

Drowning Prevention Coalition of Palm Beach County

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Points of Interest

13 entire school populations benefitted from land-based water safety presentations since beginning of school year (**8,488** students)

22,145 people were exposed to water safety education during a total of **200** different presentations and activities.

The Coalition is a government entity funded by:



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Progressive Agriculture Farmer
Safety Day in Belle Glade



Diane Hennessy accepting
Certificate of Recognition for her
work within PBC Schools



Palm Beach County Gov't Picnic



Palm Beach County Fire
Rescue's 35th Anniversary Event



Diane Hennessy accepting
Exceptional Service Award from
Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

A Fond Farewell To Diane Hennessy

As Coordinator for the Coalition since May 2007, Mrs. Diane Hennessy retired November 8, 2019. She leaves a tremendous legacy behind having helped build the DPC's water safety educational programming to where it is today. Reaching over 500,000 people during her tenure, she is beloved by the community and will be sorely missed.



Welcome Aboard Rebecca!

Rebecca, a native Floridian, was born and raised in Delray Beach Florida. She graduated from the University of Central Florida with her B.S in Health Services Administration and from Nova Southeastern University with her M.S in Human Resource Management. She comes to us with more than 18 years of combined human services experience working with the Florida Department of Children and Families as well as Boys Town of South Florida. Her unique experiences as a child protective investigator, in-home family consultant, care coordination consultant and parenting trainer & supervisor will undoubtedly assist in her ability to effectively communicate, teach and motivate the children of Palm Beach County to be safe in and around the water.

Free/Reduced-Cost Swim Lesson Program a Success!

2,392 children received swim lesson instruction courtesy of the DPC thanks to the Children's Services Council Palm Beach County that provided continued monetary support for lessons. The average age of participating children was 5. Please visit www.pbcgov.org/dpc on April 1, 2020 when the program will begin again. Follow the instructions to determine eligibility and then fill out an application.

Updated Drowning Statistics Now Available

Visit www.pbcgov.org/dpc and click on Resource Center and then Relevant Statistics. You will see drowning stats for 2018 as well as for 2011-2018. If further information is needed, please contact the Coalition office at 561-616-7068.