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Access to Safe Aquatic Recreation and Community Inclusion

*A Partnership with Aquabilities with Jennifer & the
Westchester County Department of Health Children
and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs Program*

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Community Accessibility & Inclusion

Equitable Access to Inclusive Recreational Swimming in Westchester County

Our Mission

To increase equitable access to inclusive recreational swimming opportunities for children and youth with disabilities throughout Westchester County.

Why Swimming?

Swimming is one of the few recreational skills that can be enjoyed across the lifespan and across all ability levels.

Our Partner

Collaborating with Aquabilities with Jennifer, LLC to create welcoming, safe, and developmentally appropriate aquatic experiences for children with special needs and their families.

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Why Aquabilities?

Extensive Experience and a Strong Reputation in Our Community



- ✓ Proven Expertise
- ✓ Founded with Purpose
- ✓ Year-Round Programming

Identified Need

Addressing Critical Gaps in Accessible Aquatic Programming



- ✓ **Barriers to Access**
- ✓ **Growing Demand**
- ✓ **Critical Service Gap**

Project Goals

Enhancing Accessibility, Safety, and Inclusion



- ✓ Aquatic Environment Enhancements
- ✓ Water Safety Education
- ✓ Scholarship Program

Project Overview

Adaptive Equipment, Water Safety Education, and Community Outreach



- ✓ Adaptive Equipment
- ✓ Water Safety Education
- ✓ Community Outreach

Increasing Accessibility

Opportunity for all Children to Participate Regardless of their Skill Level or Ability



- ✓ Floatation Devices
- ✓ Platforms
- ✓ Kickboards
- ✓ Flippers
- ✓ Noise Cancelling Headphones
- ✓ Visual Schedules

Impact

Promoting Equity and Accessibility for Children and Youth with Special Needs



- ✓ Our Vision
- ✓ Community
- ✓ Health & Safety

Community Connection

Inclusive Recreation, Water Safety, and Community Participation



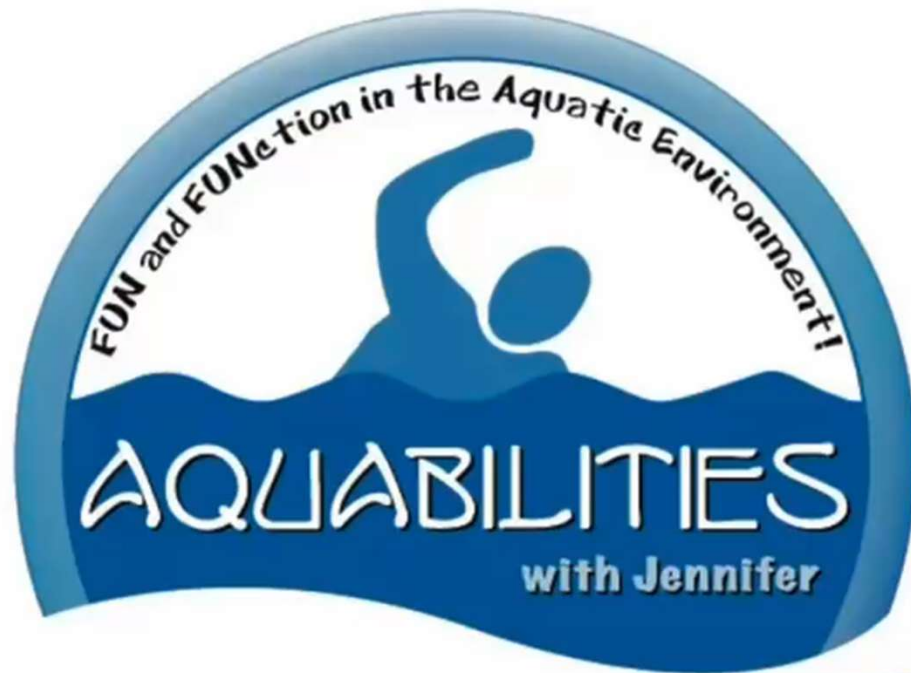
- ✓ Expanding Access
- ✓ Reducing Barriers
- ✓ Water Safety Education
- ✓ Strengthening Inclusion

Sharing with CYSHCN Families

Family Engagement, Education, and Community Outreach



- ✓ Connecting Families
- ✓ Water Safety Surveys
- ✓ Listening Sessions and Community Partnerships
- ✓ Community Engagement



A photograph of an indoor swimming pool, viewed from the end of the pool looking down the length. The pool is divided into lanes by red and white lane lines. The water is a clear blue. The pool deck is light-colored. On the left side, there is a blue lifeguard chair. On the right side, there are concrete steps leading into the pool. The ceiling has recessed lighting. The word "Questions?" is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

Questions?