**Key social determinants of health**

- Fear and stigma for testing and treatment
- Lack of provider support, not youth-friendly
- Lack of sexual health education and information
- Limited access of sexual health (SH) services

**Program activities**

- Hosted youth SH town hall meetings and community events to disseminate SH education materials and address fear and stigma concerns
- Conducted provider cultural competence and humility training
- Connected young people to youth-friendly providers experienced in working with young women of color
- Linked youth with programs and resources that address transportation and medical service barriers
- Worked with partners to conduct STD screening in community and scale-up partner organizations’ screening

**Successes**

- 83% of youth CAB members felt that they had decision making power
- 77% CAB meeting participation
- Over 70 advocacy trainings provided
- Expanded testing positivity rates: 16% Chlamydia (CT); 5% Gonorrhea (GC); 2% HIV
- Mobile testing CT and GC positivity rates: 12.2%

**Facilitators**

- Effective continuous quality improvement (CQI) and group facilitation techniques used for CAB decision-making and intervention design
- Program staff valued youth CAB members’ lived experienced as experts
- Utilized mixed mode communication methods to communicate with CAB
- Strategic partnerships and regular meetings with partners

**Lessons Learned**

- Streamline the CAB recruitment process
- Include more CAB training at the beginning of the program
- Clearly communicate role and benefit expectations for CAB and partners
- Emphasize the CAB-led nature of the program to partners
- Engage appropriate partners that will provide access to target community and provide in-kind support to the program

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**By the numbers**

- **4** CARS Awardees
  - AIDS Foundation Chicago
  - Baltimore City Health Department
  - Philadelphia Health Management Corporation
  - University of Michigan

- **87.5%** Community Advisory Board (CAB) members reflect the target community

- **$391,556** Total partner dollars leveraged

- **85%** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and contracts executed with partners