

De-Medicalizing PrEP by Partnering with House and Ball Community Using Social Work and Guiding Principles: Prioritizing Young Black LGBTQ+ Individuals

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Population Behavioral Health



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What is this study about?



Health Equity Implementation Framework

House & Ball Community (Recruit and train Peer Ambassadors) The AMAAD Institute (Support and retention services)

Watts Health Center (PrEP Care Program)

What are the study aims?

Aim 1: (3)

Examine barriers and challenges affecting the PrEP care continuum and train young Black LGBTQ+ members of the House & Ball Community (H&BC) as **Peer Ambassadors**

Aim 2:

Formalize H&BC empowerment services that facilitate linkages to support and retention services provided at a comprehensive social work and grassroots engagement agency

Aim 3:

Pilot test H&BC community-engaged grassroots model approaches that can support the PrEP care continuum



What we are going to do

Aim 1 (Phase 1)

World Café
discussions
with H&BC members
(n=20)

The Health Equity Implementation Framework to examine PrEP care continuum

- PrEP barriers
- Recipients and their cultural factors
- The clinical encounter
- Inner and outer context
- Societal context

Train H&BC members as Peer Ambassadors

- Recruit LGBTQ+ H&BC members and linkage to social support services
- PrEP awareness support

Aim 2 (Phase 2)



Support and Retention Services (Structural and social determinants of health) The AMAAD Institute

- HIV testing
- PrEP awareness support
- Mental health/behavioral health therapy
- Substance use disorder recovery support services
- Housing support services
- Employment pipeline and job readiness support
- Re-entry services
- Other supportive services

n=100 LGBTQ+ H&BC members

Aim 3 (Phase 3)



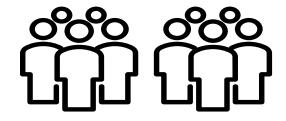
PrEP Implementation outcomes (Watts Health Center)

- PrEP initiation
- PrEP adherence
- PrEP retention

Health equity outcomes

- Continued capacity building of H&BC members as peer ambassadors
- Increased engagement in ongoing social work related services
- Increased referrals to PrEP services

Next Steps





- Biweekly meetings
- CPPR process (e.g., H&BC engagement, project name)
- Dec., 2022: Catch the Beat Event
- Jan., 2023: Haus of C.H.O.P World Café (Aim 1)

