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# **Office of Women's Health**

**Leading Ladies: Promoting Healthy Lifestyles and  
Healthy Families**

**Title: The Trinity Project**

**Grantee: RAIN, Inc.-Regional AIDS Interfaith  
Network**

**Primary Partner: HELP- Helping Empower  
Local People**

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## Grant Purpose

To provided funding for the “Trinity Project” who will then partner with Faith-based and Community Organizations to enhance prevention and support activities for women, girls and their families who identify themselves as members of a faith-based community and participate in faith-based social networks/communities.

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## Grant Mission

To engage the Faith-Based and Community Organizations targeting female spouses of pastors, female clergy, and other female leaders within communities to establish sustainable gender-specific HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and education models for women and their families.

# **The Trinity Project**



# THE CHURCH

African American churches have a proven track record of reaching hard-to-reach populations to disseminate key prevention messages and to shape cultural norms, specifically female leaders in the church.



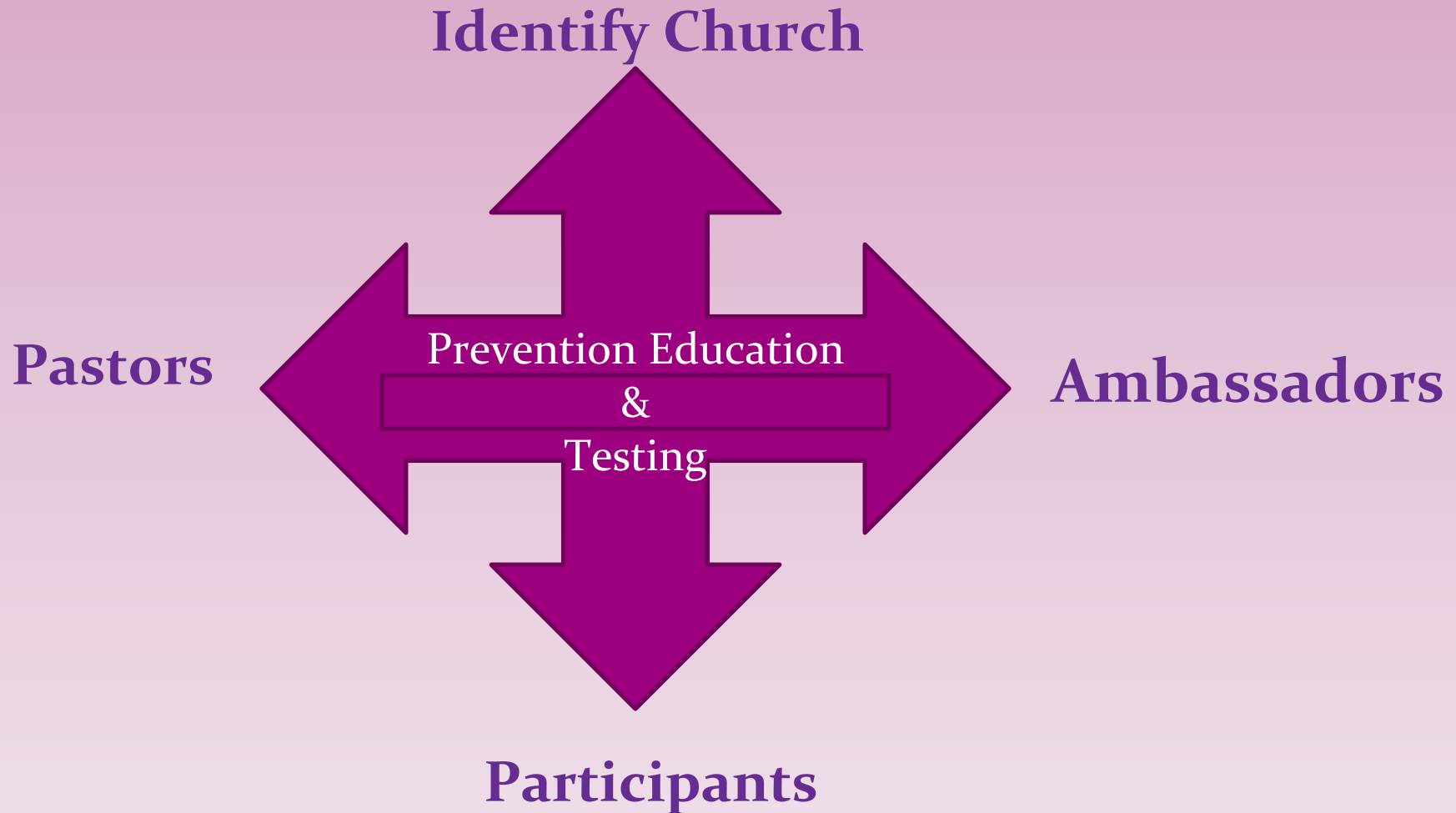
# The Trinity Project Goals

- ❖ To eliminate HIV/AIDS related stigma that often inhibit women and girls in faith-based communities from seeking testing or accessing care
- ❖ Develop/demonstrate gender-responsive, peer-led prevention education intervention that is culturally, and developmentally appropriate
- ❖ Establish and expand a coalition of services and community linkages for ensuring gender-responsive HIV/AIDS/STD services

# Targeted Geographical Areas

- A high HIV and/or STD prevalence among women and girls
- A deficit of HIV/AIDS/STD services
- Disproportionately impacted by health disparities

