



**Young Athletes Program  
2020-2021 School Year**

In September of 2013, the Early Intervention program, in cooperation with Northampton County Special Olympics, began hosting the Young Athletes program. In addition to the annual preschool field day, this optional program offers monthly Young Athletes events at the Colonial Early Learning Center in Bethlehem. Young Athletes is a sport and play program for children ages 2 1/2 to 7 years. The Young Athletes program addresses fundamental skills that may develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination through fun, play-based games and activities. These activities, including throwing, catching, balancing, kicking, jumping, walking and running are foundational gross motor skills that are also useful for participation in later Special Olympics events in the school-aged program.

**Due to current building visitation restrictions subsequent to the COVID-19 pandemic, sessions will begin in December 2020.** The Young Athletes program will be held once a month, from 3:45-4:30 pm, on the following dates:

**December 16 - January 27 - February 24 - March 24 - April 28 - May 26**

If you plan on having your child attend any of the Young Athletes events, please sign up online at [www.ncspecialolympicspa.org/young-athletes.html](http://www.ncspecialolympicspa.org/young-athletes.html)

Each athlete must have a current registration form to participate in the Young Athletes program. This form will also be used for other preschool Special Olympics events, including the Family Fun Day in May. If your child participated in the Young Athletes program in 2018-2019, or in the Family Fun Day in 2018, the form is already in our files. If you would like your child to participate and have not participated in the Family Fun Day or Young Athletes program in the past, the form can be obtained from your child's teacher or by emailing [rkropp@ciu20.org](mailto:rkropp@ciu20.org). Completed forms can be returned to school with your child or brought to the next monthly event.

Transportation to/from the events is not provided; parents/guardians will need to transport their child to/from the event, and remain in the waiting area during the session.

If you have any questions about the Young Athletes program, please call the Young Athletes information line at 610-515-6476, or email Rich Kropp, Special Olympics Event Coordinator, at [rkropp@ciu20.org](mailto:rkropp@ciu20.org)