

# NEW ENGLAND HIV IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE NETWORK *Spotlight*

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## *ePROMISE: An Implementation Research Project to Improve the HIV Prevention and Treatment Continuum of Care in Young MSM*

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of the project is to identify more effective strategies to reach and engage a population that is disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS, i.e., young men who have sex with men (YMSM). ePROMISE combines two evidence-based interventions, Community Promise and Peer Navigators and uses new media and established social networks to reach and engage YMSM at risk of HIV, those who are unaware of their status, and HIV positive YMSM. The project entails peer driven outreach, education, and linkage to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), HIV testing and HIV care, delivered by AIDS service organizations in Bridgeport, Hartford, and New Haven, CT.

### **KEY INSIGHTS/PROGRESS:**

A funding application to implement ePROMISE was developed by collaborating partners and submitted to NIH in January 2016. The application was reviewed and is being revised based on feedback from NIH. The NIH review helped to identify weaknesses in the research approach that are being addressed in the revision

process. The collaborators remain committed to the project and will resubmit the proposal in September 2016.

### **PROJECT TEAM AND PARTNERS:**

The ePROMISE project team includes Frederick Altice (PI - Yale), Trace Kershaw (Co-PI - Yale), Archana Krishnan (Co-PI - SUNY Albany), Rudy Feudo and Nancy Kingwood (Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program), Chris Cole (AIDS Project New Haven), and Danielle Warren-Diaz (Connecticut Children's Medical Center/UConn Health Center). Other key project supporters include the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University, CT Department of Public Health, and Ryan White leads and providers in the Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven areas.

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