

Jefferson County AIDS in Minorities, Inc.

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Many Men/Many Voices

- In most communities of color, being gay is just not accepted
- Some gay men of color (GMOC) keep it on the down-low
 - Meeting men in parks or on streets late at night
 - Picking up trade
 - Being in a hurry and afraid of being seen or caught

Many Men/Many Voices

- Not feeling good about themselves because of internalized racism and homophobia
- All of which can lead to risky behaviors

Many Men/Many Voices

- Every gay man of color will tell you he knows that STDs and HIV are out there
- He knows that he should use condoms and avoid situations that put his life and health at risk
- But behavior change is not simple, knowledge alone is not enough

Many Men/Many Voices or 3MV

- 3MV is a seven session, group level intervention program to prevent HIV and sexually transmitted diseases among black men who have sex with men (MSM) who may or may not identify themselves as gay

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- **3MV addresses factors that influence the behavior of black MSM**
 - Cultural, social, and religious norms
 - Interactions between HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases
 - Sexual relationship dynamics
 - Social influences that racism and homophobia have on HIV risk behaviors

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- **3MV seven sessions address specific influencing factors in a purposeful sequence**
 - The Dual Identity Culture of Black MSM
 - HIV Prevention for Black MSM: Sexual Roles and Risks

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- HIV Risk Assessment and Prevention Options
- Intention to Act and Capacity to Change
- Partner selection, Communication and Negotiation

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- Social Support and Problem Solving to Maintain Change
- Building Bridges and Community

3MV Target Population

- **The 3MV intervention targets gay men of color**
- **The intervention also targets men on the down-low with or without female partners**
 - Men of color who have sex with other men but do not identify as gay or bisexual

3MV



3MV/Men of Color MSM and DL



MSM for Men of Color



Jefferson County AIM

“I found someplace
where I feel **safe**
and accepted...
I can talk about
my **real** life not
the one that I
show to my family
and friends.”