CAPS Resources

Fact Sheets
www.caps.ucsf.edu/resources/fact-sheets/
- 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
www.caps.ucsf.edu/resources/survey-instruments/
- 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

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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

Alameda Research Coalition (ARC)

Project Staff: Marguerita Lightfoot PhD (Academic PI), Alvan Quamina PhD (Community PI); Kevin Bynes, Tracey Bumpus, Byron Mason

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

Project Staff: Greg Rebchook PhD (PI); Susan Kegeles PhD, Michael Reyes MD MPH, Jae Sevelius PhD, Marguerita Lightfoot PhD (Co-PIs); JoAnne Keatley MSW, Jamison Green, Yavanté Thomas-Guess, Danielle Castro, Andre Maiorana MA MPH, Kevin Khamarko MA, John Hamiga, Luis Gutierrez-Mock MA, Angel Ventura (CAPS); Katie Kramer MSW MPH, Barry Zack MPH (The Bridging Group, LLC)

Using a culturally and linguistically competent approach to services, CAPS is partnering with transgender communities and communities of young gay and bisexual men to build their capacity to mobilize and increase access to and utilization of HIV prevention services.

Mpowerment Evaluation and Monitoring (MEM)

Project Staff: Greg Rebchook PhD (PI); Susan Kegeles PhD, Alberto Curotto PhD (Co-PIs)

The aim of this study is to better understand the capacity of CBOs to conduct outcome monitoring of the Mpowerment Project for the purpose of improving their implementation of the intervention.
**Faith-Based HIV Prevention for Young Black MSM**

**Faith-Based HIV Prevention**

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles PhD (PI); Greg Rebchook PhD (Co-PI); Emily Arnold PhD (Co-I); Michael Foster, PhD MPH (Project Director); Richard Hamilton (Community Research Associate, originally from Unity Fellowship Church)

The goal of this project, which was originally conducted in collaboration with the Unity Fellowship Church Movement, was to determine what approaches to HIV prevention for young Black men who have sex with men could be implemented by faith-based organizations. The study assessed the capacity, interest and attitudes of certain Black churches towards HIV prevention by conducting 22 semi-structured telephone interviews with representatives of select Black churches in California. Additionally, six focus groups were conducted with young Black MSM:

- Two groups with young Black MSM who did not attend church discussed their attitudes towards churches running HIV prevention programs.
- Two groups with HIV- or unknown HIV status young Black MSM discussed their opinions and experiences regarding HIV testing and the role that church-based interventions could play in encouraging testing.
- Two groups with HIV+ young Black MSM discussed issues related to HIV treatment and support for positive people, particularly through church-based interventions.

More information about the study findings can be found here:


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**Acronyms**

MSM – Men who have sex with men
PI - Principal Investigator (Lead researcher on the study)

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**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**

Project 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).

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

Project Staff: Susan Kegeles PhD (PI); John Peterson PhD (Georgia State University, Co-PI); Greg Rebchook PhD (Co-PI); David Huebner PhD (University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Co-investigator); Starley Shade PhD (Statistician, Co-investigator); Lance Pollack PhD (Statistician); Robert Williams (Intervention Specialist), Terrance Anderson, Venton Jones, Chaaz Quigley (Dallas Project Coordinators)

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**

Project Staff: Emily Arnold PhD (Academic PI), Carla Dillard Smith (Community PI), Susan M. Kegeles PhD (Co-PI), Michael Arnold PhD (Statistician), Michael Benjamin (Project Director), Don Operario PhD (Consultant, Brown University), Shakema Snow (Project Data Manager) and Desmon Pierceson (Counselor)

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**

Project Staff: Kyung-Hee Choi PhD (PI), George Ayala PhD MPH (Co-PI), Jay Paul PhD, Matt Muchler, 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**

Project Staff: Sheri A. 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**

Project 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.