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Briefing: National Strategies to Prevent Childhood Drowning

Each day, two children die from drowning in the United States. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 1 to 4. While drowning affects all children, it disproportionately affects minority communities, with 64% of African American and 45% of Hispanic/Latino children being unable to swim. Additionally, between 2009-2011, drowning caused 91% of deaths of children with autism spectrum disorder ages 14 and under.

May is National Water Safety Month. Join us for a discussion on current drowning prevention efforts and learn how Congress can collaborate with national organizations to scale proven programs to prevent fatal drownings. Hear from national experts from YMCA of the USA (Y-USA), American Red Cross, American Academy of Pediatrics, Safe Kids Worldwide, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about gaps and opportunities to prevent drownings nationwide.

National Strategies to Prevent Childhood Drowning

Thursday, May 23rd

11:00 AM -12:30 PM

2060 Rayburn House Office Building

Lunch will be provided.

Panelists

Ann Dellinger PhD, MPH, CDC, Branch Chief of the Home, Recreation, and Transportation Branch at the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

Sarah Denny, MD, FAAP, American Academy of Pediatrics

James Finck, President & CEO, YMCA of Austin

Morag MacKay, Director of Research, Safe Kids Worldwide

Lindsay Mondick, Senior Manager, Aquatics, YMCA of the USA

Dr. Bill Ramos, PhD, Scientific Advisory Council, Aquatics, American Red Cross

Congress can help reduce deaths from drowning by supporting efforts that help national organizations implement effective drowning prevention programs, improve data and surveillance about drowning, and develop a national water safety plan to prevent drownings nationwide.

We look forward to seeing you on **May 23** to discuss this critical issue. Together, we can reverse the trend of children dying from drowning and help to ensure a safe and healthy summer for all youth.

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