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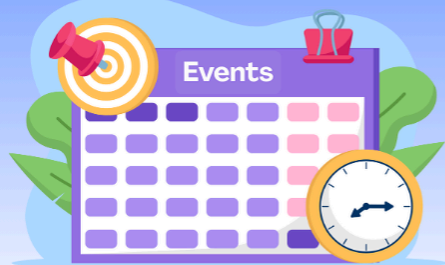
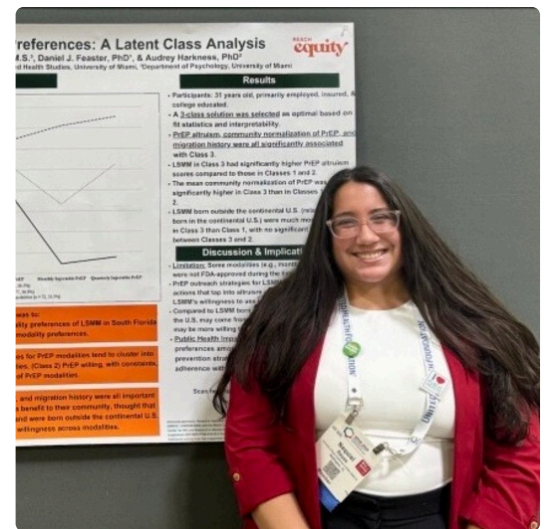
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A graphic for the "FABULOUSNESS CORNER" section. It features two red curtains on the left and right sides. Two stage spotlights are positioned above the center, casting a yellow beam of light onto the text. The text "FABULOUSNESS CORNER" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

FABULOUSNESS CORNER

Nequiel "Nikki" Reyes Wins UM Toppel Student of the Year!

Nikki Reyes is a fourth year PhD candidate mentored by Dr. Audrey Harkness, associate professor in the School of Nursing and Health Studies, and is a pre-doctoral trainee in the CHANGE (Culturally-focused HIV Advancements through the Next Generation for Equity) T32 program. Her work centers on improving HIV care engagement among Latino sexual minority men in South Florida. Reyes' was awarded the Toppel Student of the Year Award for her contributions to community-focused research and scholarship. You can read more about her work and award [here](#).



Upcoming Events

March 11th, 2026 6:30pm- 8:30pm ET

Bridging the Gap Between Cis & Trans Women Living with and/ or Impacted By HIV

Join us for a virtual gathering where panelists **Sherkila Shaw**, **Dedra Brown**, **Ashley Hollerman**, and **Joanna Robinson** will engage in meaningful dialogue moderated by MHD-CE Core Director, **Dr. Sannisha Dale**.

Use the link below to join:
<https://tinyurl.com/CCMar26>

MHD-CE CORE

Bridging the Gap Between Cis & Trans Women Living With and/or Impacted By HIV

Wednesday, March 11th 2026 6:30-8:30 pm

PANELISTS



Sherkila Shaw
Sistas Organizing to Survive



Dedra Brown
Diamonds in the Rough Safe Space



Ashley Hollerman
Empower U

MODERATOR



Dr. Sannisha Dale, PhD
MHD-CE Core Director

GUEST SPEAKER



Joanna Robinson
Activist

March 30th, 2026 4-6pm ET

Clinician & Researcher Happy Hour

Griffin Cancer Research Building, Room 403
(1425 NW 10th Ave, Miami, FL)

Join us for a happy hour bringing clinicians and CHARM-affiliated research labs together to explore ongoing projects, collaboration opportunities, and build meaningful partnerships.

