Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS Study Section (BSPH)

The Behavioral and Social Science Approaches to Preventing HIV/AIDS [BSPH] Study Section reviews applications that address the multi-level factors, antecedents, social dynamics, and contextual influences on HIV risk and preventive behaviors; as well as basic behavioral, epidemiologic, and social science studies of mechanisms and factors at the individual, microsocial and community levels. BSPH considers both national and global studies. Specific areas covered by the BSPH are:

Studies of social contextual factors and processes associated with HIV risk and preventive behaviors among vulnerable populations, such as adolescents, racial, ethnic and sexual minorities, the homeless, persons with mental illness, prisoners, and substance abusers.

- Development and testing of interventions at the individual, dyad, family, network, organizational and community levels for preventing HIV acquisition, encouraging testing for HIV, ensuring access to HIV care and treatment, and reducing HIV/AIDS risk behaviors.
- Quantitative, qualitative, and economic evaluation of HIV/AIDS preventive interventions.
- Evaluation of the population level effectiveness of implementing individual- and multi-level HIV prevention interventions.
- Studies of policies, systems and other structural factors on HIV risk and prevention.
- Studies to increase recruitment, retention, and adherence in clinical and/or community HIV prevention studies.
- Translation, dissemination and implementation of evidence-based HIV prevention interventions.

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