

CAPS Resources

Fact Sheets

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- Black Gay Men and the Church
- What are African American's HIV prevention needs?
- What are Black Men's HIV prevention needs?
- What are Black Women's HIV prevention needs?

Survey Instruments and Scales

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- Topics include risk behavior, adherence, coping, substance use and knowledge/attitudes

Evaluation Manuals

<http://caps.ucsf.edu/resources/how-to-manuals/>

- Good Questions Better Answers: A Formative Research Handbook for California HIV Prevention Programs
- Working Together: A Guide to Collaborative Research in HIV Prevention

Intervention Curricula

www.caps.ucsf.edu/resources/intervention-curricula/

- African American Men's Health Study Training Manual
- Healthy Oakland Teens Curriculum

Questions? Comments?

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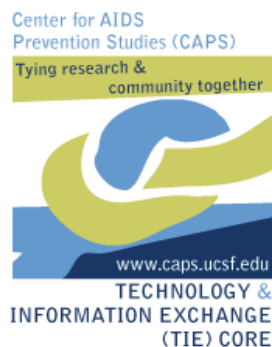
This brochure lists CAPS research with African Americans and helpful resources produced by CAPS. You might use it to:

- Stay up-to-date on research and learn what we found out from research
- Use the materials in trainings/presentations
- Advocate for services/funding
- Write grants
- Develop new or modify existing HIV prevention programs
- Evaluate current programs
- Connect with CAPS to develop new projects. Lead researchers (PIs) are listed for each study. Contact us below to connect.

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Translational and Implementation Research

Acronyms: MSM - Men who have sex with men; PI - Principal Investigator

Alameda AIDS Research Coalition (AARC)

Staff: Marguerita Lightfoot PhD (Academic PI), Alvan Quamina PhD (Community PI); Nasheeda Bynes-Mohammad, Tracey Bumpus

CAPS and the AIDS Project East Bay (APEB) will build a consortium of health sciences investigators at UCSF, community-based organizations that serve the African American community, and community members to answer significant scientific STI and HIV research questions.

Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Project

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This project offers capacity building assistance (CBA) to CBOs by providing information dissemination services, training, and technical assistance (TA)—including the facilitation of peer-to-peer learning in order to increase the capacity of the HIV prevention workforce at CBOs to optimize the planning, implementation, and sustainment of interventions and strategies for High Impact HIV Prevention.



Prevention Research Center (PRC)

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This project addresses the significant HIV health disparities among African Americans by strengthening community engagement and supporting implementation of evidence-based strategies and approaches. The PRC will also translate and disseminate HIV science, train students, public health professionals and community members as well as continually evaluate its activities. The PRC is collaborating with the AIDS Project of the East Bay to adapt, implement, and evaluate an evidence-based intervention to improve engagement in healthcare among HIV-positive African American gay/bi, and other MSM, with a focus on young men.

HIV Care, Testing, and PrEP

Connecting Resources for Urban Sexual Health (CRUSH)

Research/Administrative Staff: Jeff Burak (PI); Janet Myers (CAPS PI); Kim Koester, Xavier Erguera, Becky Packard, Dominique Legnitto (CAPS); Ifeoma Udoh, Kristin Kennedy, Jamie Mandelke (EBAC)

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Clinical Team: Jessica Horwitz, Veronica Ramirez, Tadd Tobias, Ryan Anson

The aim of CRUSH is to implement and evaluate the effectiveness of a package of HIV care, treatment and prevention, including routine sexual health services: STI screening and treatment, PrEP and PEP access, for young MSM of color. Utilizing a broad range of scientific and community partners, patients can arrive for scheduled or drop-in visits; receive regular HIV testing, be assessed and treated for STIs, access PrEP and PEP, and adherence support for PrEP and ART. To engage Y/MSM, CRUSH embodies a “clinic without walls” structure, supporting retention efforts, allowing youth to access barrier free services.

Community Mobilization to Improve the HIV/AIDS Continuum of Care Among Black Men

Staff: Susan Kegeles (PI), John Peterson (Georgia State University), Greg Rebchook, Scott Tebbetts, Robert Williams, Judy Tan, Wilson Vincent, Lance Pollack, Ben Zovod (CAPS); David Huebner (George Washington University)

This study is evaluating the efficacy of a community-level HIV prevention intervention that focuses on mobilizing a community of young black men who have sex with men (YBMSM) to support HIV-positive men to link into care, engage and/or re-engage in care, and adhere to medications.

