BAYVIEW SAFETY SWIM & SPLASH

DROWNING IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN CHILDREN ONE TO FOUR YEARS OF AGE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The fatal drowning rate of children identifying as black, indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) is **five times more** than Caucasian children.

When a parent does not know how to swim, there is only a **19% chance** that a child in their household will learn to swim.

It is the YMCA of San Francisco's (YSF) view that **drowning can be prevented**. YSF is using the **Bayview Safety Swim & Splash (BSSS) Program** as a model for future programming on how to reach communities most in need of swim lessons and aquatics safety.

In 2022, in response to community, we started a five-year partnership with San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, supported by Amazon and generous private donors, as part of the India Basin Waterfront Park Initiative.



FREE SWIM LESSONS AND WATER SAFETY EDUCATION FOR K-8TH GRADE CHILDREN WHO LIVE OR GO TO SCHOOL IN BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT



OPERATES OUT OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. POOL IN THE BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT NEIGHBORHOOD



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE PROVIDED WITH FREE SWIMSUITS, TOWELS, GOGGLES AND OTHER NECESSARY EQUIPMENT



SWIM INSTRUCTORS ARE PROVIDED BY BOTH THE YMCA OF SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN FRANCISCO RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT



Since its launch in 2022, the Bayview Safety Swim & Splash (BSSS) program has helped 310 youth become comfortable and confident in the water gaining important skills such as:







FLOAT

BREATHE

& GET TO SAFETY IF NEEDED

Our goal is to scale to serve 6,000 youth over the next 5 years.

SAFETY AROUND WATER PROGRAMS IMPACT

BSSS is just one of the many YMCA of San Francisco Safety Around Water programs.









This year, over **4,000 local youth** participated in our water safety programs, opening a world of possibilities for youth to satisfy their curiosity around water safely.