

**COMPUTER-BASED HIV PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMEN
PHASE II**

Women of color, particularly African American women, are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. African American women account for 66% of estimated AIDS cases among women, aged 13 and older, diagnosed in 2005, but only 12% of the U.S. population of women. Several behavioral prevention interventions tailored for African American women have shown efficacy in reducing sexual risk behaviors. Their successful replication has been hampered by cost, implementation difficulties, and participant retention issues. This pending project seeks to address these barriers to reducing HIV/AIDS rates in African American females by developing and empirically validating computer enhanced, individualized versions of efficacious group-administered HIV prevention programs for African-American females. Specific objectives include: (1) to increase service agencies' ability to implement efficacious HIV interventions with fidelity; (2) to increase African American females' participation in efficacious HIV interventions; and, (3) ultimately, to reduce sexual risk behaviors and HIV infection rates among African-American females.

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