Development of a Couple-Based Mobile Health Intervention for Enhancing HIV Care Engagement Outcomes (Project N’Gage)

Staff: Judy Tan (PI), Bob Siedle-Khan

The N’Gage Study or Project N’Gage, is recruiting HIV+ black men in a relationship with a man to find out how mobile technology use affects men’s health, especially HIV care engagement. The Project aims to develop a mobile health tool to help black men in couples better engage in HIV care and treatment.

Networked Home HIV Testing

Staff: Marguerita Lightfoot (PI), Sheri Lippman (Co-I), Chadwick Campbell

This goals of this project are to (1) examine the efficacy of the network-based home testing strategy to identify undiagnosed HIV infection among African American and Latino MSM in comparison to the Alameda County Department of Public Health HIV testing data, and (2) examine the efficacy of the network-based home testing strategy to increase linkage to care in comparison to the Alameda County Department of Public Health HIV linkage to care data.



Research with Gay Men and Men Who Have Sex with Men and Women

The Ballroom Community Project: Social Networks and Social Support for Young African American Men Who Have Sex with Men

Staff: Emily Arnold PhD (PI), David Williams (Research Assistant)

This project investigates the relationship between social networks, social support and HIV-related risk behavior among young African American MSM who participate in the Ballroom community. The Ballroom community consists of Houses—figurative and sometimes literal homes for queer youth of color—and the elaborate balls they host and compete in. What we learn during this study will be used to develop an intervention tailored specifically to the Ballroom community.



Bit of Research: HIV prevention in the Houses takes many forms. Basic prevention: condom distribution, encouraging testing and knowing your status. Support for HIV+ members: help coping with positive diagnosis, accessing treatment, stigma reduction. Gaining life skills through house-related roles and responsibilities (“treasurer”). Supporting future aspirations and goals (House of Blahnik Scholarship).

A Community Level HIV Prevention Intervention for Young Black Men Who Have Sex with Men

Staff: Susan Kegeles PhD (PI); John Peterson PhD (Georgia State University, Co-PI); Greg Rebchook PhD (Co-PI); David Huebner PhD (University of Utah); Lance Pollack PhD (Statistician); Robert Williams (Intervention Specialist)

This project will test an adaptation of the Mpowerment Project, a community-level HIV prevention program, for young Black MSM. U-BE (United Black Ellument) will take place for two years in Dallas, TX. Houston, TX will be the comparison community.



Bit of Research: Homophobia and poverty are huge issues that HIV prevention programs may not be able to impact easily. Facilitating young Black MSM’s empowerment—both as a community and as individuals—including raising men’s consciousness about these issues and assisting them to develop effective responses to them—is essential.

A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Bruthas Project

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The Bruthas Project is a randomized controlled trial of an enhanced HIV counseling intervention focused on African American men who have sex with men and women. The Bruthas Project intervention sessions address: increasing comfort with one’s personal identity, establishing positive relationships, and building safer sex skills.



Social/Sexual Networks & HIV Risk: Men of Color

Staff: Kyung-Hee Choi PhD (PI), George Ayala PhD MPH (Co-PI), Jay Paul PhD, Matt Mutchler, and Steven Gregorich PhD

This study seeks to understand HIV risk behaviors by examining how social discrimination impacts sexual risk among MSM of color. The study describes sexual partnership patterns and explains the association between social discrimination, social networks, sexual partnerships and HIV risk among African American, Asian and Pacific Islander (API), and Latino MSM in Los Angeles, CA.

Bit of Research: Many African American, API and Latino men reported strong ties to their communities, families and the church – environments in which they also commonly reported experiencing homophobia and a sense of being unwelcome due to their sexuality. Some MSM reported feeling accepted by specific family members, including mothers, grandmothers, and siblings.

Research with Youth

Characterizing the Social Environment for STI Testing and Treatment and STI Testing Preferences for Young, Minority Men in San Francisco

Staff: Sheri Lippman PhD MPH (PI), Susan Philip MD MPH (Co-I)

This study explores the STI testing and treatment environment for young, African American men in San Francisco, CA, including STI services use, barriers to care, and preferences for future diagnostic technologies and testing strategies.

Computer-based vs Interpersonal HIV Preventive Intervention for at-risk Youth

Staff: Marguerita Lightfoot PhD (PI)

This study compared two forms of LIGHT, an HIV prevention program for high-risk adolescents: in-person v. computerized. We conducted orientation sessions for all school personnel, parents, and stakeholders. Twenty four schools (n=960 students) in the Los Angeles Department of Education were randomly assigned into one of three conditions: 1) In-person LIGHT in 8 schools; 2) Computerized LIGHT in 8 schools; or 3) a standard HIV control condition.



Bit of Research: In a pilot study of this intervention with 133 adolescents, we found that adolescents in the computerized intervention were significantly less likely to engage in sexual activity and reported significantly fewer sexual partners.