KEY ISSUE
How do we address the layered stigma associated with HIV status, race, sexual orientation, social economic status, and incarceration history in order to enhance access to HIV/STI services?

BACKGROUND
• Create the Louisiana Integrated Centers for Care, Supportive Services, and Community Health (LA ICCSSCH) in New Orleans and Baton Rouge
• Enhance access to HIV/STI care and supportive services
• Strengthen collaboration and coordination among the 13 integrated center partners
• Document the impact of stigma and discrimination among people living with HIV infection
• Address the social and economic determinants of health (e.g., layered stigma, income disparities, housing, and employment discrimination)
• Focus on young Black men including young Black men who have sex with men (YBMSM) living with and at risk for HIV infection
• Funded from 2014-2017

CLINICAL OUTCOMES
• Increased % of young Black men living with HIV infection who are linked to HIV care, retained in HIV care, and achieve viral suppression

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• Increased referrals for STI and supportive services
• Create the Louisiana Integrated Centers for Care, Supportive Services, and Community Health (LA ICCSSCH) in New Orleans and Baton Rouge
• Increased % of young Black men who are stably housed
• Enhanced access to HIV/STI care and supportive services
• Increased % of young Black men who report one or more assets (individual and community)
• Increased number of large employers with inclusive policies
• Increased number of HBCUs conducting HIV/STI awareness and stigma reduction efforts
• Increased number of young Black men who are aware of their housing rights and access fair housing services

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION
• Job coordinators have built relationships with employers and job training programs
• Important to include non-traditional integrated center partners such as attorneys, civil rights organizations, and HBCUs
• Built research and leadership capacity of PLWH in both New Orleans and Baton Rouge via CAB and HIV Stigma Index Project
• 235 of 300 interviews have been completed for the HIV Stigma Index Project
• 2016 with 150 attendees from various sectors
• Housing communications campaign will be launched in January 2017
• HBCU pilot projects will be funded in the fall of 2016
• Employment discrimination trainings have been conducted with 2 large employers
• Other Louisiana cities have expressed interest in conducting the HIV Stigma Index Project
• Submitted funding proposals to create a permanent safe space for YBMSM, to integrate PrEP education and navigation, and expand the housing communications campaign in Baton Rouge

LAYERED STIGMA & CLINICAL OUTCOMES
• Increased % of young Black men living with HIV infection who are linked to HIV care, retained in HIV care, and achieve viral suppression
• Increased referrals for STI and supportive services
• Increased % of young Black men that receive job supportive services and are employed
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LAYERED STIGMA APPROACHES

HIV Stigma Reduction
• HIV Stigma Index
• Community-based research, action, and empowerment project
• Document impact of stigma and discrimination experiences of YBMSM in New Orleans and Baton Rouge
• Peers conduct interviews with 200 PLWH
• Laid by LSU
• Link PLWH to HIV care and supportive services

Engage HBCUs in HIV/Stigma Efforts
• Fund pilot projects on HBCU campuses
• Care Coordination
• Provide case management and health navigation services for formerly incarcerated young Black men living with and at risk for HIV infection

Reduce Housing Discrimination
• Conduct mystery shopping in New Orleans and Baton Rouge with housing providers
• Conduct communications campaign on the signs of housing discrimination and how to go to help

Build Statewide Support for Stigma Reduction Efforts
• Conducted second statewide stigma summit in February 2016 with 150 attendees from various sectors

Creating safe spaces for YBMSM
• “Out of the Box” holistic health groups

LOUISIANA INTEGRATED CENTER PARTNERS & ROLES
• Louisiana Public Health Institute, (lead agency)
• Louisiana Office of Public Health, STD/HIV Program (data collection)
• NO/AIDS Taskforce d/b/a Crescent Care (pre/post release case management and social services support)
• Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (identifying and responding to housing discrimination)
• Southern University (HBCU engagement)
• HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region 2 (CLEAR and CAB)
• Caring Clinics (HIV medical care)
• AIDSLaw (creating inclusive work environments and responding to employment discrimination)
• Odyssey House (provide behavioral health services)
• Frontline Legal Services (conduct jail/prison pre-release education about community resources)

HOLISTIC HEALTH MODEL
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