HIV & Youth
HIV Community Planning Council
11/28/16
Formative research completed in partnership with SFAF and John Newsome of PEG, 2012-2013

Focus groups:
- Youth (YBMSM) were knowledgeable about services
- Youth preferred social spaces in or near the Castro

Interviews held with youth:
- **Poverty & related co-factors:** Unemployment/under-employment & housing instability impact the majority of community members interviewed
  - Employment: 67% currently unemployed, 17% employed part-time and 1% employed full-time
  - Housing: 41% live with family members, 23% live alone or with roommates, 18% live in assisted housing & 14% are couch surfing or homeless

- **Substance use:** High rates of substance use were noted among participants
  - 73% drink alcohol, 45% stated current or past meth use

- **Community:** ~77% of interviewees expressed a strong need & desire for safe spaces and events for young Black MSM
  (Note: PrEP needs were not assessed in these interviews)

- **SF Epidemiology report notes disparities in late testing, infection rate, and 5-year survival for BMSM**
Integrating biomedical, behavioral support, and community engagement

**Biomedical (sexual health services):**
- HIV/STI testing
- Linkage to care
- PrEP

**Behavioral:**
- Substance use counseling
- Mental health counseling
- Adherence counseling
- Risk redux counseling

**Community engagement:**
- Social events
- Service
- Stigma reduction
- Volunteering
- Recruitment

**SFAF program model**
DREAAM BIG: PLANS UNDERWAY

DREAAM plans align with needs

- **Community support**: Friday drop-ins, held at Strut, 470 Castro St, 5-9p
  - for engagement, community-building, developing trust and comfort in service space, development of peer educators, HIV/STI testing available
- **Access to PrEP**: PrEP Rallies
- **Support for navigation to care**: Health navigation and Black Health partnerships
- **HIV testing**: Events in the community and mobile testing
- **Support for employment, housing and other basic needs**: case management
- **Substance use support**: partnership with Stonewall
DREAAM Project is a program of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation working with GBTQQI who identify as African-American men age 18-30. We offer free HIV testing, links to services and care, & a safe space to allow youth to develop. We host a weekly drop-in group every Friday from 5-9pm. Come eat some food, chat, get information on your community and make new friends. The drop-in night is open to all GBTQQI men and their allies age 30 and under.

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