

To be selected for the study you must:

- ➡ be a transgender woman who has sex with men
OR be a man who has sex with men,
- ➡ be 18-49,
- ➡ be HIV-negative,
- ➡ have been in jail, prison, or detention, and
- ➡ have a smartphone or be willing to get one, with support from the project.

If you are interested

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(Collect calls from jail accepted)

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**MEPS is working
on a way to help
re-entry populations
stay healthy and
away from drugs.**

**Want to participate
and get paid?**



The MEPS (Mobile Enhanced Prevention Support) Study is a community-based research project.

We are testing a new way to help people without HIV to stay negative, avoid other infections, and receive the services they need following release from jail, prison, or detention.

The Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Charles R. Drew University, and UCLA lead this effort. We also collaborate with other L.A.-based treatment facilities and recovery bridge houses.



Why we are doing it.

We know how to prevent and how to identify HIV and other STDs, yet many new infections occur each year and too many people go undiagnosed. Also, the risks of overdose and of other negative impacts of drug use soar following release.

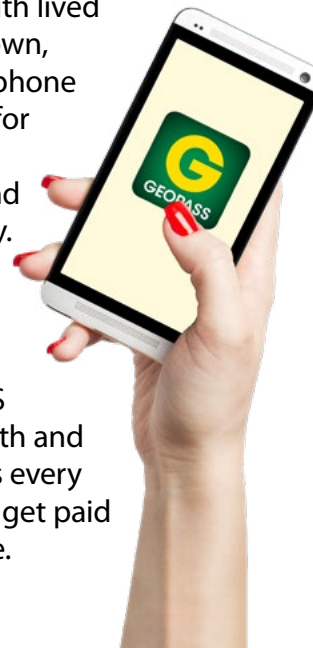
We believe that our intervention can be part of how we solve these problems. We are testing it so we can determine how well it works.

What is the MEPS intervention?

If you enroll in the MEPS Study, you have a 50-50 chance of being put in the intervention.

This includes being paired with a trained Peer Mentor with lived experiences like your own, receiving a new smartphone app, and getting paid for doing activities that support your health and substance use recovery.

If you are not put into the Intervention, you will be invited to check in with the MEPS Study team every month and to complete interviews every three months, and will get paid for doing both of these.



Why should you do it?

- Take a more active role in your own healthcare and recovery.
- *Utilize an innovative tool to maintain and improve your well-being and quality of life.*
- Get support to develop and set achievable personal goals.
- Be a part of something innovative, interesting, and rewarding.
- Contribute to society and help others like yourself.
- Earn cash rewards for accessing needed services.

How much can you earn?

Everyone receives payment for completing surveys and staying in touch with the study team. Compensation adds up to at least \$260 over the course of 9 months. Those who are selected for the intervention can receive additional dollars.