

National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS) Project Information



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Purpose of NHBS

- National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System (NHBS) was developed to help state and local health departments establish and maintain a surveillance system to monitor high risk behaviors and access to prevention services.
 - Reduce the number of new HIV infections by 50%
 - Strengthen capacity to monitor epidemic to better direct Community based organizations (CBOs)

Purpose of NHBS continued...

- Findings from the study will help researchers gain a better understanding of risk and test taking behaviors.
 - Preliminary findings are shared with CBOs
 - CBOs will be able to create stronger prevention programs

Dallas Health Information Survey (HIS)

- The Dallas HIS Information Survey
 - Surveys the behavior of those most at-risk for HIV infection (Injection Drug Users “IDU,” Heterosexuals in high poverty areas “HET,” and Men who have sex with men “MSM.”)
 - Ongoing behavioral surveillance since 2005
 - PPRI assumed contract and began data collection in 2007

How do we collect data?

Formative Research

- Before interviewing begins:
 - Garnering community support
 - Conducting community observations
 - Key Informant Interviews
 - Focus Groups

Recruitment Strategies & Sampling (MSM)...

- Venue Based Sampling (VBS)
 - Men who have sex with men (MSM) are recruited using VBS methods
 - Field staff identifies venues of interest (bars, clubs, sex venues, etc.)
 - Field staff determines suitability of the venues
 - Field staff makes arrangements with venue owners/managers to do data collection (voluntarily no incentives for venues)
 - Field staff recruits participants at various venues throughout Dallas County via street intercepts

Recruitment Strategies & Sampling (IDU & HET)

- Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS)
 - Injection drug users (IDU) and Heterosexuals in high poverty areas (HET) are recruited using RDS methods
 - Recruit initial seeds
 - “Seeds” are given 3 to 5 coupons to recruit others
 - “Recruits” are given 3 to 5 coupons to recruit others (process replicates)
 - Participants are offered an HIV test (sometimes Hepatitis C test) and prevention counseling

Recruitment Strategies & Sampling continued...

- Facts about VBS & RDS Sampling
 - All data collection activity is anonymous
 - Informed consent is obtained
 - Survey and HIV test is voluntary
 - All participants receive risk reduction counseling with an HIV test.
 - Incentives and referrals are given to participants

Incentives for Participation

- Payment for the survey is \$20.
- Payment for taking the HIV test is \$20.
- All participants are given “goody bags.”
- All participants are given referrals to CBOs .

Data Collection RV

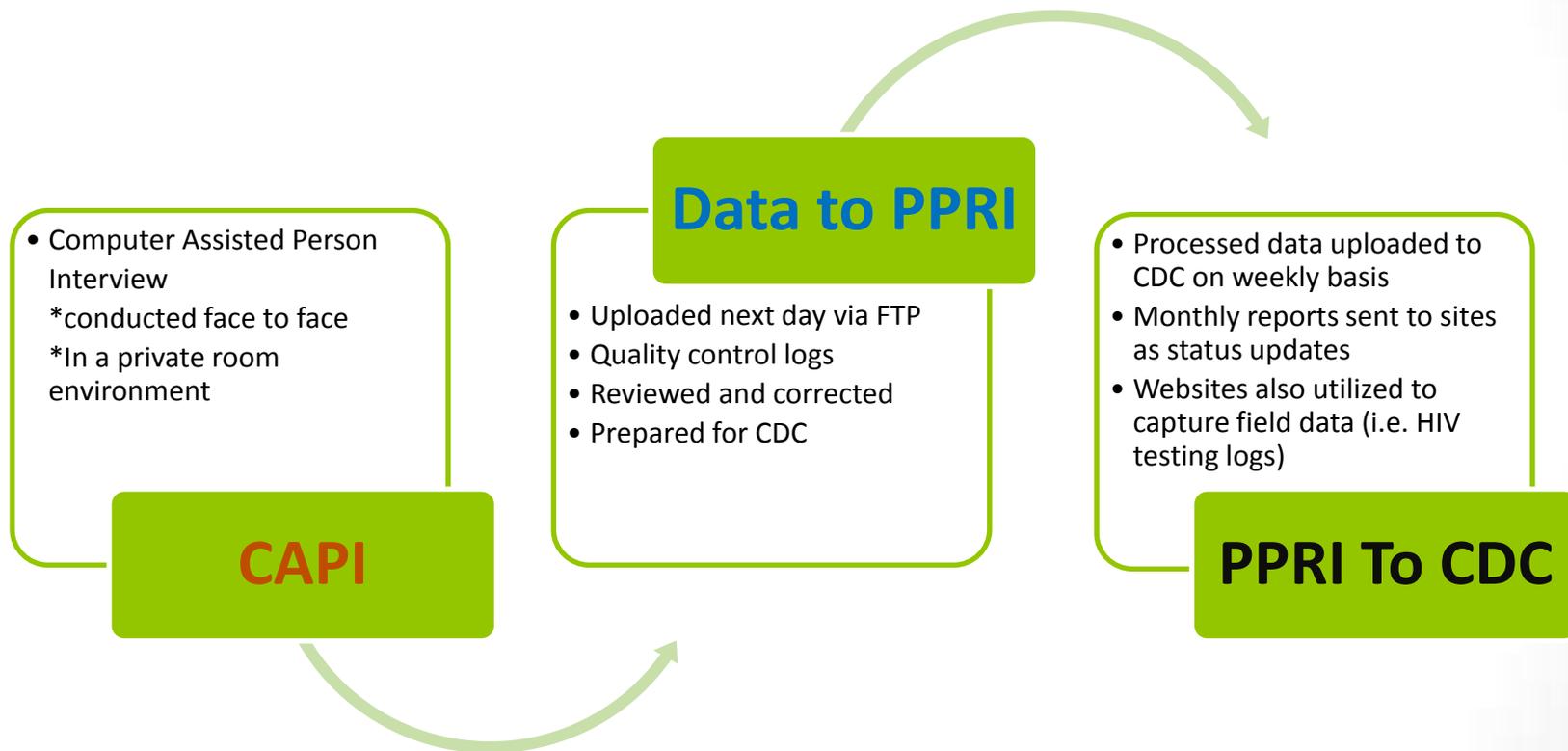


HIS-Study CAPI

- Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI)
- Coupon Manager
 - Recruitments are tracked using coded coupons.



Dallas HIS Study



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