

Announcement

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CENTER FOR AIDS PREVENTION STUDIES (CAPS) - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO (UCSF) RECEIVES 'ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC' RESEARCH GRANTS FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIH) FOR \$628,000.

San Francisco CA (10/12/2019) - CAPS- UCSF is pleased to announce it has received \$628,000 in grant funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH). The NIH awarded the Ending the Epidemic grants through a competitive application and review process.

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These funds will support the following research studies:

Project Title. *Enhancing Partner Notification for Newly-Diagnosed, Sexually Active High Risk MSM*

Principal Investigator. H.M. Truong

Description. A study of the feasibility and acceptability of partner elicitation at point-of-testing to enhance HIV partner notification services (PNS).

Community Partners. Gay Men's Health Collective (GMHC), Berkeley Free Clinic

Location of study. Alameda County and Bay Area.

Addresses all four pillars of the Ending the HIV Initiative: Diagnose, Treat, Protect, and Respond.

Award amount: \$143,580

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Project Title. *Ending the HIV Epidemic among transgender people: Community-led program implementation.*

Principal Investigator. J. Sevelius

Description. A study of the feasibility and acceptability of integrating HIV treatment and care service with peer navigation and mental health services to the TRIUMPH model. TRIUMPH is a gender-affirming, community-led PrEP demonstration project for transgender communities. To learn more about TRIUMPH visit <https://prevention.ucsf.edu/transhealth/research/triumph>

Community Partners. La Clinica de la Raza, Oakland; Gender Health Center, Sacramento.

Location of Study. Oakland, Sacramento.

Addresses three of the four pillars of the Ending the HIV Initiative: Diagnose, Treat and Protect.

Award amount: \$160,666

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Project Title. *Increasing Effective PrEP use by Black/Latino MSM in Texas*

Principal Investigators. S. Kegeles, G. Rebchook

Description. A study to systematically adapt, with Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Mpowerment Project methods to improve PrEP uptake, adherence, and persistence including community mobilization, peer outreach, and outreach events. The Mpowerment Project is a multi-level, combination HIV prevention intervention for young adult gay, bisexual, and other MSM. To learn more about the Mpowerment Project visit <http://mpowerment.org/>

Community Partners. AIDS Outreach Center, AIDS Services Austin, Kind Clinics.

Location of Study. Ft. Worth (Tarrant County), Austin (Travis County), and San Antonino (Bexar County) Texas

Addresses all three of the four pillars of the Ending the HIV Initiative: Diagnose, Treat and Protect.

Award amount: \$160,666

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Project Title. *Adapting a Sexual Health Services Model for Young Men of Color in Sacramento, California*

Principal Investigator. K. Koester

Description. This is a collaboration between community members and service providers involved in Sacramento's Zero Together Coalition and researchers from the University of California San Francisco to identify how to best culturally tailor a proven-effective sexual health services delivery model called *CRUSH: Connecting Resources for Urban Sexual Health* to better meet the needs of men who have sex with men most impacted by HIV in Sacramento County. CRUSH is an HIV *serostatus-neutral* sexual health services model with a primary focus on PrEP services. To learn more about the CRUSH project visit <https://prevention.ucsf.edu/research-project/crush-connecting-resources-urban-sexual-health>

Community Partners. Zero Together, One Community Health

Location of Study. Sacramento County

Addresses three of the four pillars of the Ending the HIV Initiative: Diagnose, Treat, and Protect.

Award amount: \$163,138

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"If we want to reach our goal of ending the HIV epidemic, it is clear that the extraordinary progress that has been made in HIV prevention research over the last three decades must continue. We are committed to research that addresses this need; is community-engaged through the use of our Community Advisory Board (CAB); and, is broadly disseminated and implemented among those who could most benefit from the research." – **Marguerita Lightfoot, PhD PRC/CAPS - UCSF Director.**

About the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies

Established in 1986, the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS) at UC San Francisco is one of the world's largest research centers dedicated to social, behavioral, and policy science approaches to HIV. Over a recent three-year period, CAPS investigators produced 472 publications in medical, public health, economic, and social science journals on issues relating to domestic and international HIV/AIDS prevention. To learn more about CAPS visit <https://prevention.ucsf.edu/> t @UCSFCAPS

About the National Institute of Health (NIH)

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