

**UAB** CENTER FOR  
AIDS RESEARCH  
Behavioral and Community Sciences Core

# Specific Aims

**The Behavioral and Community Sciences Core (BCSC, Core J) supports research on behavioral, environmental, economic, and social HIV risk and protective factors in the Deep South.**

The BCSC has 3 specific aims:

- Bring **methodological advances in behavioral and community science** to bear on HIV research and interventions in Deep South communities disproportionately affected by the shifting epidemic.
- **Strengthen and sustain collaborations with key groups** to achieve Aim 1, including but not limited to: CFAR Biostatistics and Analysis Core D and Clinical Core C; the UAB Center for the Study of Community Health; and community partners and stakeholders.
- Inform BCSC initiatives by **assessment of needs of UAB HIV researchers** working on behavioral and community science projects.



# Services We Offer

**The CFAR Behavioral and Community Sciences Core offers services to UAB researchers and community partners who are conducting, or who are interested in conducting, behavioral and community science studies in the areas of HIV prevention and treatment.**



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**We offer free 1-hour consultations on various topics related to behavioral and community science studies including, but not limited to:**

- Study design
- Data collection instrument design, including qualitative interview design guide
- Data analysis and interpretation
- Community acceptability and feasibility of the research



# Services We Offer

- **Linkage to community partners**
- **Referrals for additional consultations, mentorship opportunities, and linkage to resources**
- **Seminar series on STI and HIV-related topics**
- **Hands-on methodological workshops to build skills for behavioral and community science research**
  - Previous seminar and workshop topics and slides from each event can be found on our website



# Previous Seminar/Workshop Topics

- **August 2015**
  - **Addressing HIV-related Stigma in New Jersey Using a Socioecological Perspective**
- **May 2015**
  - **A Hands-on Workshop on Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR)**
- **March 2015**
  - **Geographic Information Services (GIS) Mapping for HIV/AIDS Research and Interventions**
- **February 2015**
  - **A Panel: Innovative Mobile Applications (mHealth) for HIV/STI Programs and Research**
- **December 2014**
  - **A Panel on Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR) Methods: Lessons from the Field and Making it Work**
- **October 2014**
  - **Launching a Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Network on Campus**
- **September 2014**
  - **An Engaging Discussion with Community Organizations Working in the Area of HIV/AIDS**

# Services We Offer

To request a free initial 1-hour consultation with one of our staff members, please complete our **Core Services Request Form** on our website:

<http://www.uab.edu/medicine/cfar/core-facilities/behavioral-community-sciences-core>

\*RISC partnership – qualitative service line



# Behavioral and Community Sciences Core Listservs

We use the listservs to provide you with announcements for our Core seminars and workshops, campus and community HIV/STI news and updates, and research funding announcements.

Our listservs include:

- Behavioral and Community Sciences Core
- Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Network
- Faith and Spirituality Network

To be included on one or more of the listservs, please contact Samantha Whitfield: [swhitfield@uab.edu](mailto:swhitfield@uab.edu) or (205) 934-6425



