

Introduction to the Special Olympics Rosemary Collaboratory in Pennsylvania

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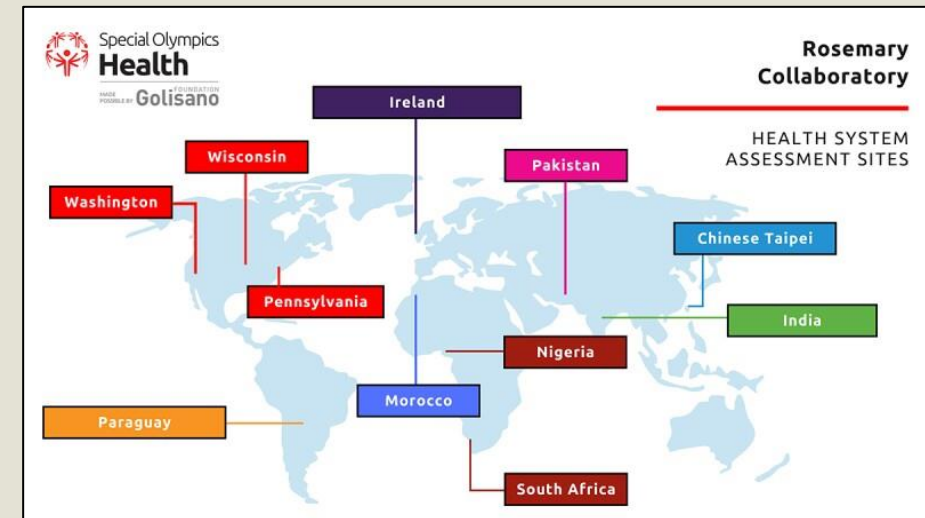


Agenda

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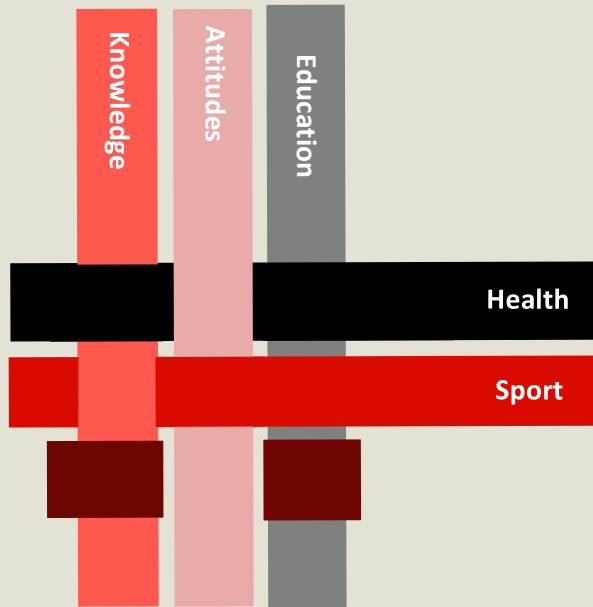


- Introduction & What is Rosemary Collaboratory?
- Phase I Assessment
- Phase I Additional Data Gathering
- Why is it Important Now?
- Opportunities for Future/Next Steps
- Q&A



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Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and competition in a variety of sports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities (ID), giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

