



Mobilizing a Black Faith Community to Address HIV

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Objectives

- To build a partnership with a Black faith community to reduce HIV stigma and enhance HIV prevention and care
- To assess a local Black faith community's needs and opportunities to address HIV
- To develop, implement, and evaluate an HIV stigma reduction and HIV education program for a local Black faith community



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Guiding Framework



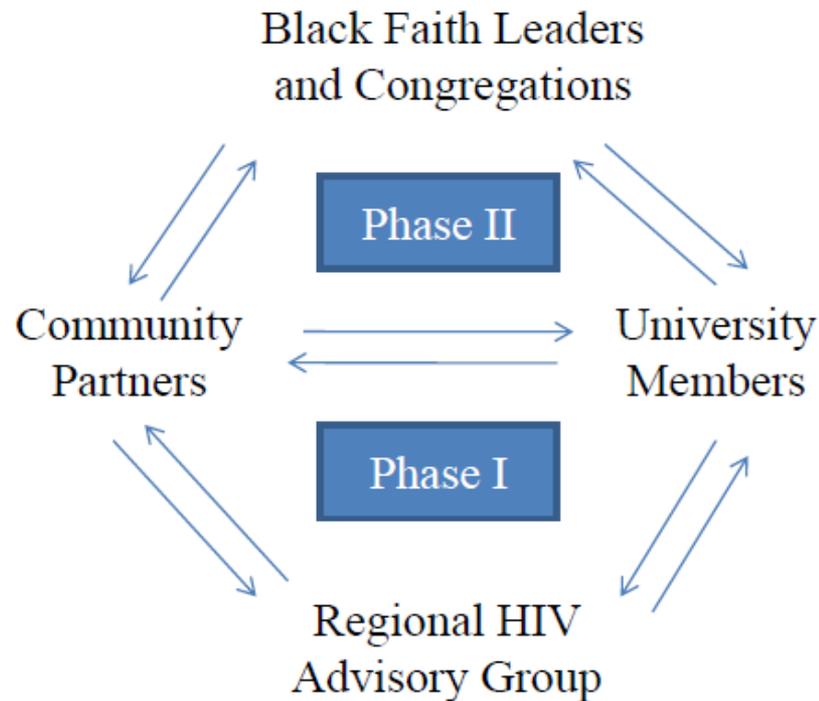
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Framework for Building Partnership to Address HIV via Faith-Community Engagement

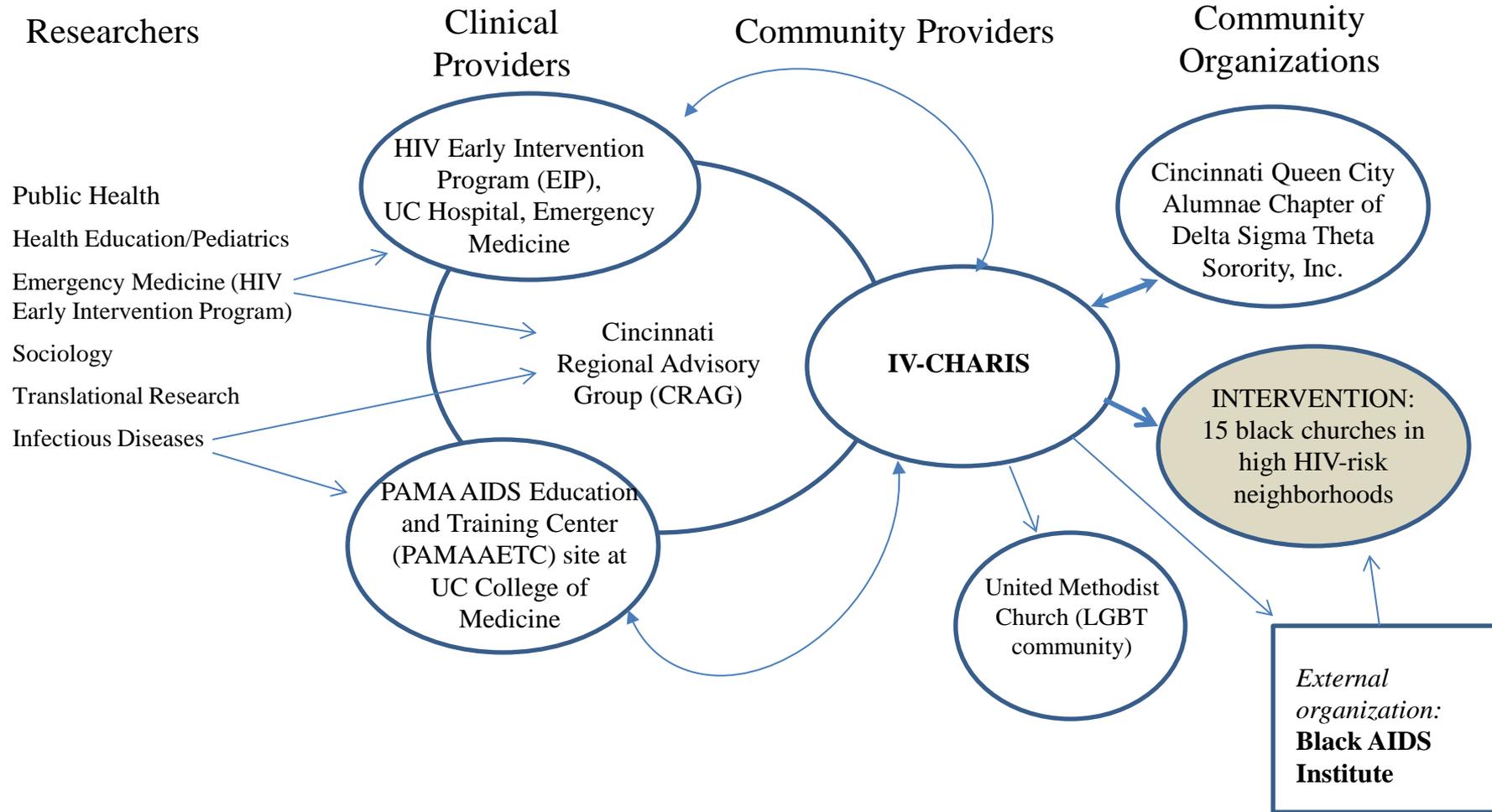


- *Connecting with cultural insiders*
- *Building collegiality*
- *Developing shared goals*
- *Identifying complementary expertise*
- *Sustaining collaboration*

