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Introducing CHARM's Monthly Newsletter

This newsletter will be your monthly summary of all things CHARM and more! Each month the newsletter will highlight the accomplishments of CHARM faculty & staff, CAB members, and awardees, summarize CHARM and NIH funding opportunities, and highlight CHARM events and services.

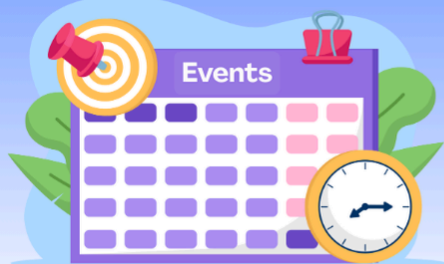


FABULOUSNESS CORNER

National AIDS Research Center (ARC) Community Advisory Board (CAB) Convening

On November 8-9, 2025, the CHARM CAB members, faculty, and staff joined ARC CABs from across the nation to discuss HIV research priorities, community- centered research, capacity building, and more.

See more photos from the convening on the [CHARM website](#).



Upcoming Events

January 28th, 2026 2pm ET

Adaptation and Pilot Testing of a PrEP Ambassador Program for College Women in Orlando, FL

Join us for a remote research in progress meeting where **Dr. Richelle Joe** will present pilot testing of a PrEP ambassador program for college women.

Research in Progress Meetings are a forum where researchers can solicit feedback and discuss research ideas, study design and implementation, results, and dissemination with fellows, clinicians, community members, implementers and senior HIV researchers and biostatisticians.

Join via Zoom:

<https://miami.zoom.us/j/99483414428?pwd=iWXF49Avf6olE7jvzOmnLNi5VegGKr.1>

Questions? Contact **Rosana Smith- Alvarez Chinigo** (13rsmith@med.miami.edu)

April 10th, 2026 8:30 am-3pm ET

2026 Implementer-Researcher Symposium

Join us for the a 1-day training on implementation science research and practice. This event will present attendees with the opportunity to establish and strengthen relationships between implementers & researchers.

Please **scan the QR code** in the image or **click the link** below to apply.

<https://redcap.link/charmeissymposium2026>

Questions? Contact **Alex Porras** (axp2629@miami.edu)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Adaptation and Pilot Testing of a PrEP Ambassador Program for College Women in Orlando, FL

Wed, January 28, 2026 2:00 PM



Richelle Joe, Ph.D., NCC
Associate Professor
University of Central Florida



E. IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE CORE

2026 Implementer-Researcher Symposium

Friday, April 10th, 8:30 AM-3 PM



Applications now open! Scan the QR code to apply.

For more information or questions, please contact EIS Core Coordinator **Alex Porras** (axp2629@miami.edu)

May 18th-21st, 2026

2026 Weeklong Training Seminar

Join national and local implementation science experts, UM researchers, and EIS core leadership for a week of IS training, in-person consultations & networking, implementer-researcher partnership building, and more!

Please **scan the QR code** in the image or **click the link** below to apply.

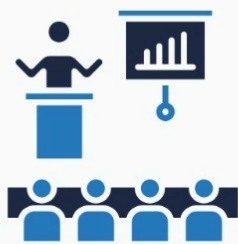
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Featured Publications

Results from Dr. Teresa Chueng's CHARM Pilot Award Study
Mentors: Drs. Tyler Bartholomew, Hansel Tookes & David Serota

Drug use and sexual behaviors among women who inject drugs and use a syringe services program; Miami, Florida

Belén Hervera, Teresa A Chueng, Joy Scheidell, Katrina Ciraldo, Sabrina Soto Sugar, Marina Plesons, Hansel E Tookes, David P Serota, Raymond R Balise, Nobuyo Nakamura, Shelby Meaders, David W Forrest, Tyler S Bartholomew