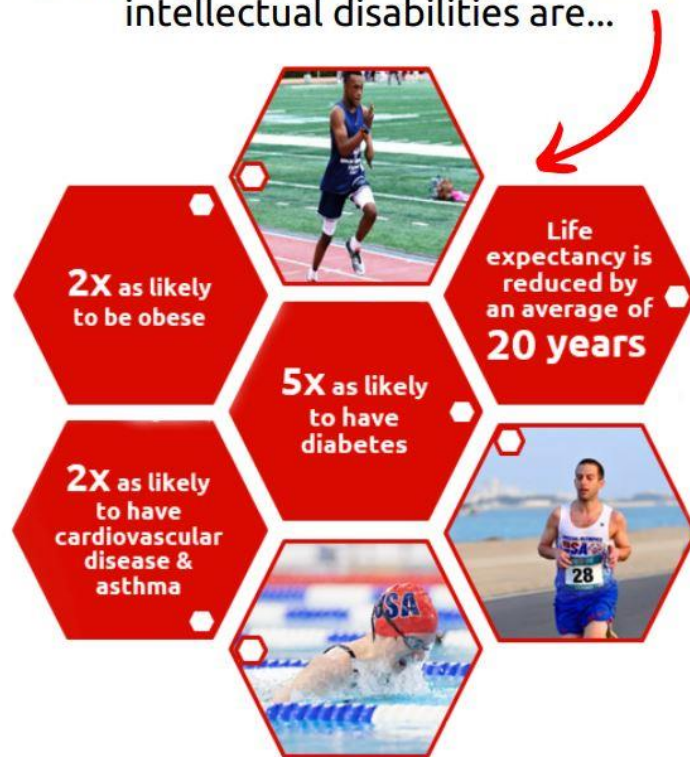
Meet Chloe Phillips!

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DID YOU KNOW?

There are 6.5 million people in the U.S. with ID. When compared with their non-disabled peers, on average, people with intellectual disabilities are...



Special Olympics Inclusive Health

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Prevention

- Fitness
- Early Childhood Development
- Family Support

Training

- Training of Current and Future Health Workers

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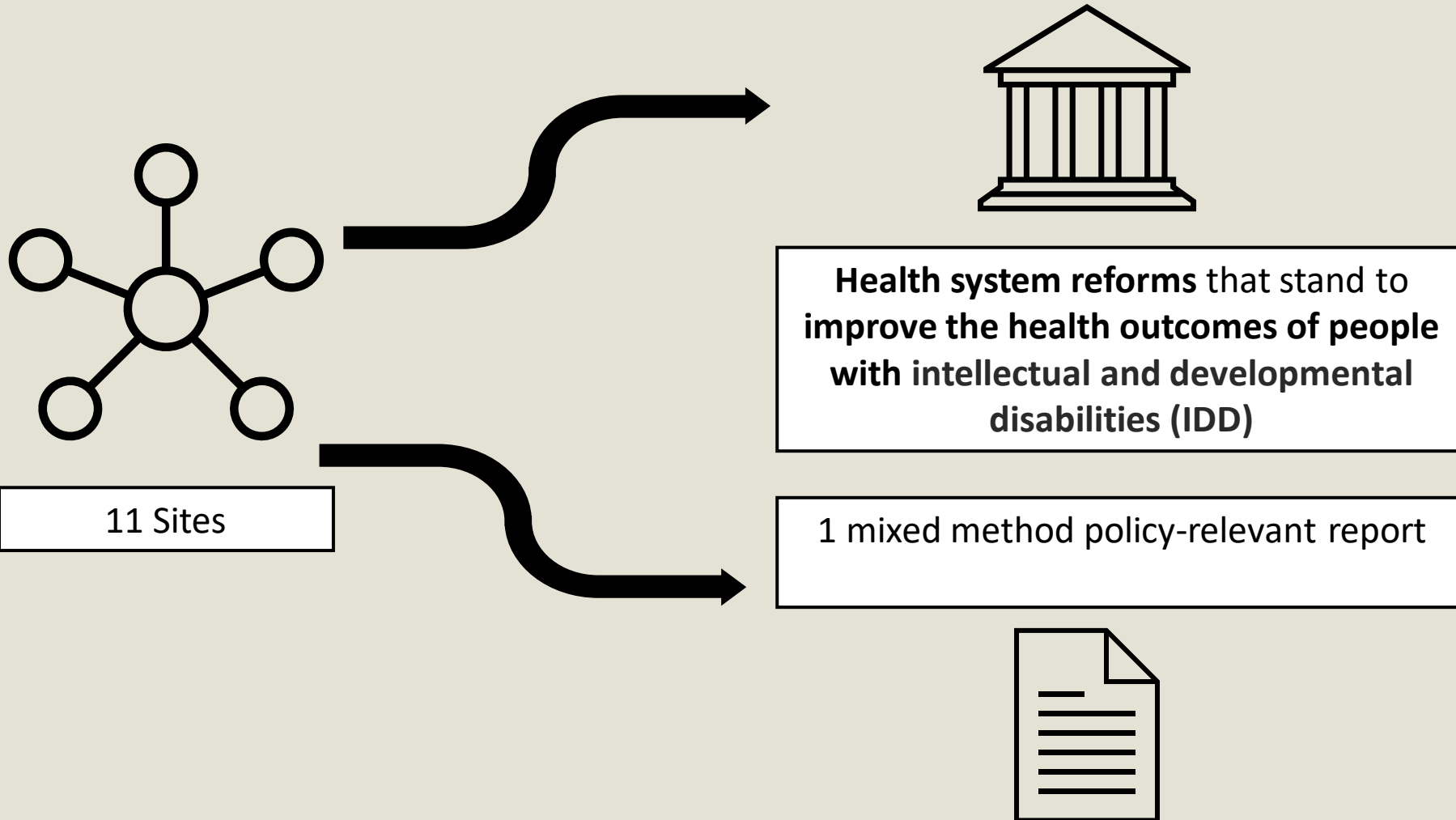
Assessments

