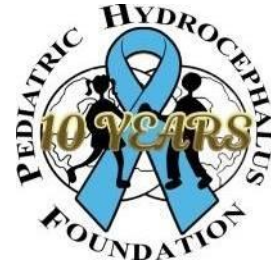


CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS

TALKING POINTS



- AS CONCISELY AS POSSIBLE, tell your or loved one's story

- BRIEFLY explain what hydrocephalus is, and provide a few facts and figures:
 - Also known as “water on the brain”
 - 1 in 500 kids in the U.S. are born with it
 - About one million Americans suffer from it
 - Is both congenital & acquired; caused by infection, or from traumatic head injury
 - Most common reason for brain surgery in children
 - If left untreated, could be fatal. Even when treated, leads to physical and mental disabilities & delays
 - Department of Defense reports, (2012), that 20,000 to 30,000 servicemen already have or will develop hydrocephalus as a result from traumatic head injury from serving in Afghanistan and Iraq
 - There is no cure

- ASK FOR SUPPORT...
 - (1) Request that the Senator/Congressman join the Pediatric & Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus co-chaired by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) & Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)
 - a. Leave handout about Caucus with staffer(s).

 - (2) Increased funding to the NIH/NINDS for Hydrocephalus Research.