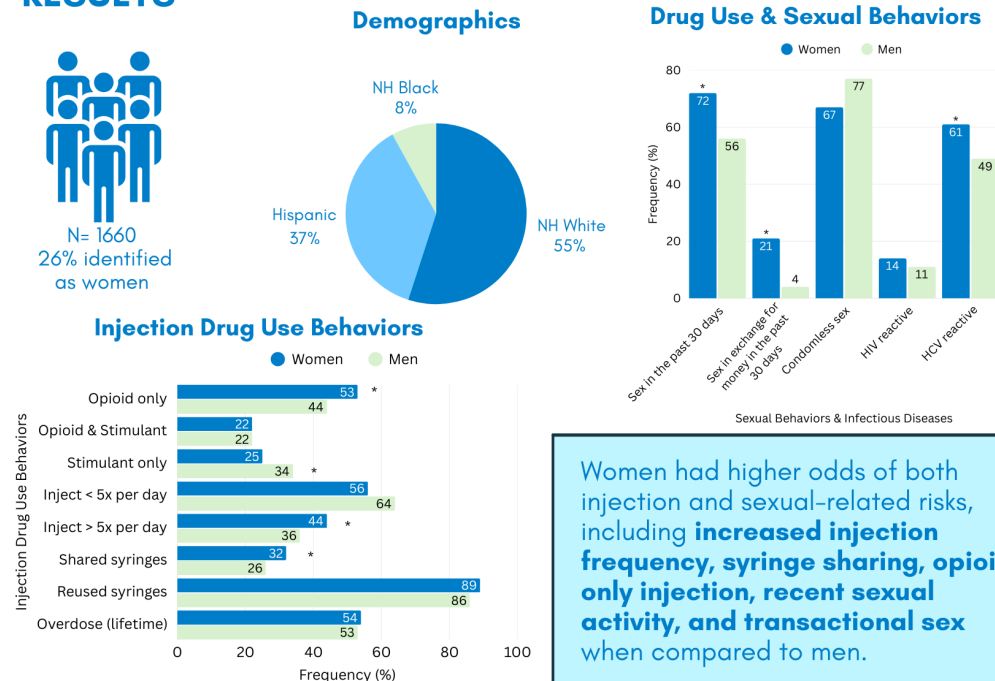
INTRODUCTION

Women who inject drugs (WWID) face higher risks of infectious diseases, reproductive health challenges, and gendered social and structural vulnerabilities compared to men.

OBJECTIVE

This study examined gender-related risks among people who inject drugs (PWID) accessing a syringe services program (SSP) in Miami, Florida to inform harm reduction service delivery and intervention needs.

RESULTS



CONCLUSION

Findings support the need for **gender-responsive harm reduction strategies** that integrate safer injection supplies, overdose prevention, reproductive and sexual healthcare, and peer-led education initiatives that also address the social and structural determinants of health.

Hervera, B., Chueng, T. A., Scheidell, J., Ciraldo, K., Sugar, S. S., Plesons, M., Tookes, H. E., Serota, D. P., Balise, R. R., Nakamura, N., Meaders, S., Forrest, D. W., & Bartholomew, T. S. (2025). Drug use and sexual behaviors among women who inject drugs and use a syringe services program; Miami, Florida. *Harm reduction journal*, 22(1), 117. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12954-025-01266-0>

Highlighted Core Services

- **CLARO Measures Library:** The CHARM/CLARO measures library houses a multitude of measures translated into Spanish and other languages and can be used to identify and access measures for research studies.
- **Consultations:** Consultations can be requested via the **Research Navigation Portal** (see the [CHARM website](#) for more information).
 - The **Methods Core** supports researchers and community members via consultations regarding quantitative and/or qualitative research methods, designing a study, power analysis, data management, and more.
 - **EIS Core** leadership and co-investigators are available for 1-on-1 consultations to advise on Implementation Science Guidance, grant development, match-making with community stakeholders and implementers, finding a partner for specific implementation science work, and more.
 - The **MHD-CE Core** provides consultations on psychosocial assessment, community-engaged research methods, intervention development, IRB and human-subjects considerations, identifying community partners or stakeholders, engaging with the Community Advisory Board, recruitment support, and grant development related to mental health disparities or community engagement.
- **Implementer Consent-to-Contact Database:** One-time survey for South Florida implementers involved in implementing HIV and Mental Health services at various community organizations. Respondents answer questions about their needs, priorities, and interest in participating in implementation research.

To see more information on our services, please visit our website: charm.miami.edu

Need a Consultation?



Use the **CHARM Research Navigation Portal** to easily request consultations from our 5 Cores and take your research to the next level!

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