## Research findings and dissemination opportunities from St. Louis CECCR

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#### Research Goal

Help eliminate cancer disparities by increasing the reach and effectiveness of cancer information for African Americans.



- Cancer survivorship
- Community outreach
- Minority media
- Culture & communication
- Career development
- Communication tools





### Cancer Survivorship



### The Power of Stories









# Research questions Three separate studies of survivor stories

- What are the active ingredients of stories?
- Are stories preferred to other communication?
- Can exposure to stories change behavior?



## Efficacy trial (n = 489) Effects on use of mammography



VS.



(narrative)

(non-narrative)

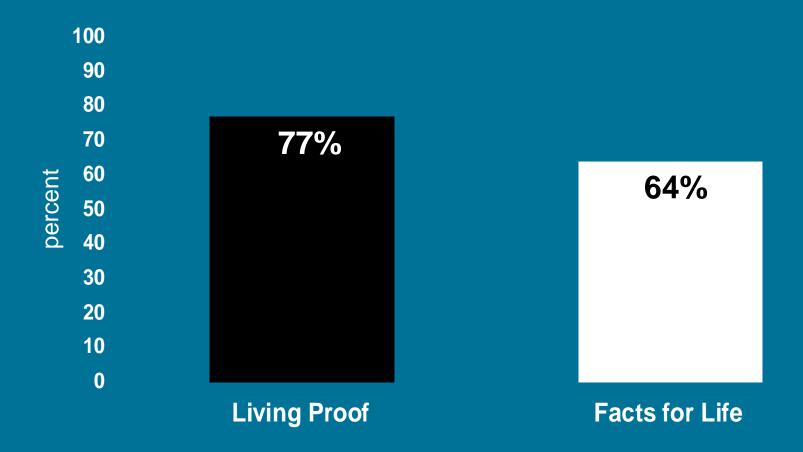


## Follow-up Five points in time

- Immediate post-exposure
- 1-week post card
- 4-week post card
- 3-month follow-up
- 6-month follow-up