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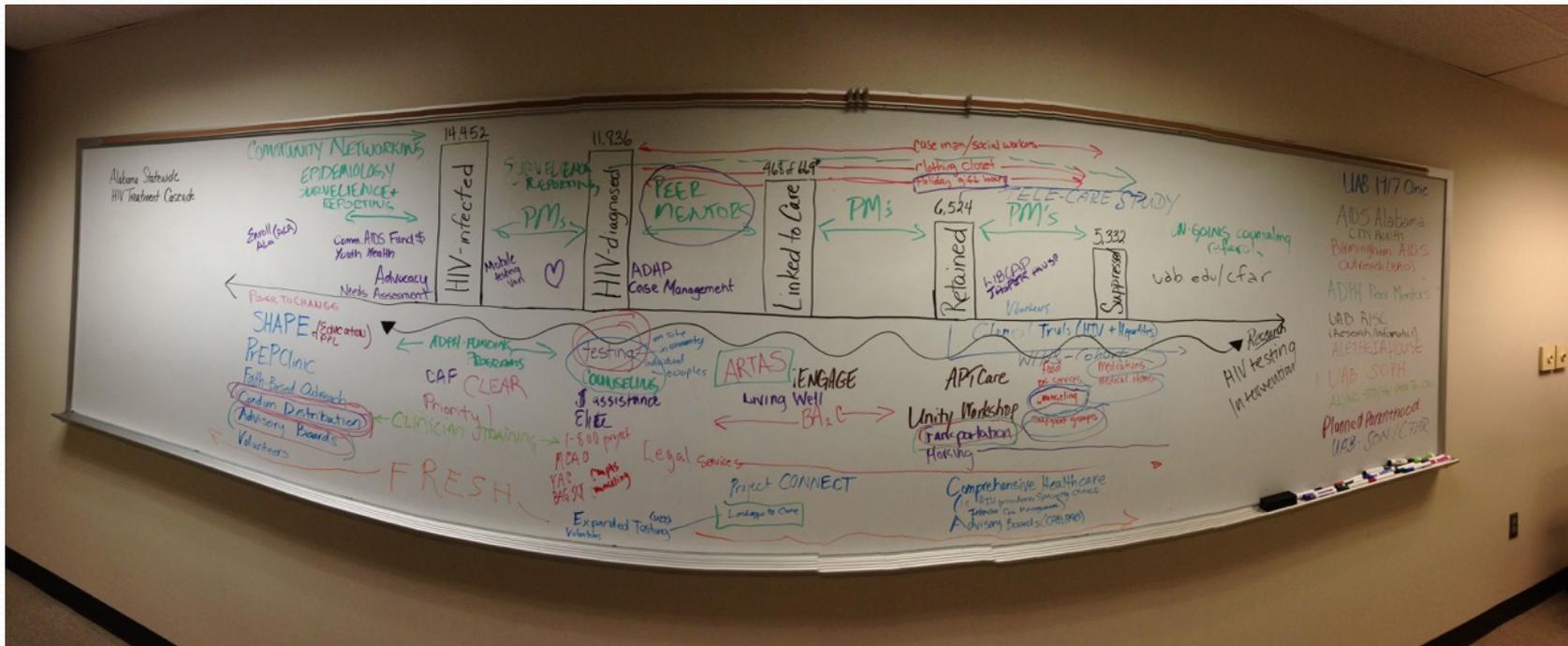
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# HIV Care Continuum in Alabama



From the September 2014 seminar, “An Engaging Discussion with Community Organizations Working in the Area of HIV/AIDS”

You're invited to a

# Cocktail Reception

to welcome our guests to  
**ENDING AIDS: A DEEP SOUTH SUMMIT**  
at the  
**BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS INSTITUTE**  
Thursday, April 16th  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

To RSVP, please email Kyle Evans at [blainek@](mailto:blainek@)





# **ENDING AIDS: A DEEP SOUTH SUMMIT**

**APRIL 17, 2015  
BIRMINGHAM, AL**

# Future Plans – The Year Ahead

- **Upcoming seminars**
  - **October 21 – Jamaica AIDS Support for Life**
    - **Henna Budhwani, PhD, MPH – Sparkman Center for Global Health**
  - **November 10 – Respondent-Driven Sampling (RDS)**
    - **M. Scott Crawford, Statistician – CITY Health**
  - **December 1 – Adolescent and Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN)**
    - **Craig Wilson, MD – Sparkman Center for Global Health**
- **Reaching out to community partners**
- **Intensive qualitative Research Talk training in Spring 2016**
- **5<sup>th</sup> HIV Research in Women symposium to be hosted at UAB in October 2016**
- **Special focus areas**
  - **Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Network**
  - **Faith and Spirituality Network**

**We encourage you to join us  
in this great adventure!!!!**

**Thoughts/ideas/feedback?**

**If you want to remain anonymous, please feel free to drop  
your comments in our basket.**