- Health Athletes Screenings
- Follow Up Care

Health Systems Strengthening

- Health Literacy and Self-Advocacy
- Public Health Approaches
- Fostering Best Practices

What is Rosemary Collaboratory?



Core Strategies

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- Assessment
- Data Gathering
- Policy Levers
- Community Partnerships
- Self-Advocacy
- Report Dissemination

Phase I Assessment



Modified Missing Billion Initiative System Assessment

- Identifies key leverage points to move health systems to greater disability inclusion



Missing Billion Results

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Pennsylvania Areas of Strength

- Health Financing (0.83/1.00)
- Assistive Technology & Rehabilitation (0.83/1.00)
- Autonomy & Awareness (0.75/1.00)
- Data & Evidence (0.625/1.00)
- Affordability (0.625/1.00)



Missing Billion Results

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Pennsylvania Opportunities for Growth

- Human Resources (0.25/1.00)
- Governance (0.375/1.00)
- Leadership (0.443/1.00)
- Health Facilities (0.478/1.00)



Initial PSE Plan Development

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1. Support training for health care workers to improve care for people with IDD, including adherence to Section 504
2. Reinstate the statewide Governor's Cabinet and Commission on People with Disabilities.
3. Increase data collection on health and insurance coverage for people with IDD in PA.
4. Secure a HRSA MUP designation for people with disabilities.

Additional Data Gathering

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Missing Billion Assessment Gaps:

- Experiences of people with IDD with the health care system
- Experiences of health providers supporting people with IDD in the health care system
- Identification of promising practices and examples of health care delivery in Pennsylvania for people with IDD

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Methods:

- People with IDD: Survey and case study interviews of experiences with the healthcare system
- Healthcare Professionals: Survey, interviews, and focus groups regarding experiences and perceptions serving people with IDD
- Health System: Case studies of best practices serving Pennsylvanians with IDD

