Dr. Mary Stephens**, Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University
- **Michael Anderson**, Legislative Advocate at the Arc of Philadelphia
- **Shane Janick**, Executive Director of The Arc of Philadelphia

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Special Olympics PA: Cities of Inclusion



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- 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



**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



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family of organizations

- Philadelphia Regional Work Group
 - Center for Independent Living (CIL)
 - Public Health Professionals, PDPH
 - Rehabilitation Sciences
 - 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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*Thank
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