

## How can I participate?

Call 312-814-4846 and ask to speak to someone about SHAS. Interviews are scheduled at your convenience.

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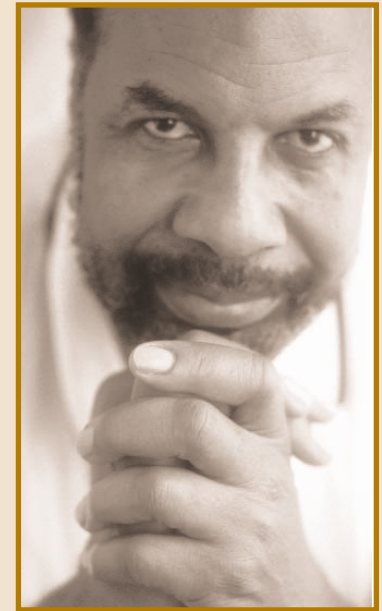
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# SHAS

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## Interview Project

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## What is SHAS?

SHAS is an interview project conducted by the Illinois Department of Public Health to find out how people have been affected by HIV. How has it affected their jobs? Their lifestyles? Their families?

The questions cover many issues, including what may have put a person at risk for HIV/AIDS and if he or she had any difficulty getting medical and social services. No one has to answer any question that he or she does not want to answer.

**This is a voluntary interview. No one is required to participate. Services will not be affected if you choose not to participate.**



## What has living with HIV/AIDS been like for you?

Project staff are interested in learning about how HIV has affected you, about services you need and about your ability to manage your affairs. Survey questions will ask about your living situation, behavior and medical issues.

Only you can provide this information. Your privacy is protected under the law. Your interview will be identified only by a unique code number and your identity will be known only to project staff.

## What will you be asked to do?

The first step is to set up an appointment for an interview. The interview can be done at the clinic (Core Center) or other place where you feel comfortable. Because the interview includes personal questions about your experiences, a place that is private - where you and the interviewer can talk alone - is essential.



## What do you get out of this?

To show appreciation for your participation in this project, you will be given \$25 for completing the interview. If you wish, we can also provide you with information about services you might find helpful.

Your story may also help others who are living with HIV/AIDS. By collecting information about people's needs, health departments and other agencies are able to develop more effective services. Your willingness to answer some questions will indirectly help others in need.

## Do you have any questions?

If you have any questions, please call 312-814-4846 and ask to speak to a project interviewer. You do not need to identify yourself when you call.