Map of Academic-Community Partnership Addressing HIV

University of Cincinnati

Community Partners



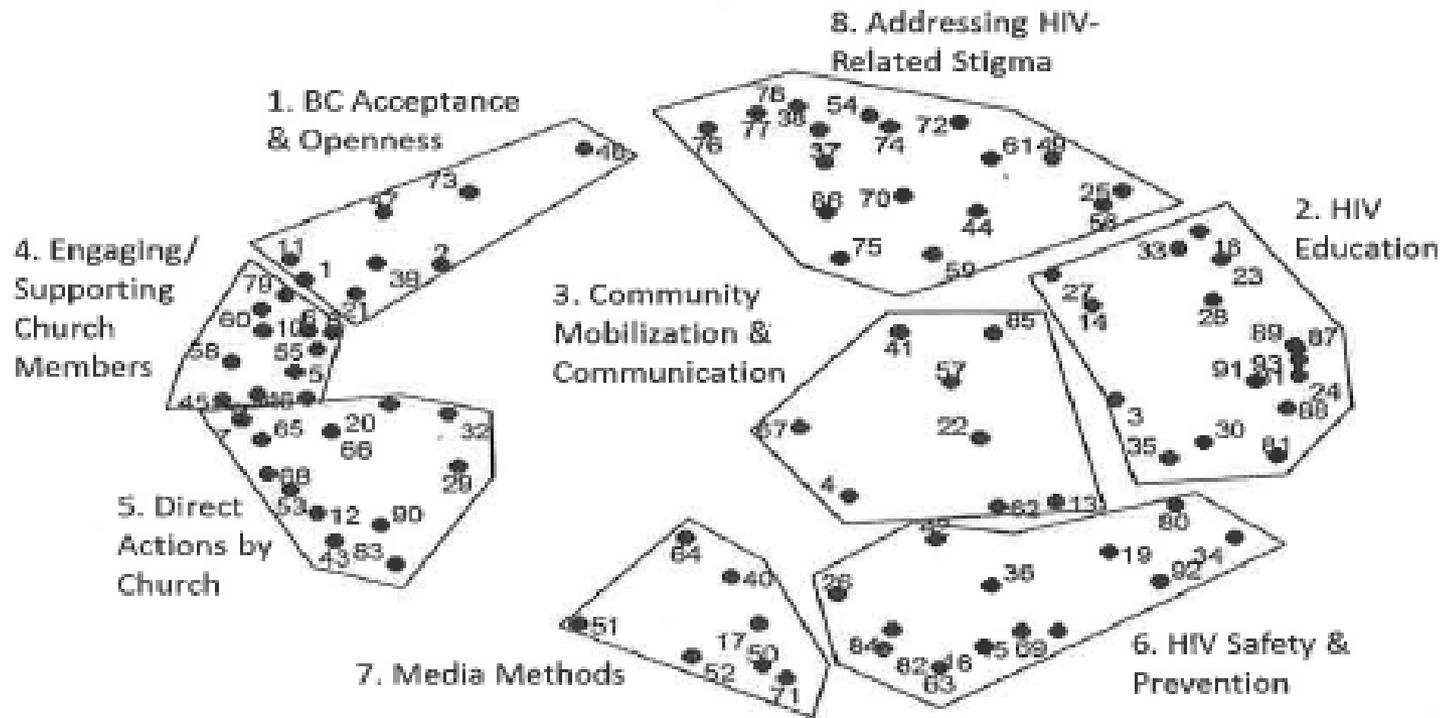
Community Partners and Participants



Faith-Community Voices: Findings from a Town Hall Meeting

Concept maps

The multidimensional scaling results (Figure 1) show how the 93 items are arranged in relation to each other; points close together represent items that the sorters considered as similar. The results also show how the 93 items coalesce into groups in the cluster analysis.



Lessons Learned

- Shared lessons
 - Scarce *time* to build and sustain partnership
- Diverse lessons
 - Community organization
 - Faith-community readiness (*“ready” vs. “reluctant” churches*)
 - Clinical providers
 - Role of community empowerment in solving problems
 - Distinct realities for community and academic partners
 - Researchers
 - Feeling honored and satisfied to work with community
 - Professional and personal growth (*critical career experience*)



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ENGAGING RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN HIV/AIDS: A CASE OF ACADEMIC-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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ABSTRACT

African Americans face the most severe burden of HIV among all racial/ethnic groups. Direct involvement of faith leaders and faith communities is increasingly suggested as a primary strategy to reduce HIV-related disparities, and Black churches are uniquely positioned to address HIV stigma, prevention, and care in African American communities. We describe an academic-community partnership to engage Black churches to address HIV in a predominantly African American, urban southern Midwest location. The opportunities, process, and challenges in forming our academic-community partnership with Black churches can be used to guide future efforts towards engaging faith institutions, academia and other community partners in the fight against HIV.

