



The SNaHO Project:

- The Social Networks and Health Outcomes (SNaHO) project is a study designed to understand the influence of social networks on access to healthcare services and health outcomes of HIV positive Sub-Saharan African (SSA) immigrants. Data and information gathered from the study will provide insight to the social environments of SSA immigrants and how these social environments influence access and utilization of healthcare services. These insights will allow for better prevention and treatment intervention strategies for this target population.

Participating Agencies:

- Participating agencies will be agencies in the Philadelphia EMA providing a range of services to African immigrants (i.e., healthcare, social service, immigration).

Participant Eligibility Requirements:

- 18 years of age and over
- Self-Identify as originating from SSA
- First generation immigrant receiving health services in the Philadelphia EMA
- Diagnosed as HIV positive for at least one year
- Able to read and/or write English

Project Commencement:

- The SNaHO project is expected to begin participant recruitment in the summer of 2013.
- The estimated data collection period is 3-4 months.

Description of Procedures:

- Individuals who participate in the study will complete a survey instrument pertaining to their social networks and health outcomes.
- After completing survey questionnaire, participants will receive a \$10.00 incentive

IRB and Human Subjects Protection:

- IRB approval will be obtained from Rutgers University.
- No participant identifiers will be collected.
- Data analysis and reports will be aggregate information without identifying individual participants.

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