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Drug Use and HIV Risk Trajectories among Court Involved Non Incarcerated Youths

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Abstract

The purpose of this project is to obtain information about factors that influence the development of certain risk behaviors among juveniles who are court involved but have not been detained or incarcerated. The study is interested in learning more about who might develop drug use problems, engage in sexual risk behaviors, have mental health problems or commit a repeat offense. The study is also focused on understanding how these behaviors occur over a two year time period. They hope to also learn how family, peer and neighborhood factors may influence these behaviors.

Examples of family factors could be peer and neighborhood factors could include questions about dating violence, gang violence, bullying and/or stalking. These data will help in developing public health screening, prevention and treatment programs for first time juvenile offenders. They anticipate that 400 families (400 families and 400 juveniles) will participate in the study.

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