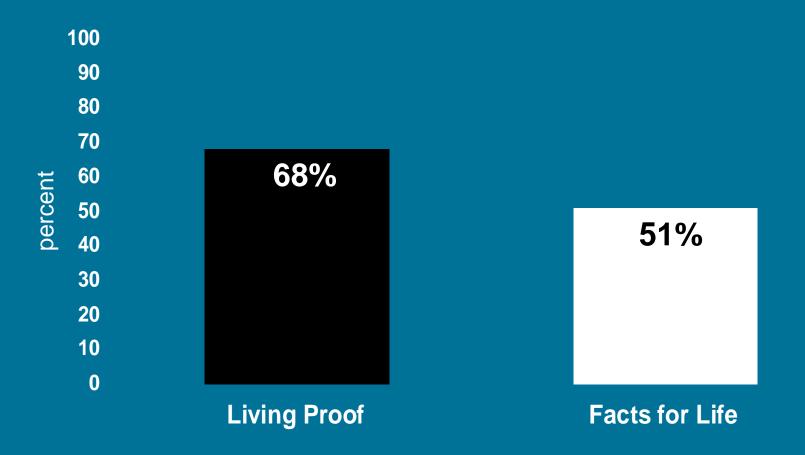


## "Definitely" intend to get mammogram All participants (n=488; p<.01)





## "Definitely" intend to get mammogram NBS & not up-to-date (n=127; p<.05)



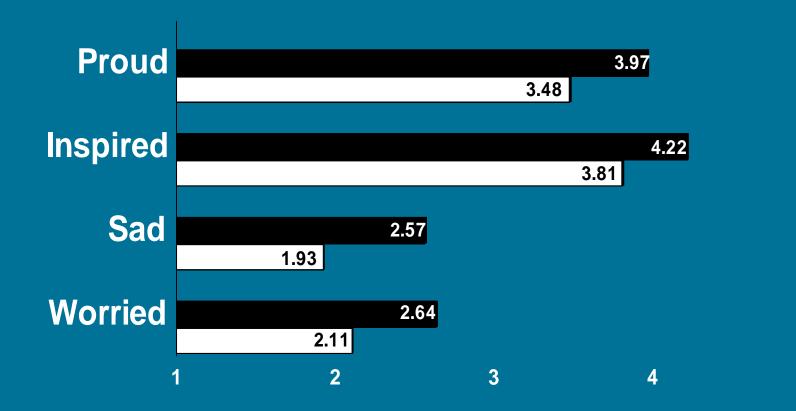


## Video "affected me emotionally" (n=482; p<.01)





## Watching the video made me feel... 3-month follow-up (n=480; all p<.05)



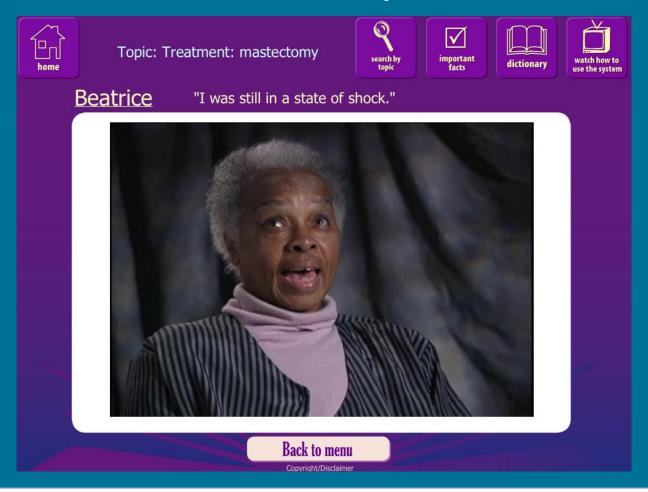


## "Don't remember" key BC messages 3-month follow-up (n=118; p<.05)



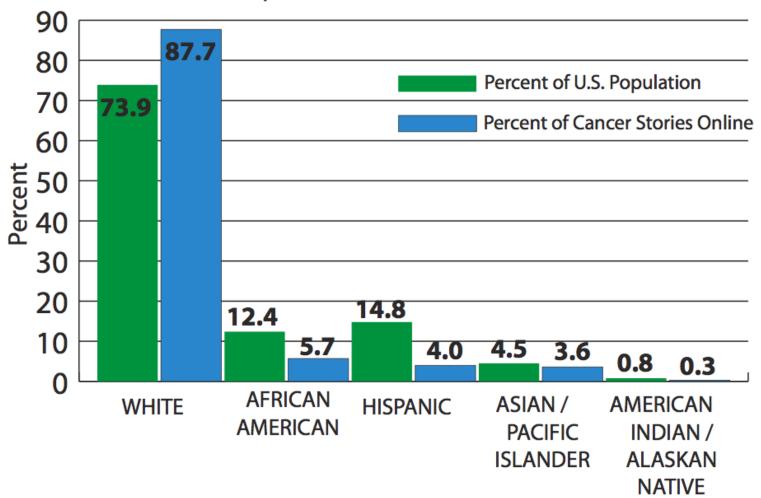


## Interactive tablet PC for BC patients Users choose from a library of stories, survivor

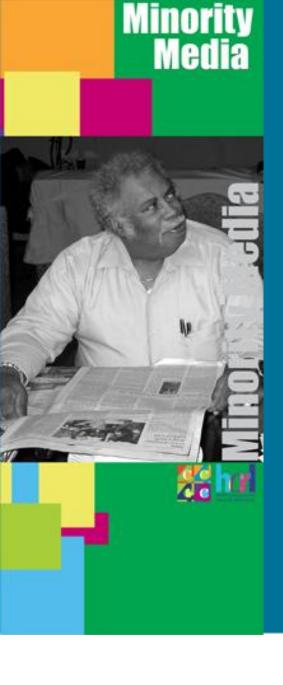




#### U.S. Population and Cancer Stories Online







### Minority Media









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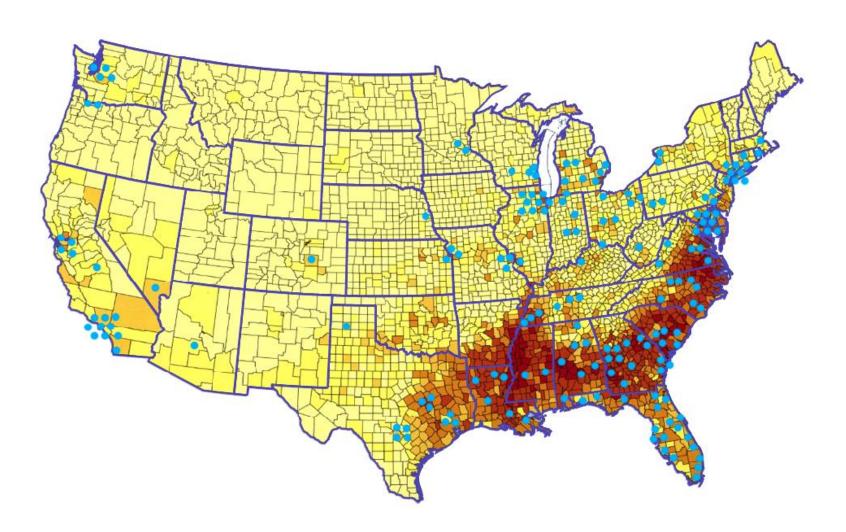






