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Key Populations Division
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CAB Capacity Building: Peer education
For HPTN 083 Training

Overview

- Background on DTHF Key Populations Division
- Community Engagement Model Key Populations Division
- Groote Schuur HIV CRS CAB
- Capacity Building

Background on DTHF Key Pop Division

- Began work in 2005 as Men's Division and became the only African site for the global iPrEX study.
- The Global iPrEX study was the first time MSM in our setting were engaged in biomedical HIV prevention research.
- In order to reach MSM we had to use a number of strategies. Even though we relied on our CTU CAB we quickly found that we had to be more innovative in reaching these populations.
- Since the iPrEX study our team has continued to conduct a variety of research projects with MSM in Cape Town.
- Transitioned to the more inclusive Key Populations Division in 2015

Community Engagement Model

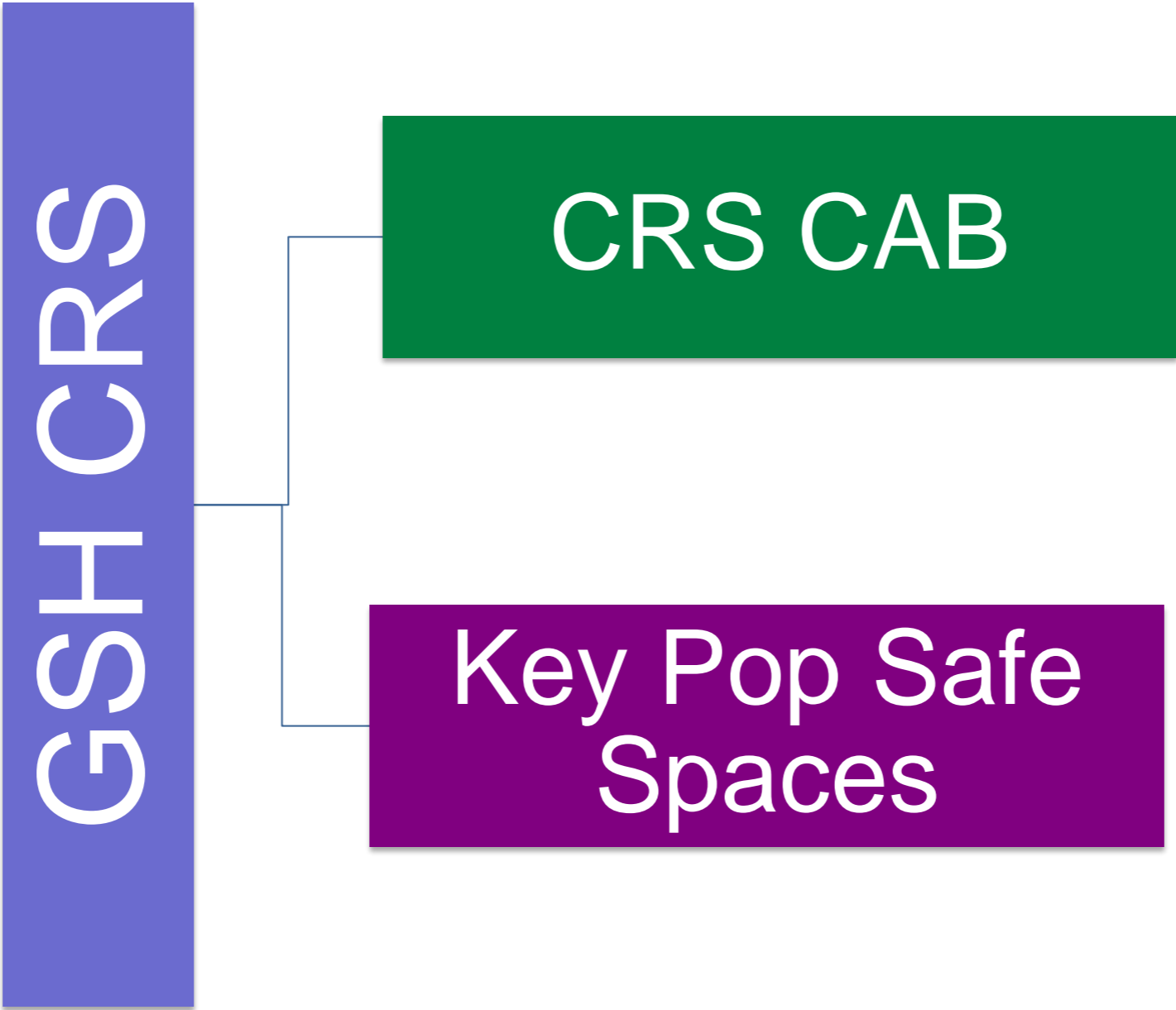
Key Populations Division Philosophy:

***You don't do research and leave
but live and engage the community in the
process of clinical trials.***

Community Engagement



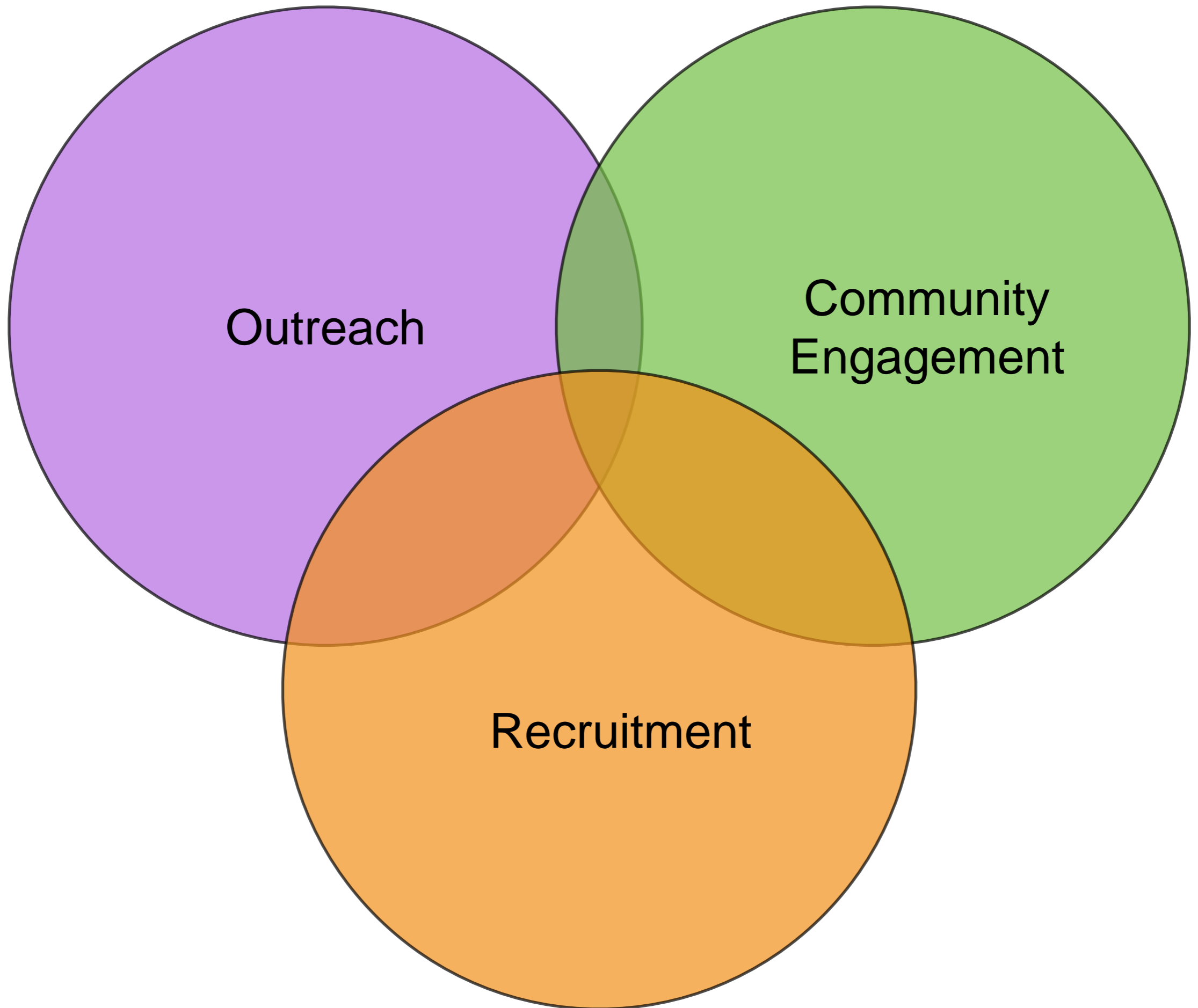
Community Engagement Model



Safe Space Model

- Each group has at least 15 members
- Community Leader
- Community Coordinator
- Community Outreach team members
- Each meets monthly





Outreach

Community
Engagement

Recruitment

GSH CRS CAB

- Restarted 2016
- 18 members
- 3 members from Safe Spaces
- NGO's, Healthcare workers, Ward councilor, Chief
- Cover all CRS network studies including Key Pop and women (AMP, 116, 075, 083)
- Meets monthly

Capacity Building

Research Centre

- Builds trust and relationship with the community
- Provides structural and biomedical prevention intervention information
- Give advices on the referral centers
- Provide prevention barriers
- Create an understanding why there is a need to be part of a clinical trial
- Coordinates community proposed activities

