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First 5 San Bernardino Helps Families Have a Kid Safe Summer at Free Community Event

Hundreds of families gather at Lake Gregory to learn lifesaving water safety skills and have family fun at the Splish Splash Water Safety Fun Day

SAN BERNARDINO, CA (June 12, 2026) – With summer approaching and families heading to pools, lakes and beaches across the region, [First 5 San Bernardino](#) welcomed hundreds of children, parents and caregivers to Lake Gregory Regional Park today for its Splish Splash Water Safety Fun Day, combining lifesaving water safety education with family-friendly fun to help kick off a [Kid Safe Summer](#).

In partnership with Loma Linda University Children's Hospital [Safe Kids Inland Empire](#), live demonstrations introduced families to the ABCs of Water Safety — **A**ctive Supervision, **B**arriers like fences and pool covers, and **C**PR and **S**wim **C**lasses — along with the critical differences between "floaties" and properly fitted life jackets. Attendees also connected with community resources, enjoyed family activities, giveaways, music and free all-day access to Lake Gregory.

"Summer is a time for families to make memories together, and we want to make sure those memories are safe ones," said Cindy Faulkner, Interim Executive Director for First 5 San Bernardino. "Through our Kid Safe Summer campaign, we're providing parents and caregivers with simple, practical tips that can make a lifesaving difference when children are around water."

Drowning remains one of the leading causes of death for children under age five in California, making water safety education especially important as temperatures rise and families spend more time in the water.

"Water safety starts long before children enter the water," said Michelle Parker, Safe Kids Coordinator Inland Empire with Loma Linda University Children's Hospital. "The best way to prevent a tragedy is to be prepared before it happens through active supervision, brushing up on proper safety equipment and knowing how to respond in an emergency."

The event is one component of First 5 San Bernardino's annual [Kid Safe Summer](#) campaign, now in its fourth year of helping families build safe summer habits. The campaign provides parents and caregivers with practical summer safety tips, information on local CPR classes and swim

lessons, free giveaways, and access to resources that support the health and safety of young children throughout the summer.

For more information and additional [Kid Safe Summer](#) resources, visit First5SanBernardino.org.

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About First 5 San Bernardino

First 5 San Bernardino's distinct purpose is to improve the lives of young children and their families by giving them the best possible start in life. For more than years, First 5 San Bernardino has been working dynamically through strategic partnerships to promote, support and enhance the health and early development of children prenatal through age 5, their families and communities. Funded through the 1998 voter-approved initiative, California Children and Families Act (Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenues), First 5 San Bernardino has evolved into a system where stakeholders and services are integrated, coordinated and sustainable, and one that families experience as accessible, inclusive and equitable. For more information, visit First5SanBernardino.org.