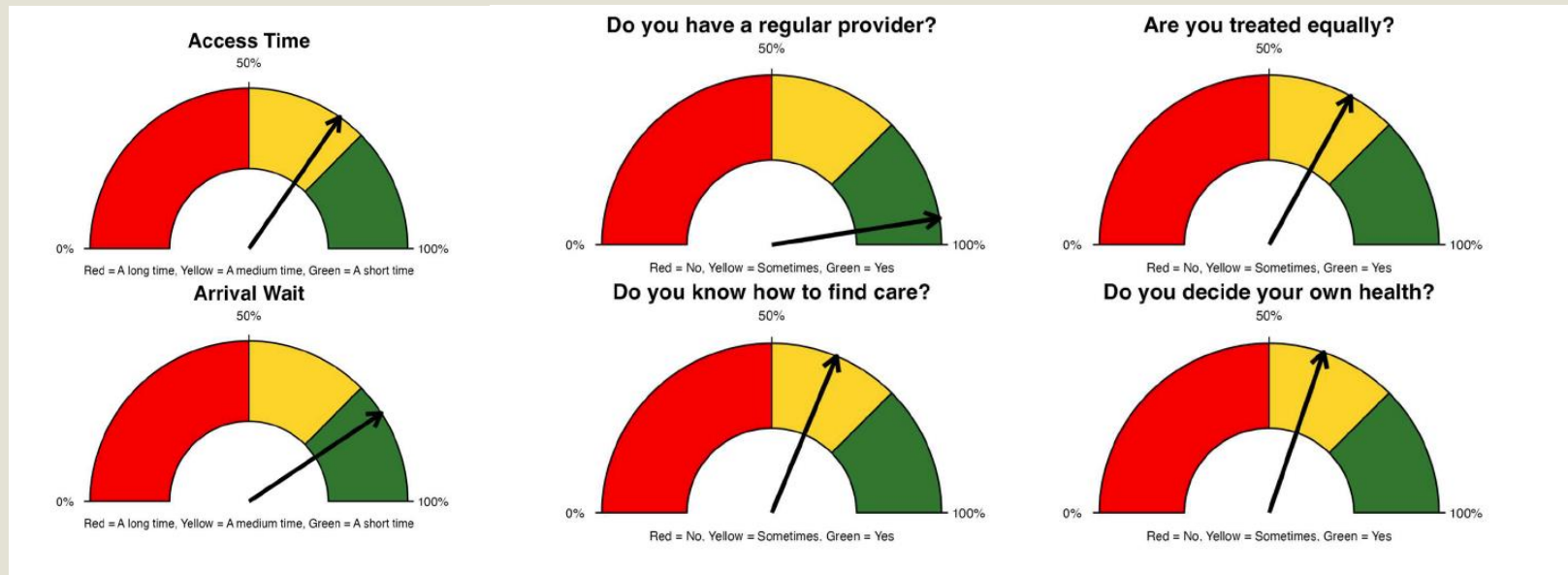
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People with IDD Survey Preliminary Results (40 responses):

- Pennsylvanians report higher health autonomy and faster access to health services compared to global average



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Healthcare Provider Survey Preliminary Results (27 Responses):

Provider Perceptions on Health System-Level Challenges:

- Financing, funding, and incentives to serve people with IDD
- Lack of clarity and understanding on the specific healthcare needs of people with IDD
- Limited representation of people with IDD in decision-making arenas

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Healthcare Provider Survey Preliminary Results (*Global Responses*):

Provider Perceptions on Service Delivery-Level Challenges:

- Limited healthcare worker training and knowledge on IDD
- Inadequate availability of rehabilitation services and assistive technologies, including a trained workforce to provide these services
- Poor accessibility to health facilities and affordability of needed health services

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Health System Best Practices:

- Assessment: Pennsylvania IM4Q Program
 - Conducts approximately 5,000 interviews per year
 - Interviews conducted by people with disabilities
- Service Delivery: FAB Center
 - Provides tailored services for adults with complex health care needs
 - Spearheads individual- and system-level advocacy to address healthcare system barriers



Chloe Phillips: A Voice for Self-Advocacy

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"Self-advocacy is how we take control of our health and our lives."

- Chloe Phillips

The Rosemary Collaboratory is proud to partner with self-advocates to drive healthcare equity.

Connecting the Rosemary Collaboratory

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Current Trends and Challenges:

The increasing focus on health equity and inclusion.

The impact of recent policy changes or events.

The continued need to address health disparities.

The Rosemary Collaboratory: Unique Value Proposition

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- Self-Advocacy at the Core
- Global, Standardized Assessment & Missing Billion Initiative Partnership
- Data-Driven Advocacy
- Systemic Change Focus
- Multi-Level Collaboration
- Long-Term Commitment
- Honoring Rosemary Kennedys Legacy

Next Steps

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- Expanding the Partnership
 - Arc of Pennsylvania
 - Disability Health Action Network
 - Self-Advocates
 - Community Allies
- Supporting Rosemary Collaboratory activities through the DHAN Action Plan
 - Promote equitable access to healthcare
 - Foster effective communication between stakeholders
 - Enhance overall health outcomes

Q&A

Thank you!

Let's work together to drive change. Connect with us to explore collaboration and support opportunities.



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