RSVP via email to **Yanexy Rivera** (YDC9@miami.edu) and complete the survey: <https://redcap.miami.edu/surveys/?s=YJAM8498FXKEF3XL>

CLINICIAN & RESEARCHER HAPPY HOUR



DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

MARCH 30, 2026
4:00 - 6:00 PM
1425 NW 10TH AVE, MIAMI, FL 33136
GRIFFIN CANCER RESEARCH BUILDING ROOM 403 AND DECK

TO RSVP FOR THIS EVENT, PLEASE EMAIL YANEXY RIVERA AT YDC9@MIAMI.EDU

April 10th, 2026 8:30 am-3pm ET

2026 Implementer-Researcher Symposium

Converge Miami (1951 NW 7th Ave, Miami, FL)

Join us for the a 1-day training on implementation science research and practice. This event will present attendees with the opportunity to establish and strengthen relationships between implementers & researchers.

Please **scan the QR code** in the image or **click the link** below to apply.

<https://redcap.link/charmeissymposium2026>

Questions? Contact **Alex Porras**
(axp2629@miami.edu)

**E. IMPLEMENTATION
SCIENCE CORE**

**2026 Implementer-
Researcher Symposium**

Friday, April 10th, 8:30 AM-3 PM

Converge Miami

SCAN ME





LAST CHANCE TO APPLY! Scan the QR code above.

For more information or questions, please contact EIS
Core Coordinator **Alex Porras** (axp2629@miami.edu)

May 18th-21st, 2026

2026 Weeklong Training Seminar

Frost Institute for Chemistry and Molecular
Science (1201 Memorial Dr, Coral Gables, FL)

Join national and local implementation science experts, UM researchers, and EIS core leadership for a week of IS training, in-person consultations & networking, implementer-researcher partnership building, and more!

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**E. IMPLEMENTATION
SCIENCE CORE**

2026 Weeklong Training Seminar

In-Person Implementation Science Training
Monday-Thursday, May 18th-21st, 2026

Frost Institute Seminar Room (UM Gables Campus)



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Applications now open! Scan the QR code to apply.

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Featured Publications

A Call to Action for Programs and Doula Services to Support Pregnant Women with HIV in the United States through Education & Training: A Commentary

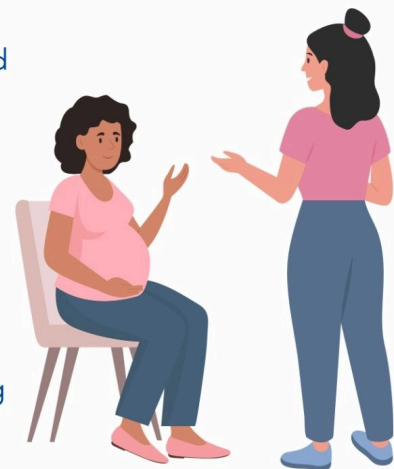
Lunthita M. Duthely, Olga M. Villar-Loubet, Nelly Diaz-Mendez, Queen Holden, Isabella Rosa-Cunha, Maria L. Alcaide, Lydia Fein, Kelly Harris, and JoNell E. Potter

RATIONALE

- Doulas are non-medically trained professionals who provide emotional, physical, and informational support to pregnant and postpartum people.
- Doulas can offer essential support as patients navigate care for themselves and their infants based on recommended HIV care and treatment guidelines.

CASE STUDY

- The **University of Miami Prenatal Immunology (PRIM) Doula program** was designed to introduce enhanced services for pregnant people with HIV and promote community-based doulas as essential members of the care team for people during the perinatal period.
- The **PRIM team** has the following goals:
 - Design education and training modules to support doulas who care for people with HIV.
 - Offer prenatal childbirth, education classes for pregnant people with HIV such as infant feeding choice and the role of a doula to support that choice.
 - Provide doula services for enhanced postpartum and infant care



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Programs serving pregnant people with HIV are encouraged to consider engaging and educating community doulas about care and treatment guidelines for mothers and their infants.
- Enhanced access to doula services for pregnant and post-partum people with HIV can serve as an additional resource.
- Develop outcomes data to measure the impact of doula services on the maternal-child dyad including patient satisfaction
- Evaluate the role of doula on breastfeeding outcomes for mothers with HIV

Duthely, L. M., Villar-Loubet, O. M., Diaz-Mendez, N., Holden, Q., Rosa-Cunha, I., Alcaide, M. L., Fein, L., Harris, K., & Potter, J. E. (2026). A Call to Action for Programs and Doula Services to Support Pregnant Women With HIV in the United States Through Education and Training: A Commentary. *The Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care : JANAC*, 37(1), 144–147.

