

infection)<sup>37</sup> and persons with documentation of seroconversion, that is, those who have tested negative for HIV within the past 18 months but who now test HIV-positive. The study will consist of confidential formal interviews designed to characterize sexual and drug using patterns before and after diagnosis, document HIV risk exposure, explore attitudes and beliefs about HIV infection, describe personal experience with HIV counseling and testing, and identify gaps in treatment, services and access to care. Medical record reviews will be used to describe disease progression, as well as to document any history of sexually transmitted disease, drug treatment and HIV treatment. This study will only include HIV-infected persons who have been tested and reported to the Tennessee Department of Health. Participants will not be representative of all HIV-infected persons nor of all persons tested in their project areas. The study will rely heavily on self-reporting of sensitive personal information.

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<sup>37</sup> CD4 count >700/uL