

# Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County

Spring/Summer 2018 Newsletter



Anna Stewart  
Manager



Diane Hennessy  
Coordinator

Volume 6, Issue 1

## Points of Interest

14 entire school populations benefitted from land-based water safety presentations  
**10,793 students**

613 hrs. were donated by 67 volunteers who handed out water safety and drowning prevention materials at the 2018 South Florida Fair.

81,697 people received water safety education during a total of 254 different presentations and activities.

*The Coalition is a government entity funded by:*



Palm Beach County  
Board of County Commissioners

Melissa McKinlay, Mayor  
Mack Bernard, Vice Mayor  
Hal R. Valeche  
Paulette Burdick  
Dave Kerner  
Steven L. Abrams  
Mary Lou Berger

County Administrator  
Verdenia C. Baker

Children's Services Council  
Palm Beach County

*The Coalition is managed by:*

Palm Beach County  
Fire Rescue

### Coalition Contact Information

405 Pike Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411  
561-616-7068  
www.pbcgov.org/dpc  
astewart@pbcgov.org



South Florida Fair and Buddy the Seahorse



Vice Mayor Mack Bernard sponsors proclamation declaring April 2018 Drowning Prevention Awareness Month



Access Life Event - DPC provides a life jacket fitting station for special needs individuals



How to Escape a Sinking Vehicle Presentation at Woman's Group, May 2018



Children's Services Council sponsored Pool Party at Lake Lytal pool in WPB

## DPC Presents at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Florida Water Safety Symposium

DPC's breakout was water safety programming that can be used immediately in the community. The focus of the symposium was drowning statistics, and the proactive methods that as a region are agreed upon to help combat the issue. It is a call to arms to help reduce the ever-growing number of fatal and non-fatal drownings in South Florida. Ms. Diane was AMAZING!



## CSC Commits \$50,000 For Swimming Lessons Every Year

With past contribution of \$50,000 to DPC's funding, the county's Children's Services Council (CSC) understands the importance of children learning to swim and has committed \$50,000 yearly just for swimming lessons for the foreseeable future. This will allow the DPC to help additional children become exposed to swimming lessons and hopefully learn lifesaving skills. "Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County is so proud to fund swim lessons for hundreds of children every year through the Drowning Prevention Coalition's voucher program. For a child growing up in South Florida, knowing how to swim is essential."

## A Shout-out to Our Volunteers!

Thousands of hours have been donated by our amazing volunteers by handing out water safety information, entering data and doing tasks that we ask. Our success is because of you!