<https://doi.org/10.1097/JNC.0000000000000600>

CHARM Award Mechanisms



The CHARM Developmental Core welcomes the 2026 Pilot and Scholar Award Recipients

PILOT AWARDEES



Sofia Fernandez, PhD, MSW
Florida International University

Optimizing behavioral health care utilization among diverse populations with HIV through an equitable implementation science approach

Dion Allen, PhD
University of Miami

Modeling HIV Risk for Preexposure Prophylaxis Scale-up among Women Receiving Care in Reproductive Healthcare Settings: A Mixed Methods Approach



Lunthita Duthely, Ed.D., MS.CTI.
University of Miami

Culturally and Linguistically Adapting an Infant Feeding Choice Doula Curriculum for Women with HIV



Ariana Johnson, PhD, MPH
University of Miami

Machine Learning Models for Predicting Early Non-Retention in HIV Prevention and Treatment: A Multi-Level Data Integration Approach



Lilian Bravo, PhD, RN
University of Miami

Mapping Friendship and Venue Networks to Address Suicide Risk among Hispanic Men at Risk for HIV



Edward Suarez, Jr., PsyD
University of Miami

Decoding the Therapeutic Alliance in Tele-Harm Reduction: Linguistic insights to strengthen HIV and mental health care for people who inject drugs



Simon Howard, PhD
University of Miami

The Role of Racial Discrimination in Preventive Care Engagement among Formerly Incarcerated Black Men



Highlighted Core Services

- **Peer Review:** CHARM organizes mock review meetings of grant proposals prior to NIH grant submissions. Each review consists of a one-hour Zoom meeting with up to three reviewers, who provide structured, constructive feedback to strengthen the proposal before submission. CHARM also provides Specific Aims Reviews for investigators who would like to receive feedback on an aims page under development to evaluate the key aspects of significance and innovation in early stages of the grant proposal process. Please contact **Yanexy Rivera** at ydc9@miami.edu for more information on dates.
- **Grant Ready with CHARM:** A comprehensive pre-submission support program designed to prepare investigators for NIH grant submission. The program includes Specific Aims review, Methods consultation as needed, and a full mock peer review. Editorial services are provided upon completion of the full program to ensure clarity, coherence, and compliance prior to submission. Please contact **Yanexy Rivera** at ydc9@miami.edu for questions or to participate in the program.
- **CLARO Measures Library:** The CHARM/CLARO measures library houses a multitude of measures translated into Spanish and other languages and can be used to identify and access measures for research studies.
- **Consultations:** Consultations can be requested via the **Research Navigation Portal** (see the [CHARM website](#) for more information).
 - The **Methods Core** supports researchers and community members via consultations regarding quantitative and/or qualitative research methods, designing a study, power analysis, data management, and more.
 - **EIS Core** leadership and co-investigators are available for 1-on-1 consultations to advise on Implementation Science Guidance, grant development, match-making with community stakeholders and implementers, finding a partner for specific implementation science work, and more.
 - The **MHD-CE Core** provides consultations on psychosocial assessment, community-engaged research methods, intervention development, IRB and human-subjects considerations, identifying community partners or stakeholders, engaging with the Community Advisory Board, recruitment support, and grant development related to mental health disparities or community engagement.
- **Implementer Consent-to-Contact Database:** One-time survey for South Florida implementers involved in implementing HIV and Mental Health services at various community organizations. Respondents answer questions about their needs, priorities, and interest in participating in implementation research.

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