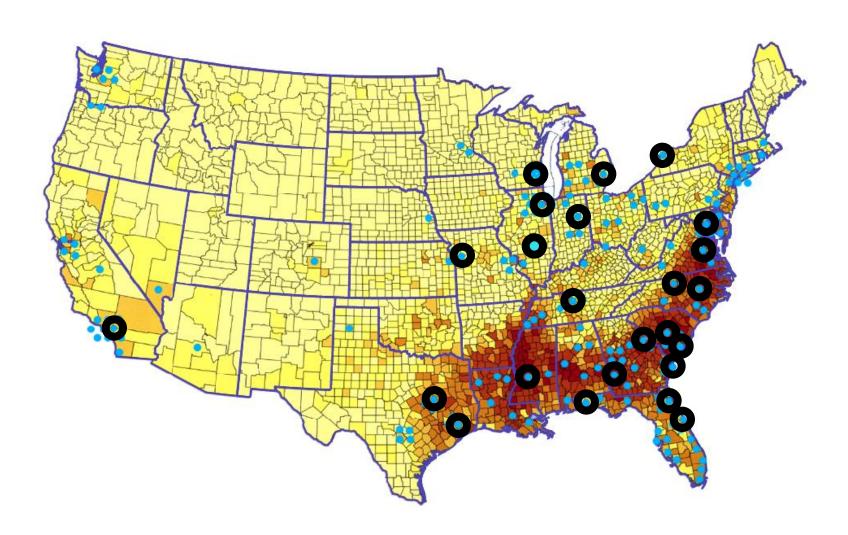


### 188 Black newspapers; 6M circulation





### Study sample: Black papers in 24 cities



Cohen, et al., *Health Communication*, in press Len Rios, et al., *Newspaper Research Journal*, in press Caburnay, et al., *Ethnicity & Disease*, under review





### Community Outreach





Beauty salons

Churches

Health centers

**Public libraries** 

Laundromats

Social service agencies







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Kreuter, et al., *Hlth Educ & Beh*, 2006 Kreuter, et al., *J Pub Hlth Mgmt & Prac*, 2008 Alcaraz, et al., *Prev Med*, under review







You're Invited



The Missouri Screen for Life program provides colorectal screening tests free of charge to men and women in St. Louis who meet age and income guidelines.

Call today about a free colorectal cancer screening

314-879-6392

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.



#### You're invited...

and he is too

to participate in a new colorectal cancer screening program.

If you are over age 50, a colorectal screening is vital to your good health.

Screening can detect cancer early when the chance for a full recovery is very high. Screening can also find polyps, which can be removed before they turn into cancer.

Colorectal cancer often has no symptoms. The only way to know is by getting screened.

Do it for yourself.

Do it for your family.





### 9-1-1



4-1-1



### 2-1-1







### 2-1-1 calls received per day

Houston, TX 1,000

Atlanta, GA 900

Connecticut 900

Virginia 500

Denver, CO 350

Detroit, MI 300

Missouri 300



### United Way 2-1-1 Missouri

Why do people call?

Financial assistance	(rent, utilities)	70.5%
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Material resources (clothes, furniture) 9.0%

Housing (shelter, home repair) 4.8%

Food (pantries) 3.0%

Health 1.4%



#### Current cancer control needs of 2-1-1 callers

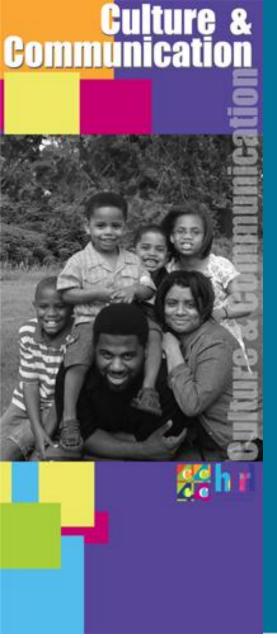
Breast, cervical, CRC screening; HPV vaccination; smoking cessation; smoke-free home policy

Need at least one 85%

Need two or more 54%

Need three or more 30%





## Culture and Communication



### Five approaches to cultural appropriateness

Peripheral (pictures, images)

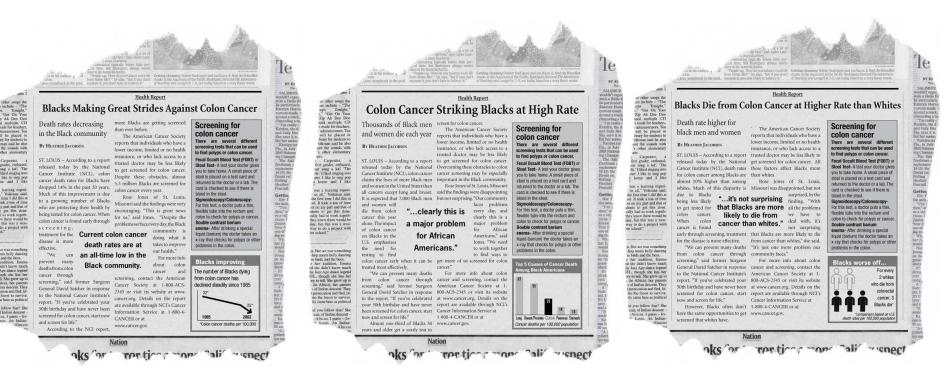
Evidential (data)

