

IVP IN ACTION CASE STUDY

Assessing the Water Safety
Education Needs of the Community
through an Equity Lens



No More Under

No More Under is a Black-led nonprofit dedicated to drowning prevention through water safety education, legislation, and increasing equitable access to swimming lessons and tools. In addition to ongoing community outreach through events like Water Safety Day, the organization is developing a water safety curriculum for public schools to be implemented as a pilot program in 50 schools throughout Washington State.

HIGHLIGHTS

To ensure the most robust data collection, No More Under partnered with the state's educational institute to allow direct access to all district administrators.

By reaching out to both schools and the districts directly and providing incentives to complete the survey, they increased participation.

Potentially reached...



2,393

Public schools

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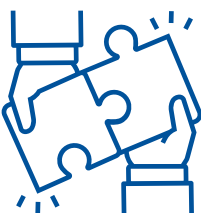
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School districts

APPROACH

No More Under conducted a landscape analysis of water safety education for children in public schools to inform the development of a curriculum for 50 public schools across Washington, with an intentional focus on schools with many Black, Indigenous, and disproportionately impoverished student populations. The specific focus on Black and Indigenous populations is vital to addressing the drowning disparities in Washington. No More Under worked with the Oregon Social Learning Center to collect data on the existence and prevalence of water safety courses in schools and districts, incidents of drowning in districts, interest in participating in the water safety pilot program, and demographic data across Washington's public schools and districts.

KEY COLLABORATORS



Association of Washington School Principals
Oregon Social Learning Center
Safe Kids Coalition
Seattle Children's Hospitals
Splash Forward
Washington Association of School Administrators
Washington State Department of Health
Washington State Drowning Prevention Network
Washington State Parks

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 1 Choosing experienced partners makes a difference**
It's valuable to take time to identify the appropriate experienced community partner to develop, collect, and analyze data
- 2 Engaging with the community improves participation**
Communicating with the community about the intended use of the survey results can help increase engagement
- 3 Disseminating results widely is critical**
Plan to publish data and share it widely with the community and partners invested in drowning prevention, including educators, physicians, water safety groups, and community organizations.

LEARN MORE

In a recent [IVP INdepth podcast episode](#), No More Under founder, Chezik Tsunoda, chats with host Mighty Fine about their effort and how it is addressing equity and providing opportunities in the community to expand injury and violence prevention efforts.



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