



# Community Services Partnership



# Safe in the Water - 2019

- Program is designed to remove barriers that prevent children from taking water safety lesson
- MUSD 1<sup>st</sup> graders participated in water safety assessments and lessons as a part of the school day
- The 4 week program had clear outcomes for students and parents
- Goal of ensuring every Maricopa area child is assessed and free lesson provided by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

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- Primary goal of the curriculum was to provide the ability to return to the wall if child fell in the water unattended
  - 50% of parents were not confident their child would survive if they fell in the water unattended
  - On the first day 160 of the 198 were afraid to jump into the water
  - Only 15 of the 198 had some formal swim lessons before this program

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- Secondary goals included
  - Increasing children's confidence and reducing their fear of water so that they can participate in continued lessons
  - Increase parent peace of mind in regards to their children around water
  - Show the value of the program as it related to using school time

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- Program Outcomes
  - 190 of 198 students who participated were able to jump into water over their head and return to the wall
  - 100% of parents saw their child's confidence increase as a result of the program
  - 100% of the parents surveyed indicated they supported the use of school time for the program
  - 89% of parents surveyed now believed their child had a chance to survive if they fell in water unattended

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- What's next?
  - With continued funding we will expand the program to 3 other MUSD schools in the Spring of 2020
  - By the close of the 20/21 school year every 1<sup>st</sup> grader in MUSD will have the opportunity to participate in the program
  - With expanded funding and support this program will be offered to area charter schools in 21/22
  - By the end of the 21/22 school year a sustainable program will be in place to ensure all Maricopa children have an opportunity to be safe in the water

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Questions?