Introduction

• NYU CHIBPS advances research and knowledge to improve the lives of those affected by HIV, substance use and mental health burden through the rigorous application of social science and public health research paradigms.
• This research center is focused on the wellbeing of all people, including sexual, racial, ethnic, and cultural minorities, among other marginalized groups.

Objectives of Internship

• Gain clinical experience (i.e., working with a diverse group of human subjects in a lab setting)
• Improve my communication and community outreach skills
• Support research aimed at improving the health of sexual minority men living with HIV or at risk of HIV in New York City

Work Profile (GOLD III)

• Mobile app and website recruitment
• Out-of-office recruitment
  - Hand out cards at NYC bars and local pride events
  - Distribute fliers at LGBTQ health/support centers
• Screen and schedule participants

Project 18 (P18)

• Syndemic Production Among Emergent Adult Men
  • Follows development of syndemics in cohort of urban HIV-negative young men who have sex with men (YMSM) in NYC as they transition from adolescence to adulthood
  • Applies, tests and further develops theory of syndemic production to understand development of both maladaptive and adaptive behavioral outcomes
• P18 Neighborhood Study
  • Dates: 4/1/2016-3/31/2018
  • Seeks to investigate spacial mobility across neighborhoods as well as relationships between GPS-defined activity space neighborhoods and HIV risk among YMSM in NYC

Work Profile (P18)

• Administer surveys and conduct participant assessments
  - DSM Quick Assessment, consent forms, contact information, Time Line Follow Back (TLFB), social networks survey, ACASI (computer survey; set up and save data)
  - Inform participants about GPS device and travel diary
  - Pay participants and fill out receipts
• Enter and check quantitative data
• Schedule participants

Conclusion

Given the social determinants of disease and the synergistic interaction between different epidemics, the integration of multiple research disciplines (i.e., a biopsychosocial approach) is often crucial to alleviating a public health crisis, especially when the afflicted have been subjected to various forms of oppression.

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