Safe Space Structure

Outreach Staff

Community Interns

Community Leaders

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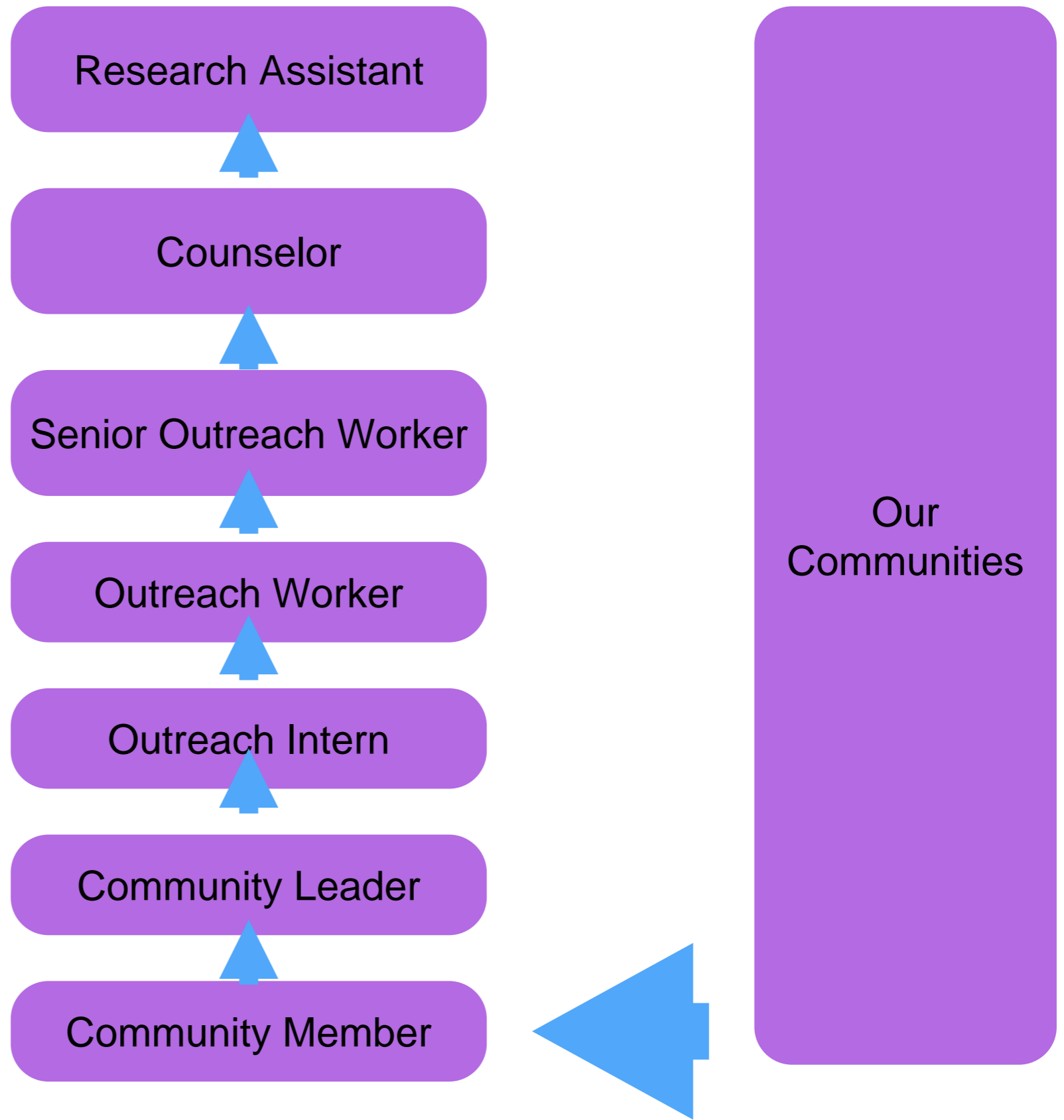
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Team Structure and Capacity Building



Safe Spaces

Community Leaders

- Lives and stays in the community
- Identifies a safe space as a safe “Haven”
- Invites the research Centre to the community
- Engages the community by identifying issues faced by the communities:
 - Structural: double stigma, violence, substance abuse
 - Behavioral: behaviour change of dealing with the structural issues

Community Capacity Building events

Gay Pride / Pageant / Intercommunity Activities



Safe Space Peer Education

Clinical Knowledge

- HIV Education, awareness and understanding of prevalence in the communities
- STI education and understanding
- Study specific procedures (ie – anoscopies)
- Study outcomes / dissemination

Personal Development

- CV / Resume workshop
- Offer computer / internet access
- Notify of learnership opportunities



CAB Peer Education

Clinical Knowledge

- HIV Education and understanding of prevalence in the communities
- STI education
- CRS Studies: Prevention and Treatment
- Study outcomes / dissemination
- Workshops to improve understanding of studies

Personal Development

- GCP
- Opportunities to attend conferences
- Report preparation

Engaging the community on HIV prevention research

Mutual Understanding

- Socio-cultural competency
 - The community understanding the importance of research
- Research competency
 - The research understanding the community as a stakeholder

Engaging the MSM community on HIV prevention research

Transparency

- Ensuring that the community receive open, honest and understandable information and objectives and process of a clinical trial
- Ensuring role and responsibilities and how that may influence trial related decisions

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- Cape Town MSM communities
- GSH CRS CAB
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