# The Project Process





# Project Enrollment

**20 Churches (1<sup>st</sup> year)**

**10 Churches (2<sup>nd</sup> year)**

**10 Churches (3<sup>rd</sup> year)**

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**2 Ambassadors per church**

**6-10 Participants per group**

# Trinity Training

- ❖ Implementation Process- Adult Ambassadors:
  - ❖ Project Kick-Off Meeting
  - ❖ Four weekly trainings
  - ❖ Town Hall Meeting
  - ❖ Graduation Ceremony
  - ❖ Recruitment
  - ❖ Implementation

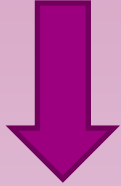
# Trinity Intervention Sessions

- **Trinity Curriculum Model** (Adaptation of the CDC – SISTA Intervention)
- **All Sessions are once or twice a week**
- **Sessions are for five consecutive weeks**
- **Approximately 2 hours per session**
- **Participants must complete all 5 sessions**
- **New participant recruitment begins each quarter within your congregation**

# Trinity Program Activities

- National Women & Girls HIV Awareness Day-
- Reach & Teach Health & Wellness
- HIV/AIDS/STD Testing Drive
- HIV/AIDS/STD “Back 2 School Rally”
- Female Pastor-Laity Regional Symposium
- Youth / College Summit

# Trinity Coalition Town Hall Meetings



## Community Resources

- ❖ Shelters
- ❖ Domestic Violence
- ❖ Food Banks
- ❖ Treatment Centers
- ❖ Mental Health Program
- ❖ Substance Abuse Program

# Testing Partnerships



## Testing Opportunities

- ❖ Available Testing
- ❖ Church Health Fairs
- ❖ Community Health Fairs
- ❖ Individual Referrals
- ❖ At FBO sites
- ❖ Upon request

# HIV/AIDS Resource Information

## Websites:

- [www.cdc.gov/hiv](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv)

- [www.carolinarain.org](http://www.carolinarain.org)

- [www.aids.gov](http://www.aids.gov)

- [www.aidsinfo.gov](http://www.aidsinfo.gov)

- [www.thebody.com](http://www.thebody.com)

- [www.justhiv.com](http://www.justhiv.com)

- [www.hivsites.com](http://www.hivsites.com)

- [www.hivtest.org](http://www.hivtest.org)

# TRINITY PROJECT

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QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

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