

SOCIOMETRICS PROJECT No. 130

PROMOTING CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND EFFECTIVE HIV/AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMS PHASE I

This SBIR Phase I project had two goals: first, to explore the feasibility of evaluating the effectiveness of 13 “best practice” minority-focused HIV/AIDS prevention programs (programs with strong promise of effectiveness); and, second, to explore the feasibility and utility of developing three new innovative sets of resources that will advance the field of culturally competent HIV/AIDS prevention: (1) a Capacity-Building Resource Kit for overcoming barriers to developing and implementing culturally competent HIV/AIDS prevention programs; (2) an Evaluation Kit containing evaluation instruments and a tool for conducting a culturally competent evaluation of HIV/AIDS prevention programs; and (3) a set of Effective Resources for Program Replication, including a tool and self-contained program materials for replicating culturally competent HIV/AIDS prevention programs. The Phase I project collaborated with the 13 identified “best practice” programs to conduct pilot evaluations of these programs. The project also developed prototypes of the three research-based resources aimed at promoting the development, implementation, evaluation and replication of culturally competent HIV/AIDS prevention programs. The Phase I project successfully achieved its goals. A Phase II follow-on will complete the development and field-testing of the three tools.

Phase II funding was subsequently awarded (see Project 152).

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