



EXPLANATION OF RESEARCH

Title of Project: Removing Obstacles to HIV Prevention for Black Women in Orange County, Florida

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Whether you take part is up to you.

HIV prevalence rates among Black women remain a public health concern, especially in Orange County, FL. Although, reliable HIV prevention tools exist, there are barriers to Black women's ability access and use them. The purpose of this research is to understand the sexual health and HIV prevention needs of Black women in Orange County, FL to address those barriers.

To be eligible for this research study, you must: 1) be at least 18 years of age; 2) identify as a cisgender woman; 3) reside in Orange County; and 4) identify as Black, African American, Caribbean, or descended from people of African descent

For this research study, you are being asked to complete a questionnaire and an interview. Your participation in this research study will require a maximum of 2 hours of your time depending on your responses. The questionnaire and interview will include discussions of sex, sexual health, incarceration, and healthcare experiences. Your participation can be completed either in-person (at the Let's Beehive! Office - 773 S. Kirkman Road), over the telephone, or by videoconferencing depending on your preference, availability, and comfort. The Let's Beehive Office is a secure location that can be locked to ensure privacy during the interviews.

You will be compensated for your participation at a rate of \$25/hour in the form of a gift card. If you interview in person, you will receive this gift card immediately following your interview. Otherwise, you will be able to choose whether you receive the gift card by mail or email (electronic gift card). You must attempt both the questionnaire and interview to receive compensation. If your participation does not last a full hour, you will still receive a \$25 gift card for your time. Additionally, you may decline to answer any questions on the questionnaire or during the interview without your compensation for the study being affected.

Your participation will be confidential. The research team will collect your name and contact information only so that we can communicate with you regarding your participation in the study. You will be audio recorded during this study. If you do not want to be recorded, you will not be able to be in the study. Your audio recording will be transcribed and translated (if necessary), and you will be asked to review your transcript for accuracy. Pseudonyms and participant ID numbers will be assigned to your questionnaire responses and interview transcripts to protect your privacy. The linking sheet connecting participant identities to their data will be stored separately from all data. All identifiable data (audio recordings of the interview, questionnaire responses with identifiers, as well as your name and contact information) will be stored separately from deidentified data (questionnaire responses with identifiers removed, and pseudonymized transcripts of the interview). All data will be stored in password protected electronic files in OneDrive on UCF's secure server and accessed only by members of the research team. Per Florida law, all data will be stored for 5 years after study closure.

Study contact for questions about the study or to report a problem: If you have questions, concerns, or complaints: Dr. J. Richelle Joe, Principal Investigator, Associate Professor, Department of Counselor Education and School Psychology, College of Community Innovation and Education, by phone at (407) 823-2401, or by email at jacqueline.joe@ucf.edu; Dr. Shan-Estelle Brown, Associate Professor, Rollins

College, by email at sbrown1@rollins.edu; Dr. Andrea Dunn, Executive Director, Let's Beehive! by email at adunn@letsbeehive.org.

IRB contact about your rights in this study or to report a complaint: If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or have concerns about the conduct of this study, please contact Institutional Review Board (IRB), University of Central Florida, Office of Research, 12201 Research Parkway, Suite 501, Orlando, FL 32826-3246 or by telephone at (407) 823-2901, or email irb@ucf.edu.

RESOURCES

Information about local HIV services can be accessed at the website below. At this site, you will find a list of organizations that provide a range of HIV testing, prevention, and treatment services.

Talk Test Treat Central Florida: <https://talktestcfl.com/>

If you are in need of mental health services, the Community Counseling and Research Center (CCRC) at the University of Central Florida provides counseling services to the members of the community at no cost. Please visit the website below for more information about the CCRC. At this website you will also find a list of additional Counseling Resources available in Central Florida.

Community Counseling and Research Center: <https://ccie.ucf.edu/ccrc/>