## Social Network Strategy for HIV Testing Recruitment

## What is Social Network Strategy (SNS)?

- People in the same social networks share mutual trust, health information, and a similar likelihood of acquiring HIV
- Social network strategy (SNS) is an <u>CDC-designated "evidence-supported" public</u>
  <u>health intervention</u> that engages people at higher risk of acquiring HIV into <u>HIV testing</u>
- SNS leverages social ties by coaching people living with HIV or with an increased likelihood of acquiring HIV to recruit people from their social circles to engage with HIV testing
- These "network associates" (friends, co-workers, sex or drug partners, or family who may be at risk for HIV) are encouraged, referred, and/or accompanied to HIV testing

## Four Phases of SNS

