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Experiences of Haitian Creole Speakers who Receive STAR Program Services Highlights Into Access and Communication in HIV Care

Over 10% of patients receiving care at the Special Treatment and Research (STAR) Program at SUNY Downstate Health Services (Downstate) in central Brooklyn speak Haitian Creole or French. Immigrants from Haiti have been disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic and experience their relationship with medical providers, Ministry Administrators and interpersonal trauma, exacerbating a culturally informed approach to care. Based on these observations, the STAR Program's Community Advisory Board and Care Coordination Program who are fluent in Haitian Creole determined that the needs of Haitian Creole speaking patients in care, could be better understood and addressed. Dr. Jean-Claude Bernard, MD, MPH, **Colette Anne, LMHC**, Supervisor Counseling Program (CP), **Jean Pierre Bernard**, Peer Navigator, **Jean Pierre Bernard**, Peer Navigator, **Jean Pierre Bernard**, Peer Navigator,

gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology and orthopedics. The STAR Program and MSB's Emergency Department (ED) collaborate on engaging people who have fallen out of regular care. In January 2023, STAR will accept referrals from MSB'S ED's universal testing program for immediate antiretroviral treatment (iART) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

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Outpatient Care at Brookdale Hospital STAR Health Center (SHC) – Brookdale
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