

Enhancing HIV Testing and Counseling for Men Recently Released from Jail or Prison in Oakland and their Sexual or Needle-Sharing Partners

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Given the high rates of infection in Alameda County among African Americans, as well as the convergence of sexual risk with HIV risks associated with substance use and needle sharing partners, we propose to conduct an innovative project offering HTC to men within a week of their prison or jail release, and to encouraging them, through different incentive strategies, to refer their sexual and needle-sharing partners for HTC. In this way, we will not only engage parolees with HIV prevention services, but also work to access their potential HIV risk partners who are also highly vulnerable to HIV infection.

The objectives for this pilot study are:

- 1) determine HIV testing uptake and HIV prevalence among recently released men in Oakland, California between November 2012 and March 2013;
- 2) describe the risk-taking behavior of parolees while incarcerated and in the week after release from prison or jail;
- 3) assess the social & structural needs of parolees as they reintegrate into the community, and
- 4) pilot test three incentive-based strategies to increase the uptake of HIV testing among the sexual- and needle-sharing partners of recently released men.