

“Fun Fins Swim Program” makes headway in teaching water safety

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The mobile pool project for Colleton County was launched this summer with great success. Over 700 kids participated in the “Fun Fins Swim Program.” It was the perfect opportunity for children ages 5 and up to learn essential water safety techniques and earn a certificate of completion. Lessons were provided by certified instructors in small classes to ensure individual attention.

The goal of the program is to prevent drowning by providing swimming lessons to children with little to no swimming experience. The county established a valuable partnership with the YMCA in Dorchester County, which provided the pool operator and swimming lessons, while the county provided the mobile pool. The county transported the mobile pool to various locations throughout the region and operated it for a week at each site before moving it to the next location, including areas such as St. George and Summerville. This allowed the program to reach a wider audience, and provided access to it for children who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to learn how to swim.

Representative Robbins, with the aid of other state officials, recently allocated \$500,000 for the establishment of a permanent facility with a pool that will offer swimming lessons in the near future. In the meantime, the mobile pool serves as a stopgap until the new center construction is completed.

Overall, county officials were pleased with the success of the mobile pool project and the impact it has had on the children within the community. Officials are looking forward to expanding the program and continuing to provide access to essential water safety skills for children throughout the region.

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