

The HOME Study

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The HOME study is a home-based HIV self-testing and linkage to care prevention package for young (18-35) Black and Latino men who have sex men (MSM) in San Francisco and Oakland. HOME will support the development of a new multistage HIV prevention intervention, utilizing technology and peer-navigation, to facilitate and support home HIV self-testing as well as linkage to local HIV prevention and treatment services. A major component of this project will be collaboration with community partners and community based organizations that are a vital part of HIV prevention. The study will start with qualitative work to explore facilitators and barriers to HIV testing and linkage to care for HIV positive and HIV negative MSM, and will be followed by a quantitative survey of 500 Black and Latino MSM to explore the generalizability of the themes from the qualitative work. These findings will inform the development of an HIV testing and linkage intervention which will first be tested in a small pilot, then a larger randomized control trial.