Linguistic (language)

Constituent-involving (participatory)

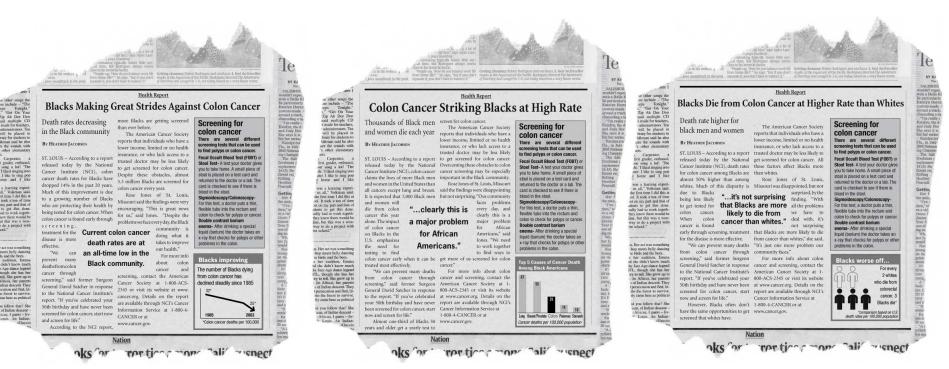
Socio-cultural (values, norms, customs)

## Communicating race-specific cancer information to African Americans





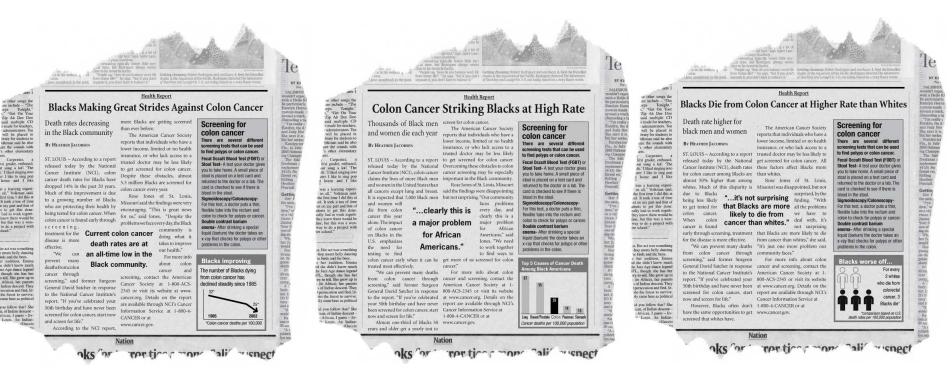
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"Impact"

#### "Disparity"



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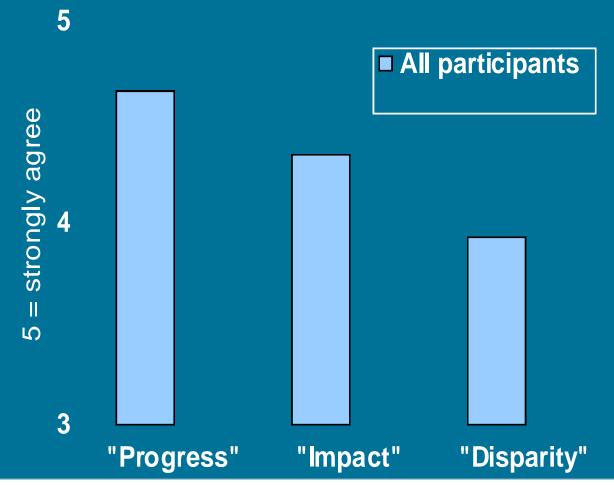
"Progress"

"Impact"

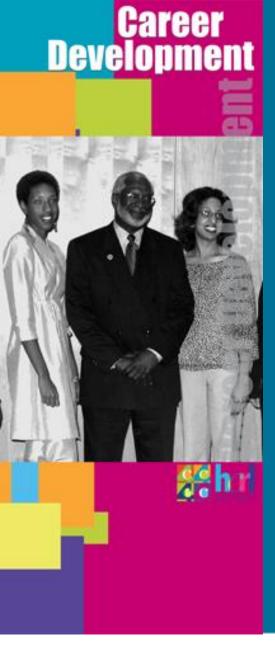
"Disparity"



## I want to be screened for colon cancer By study group (n = 282; p < .05)



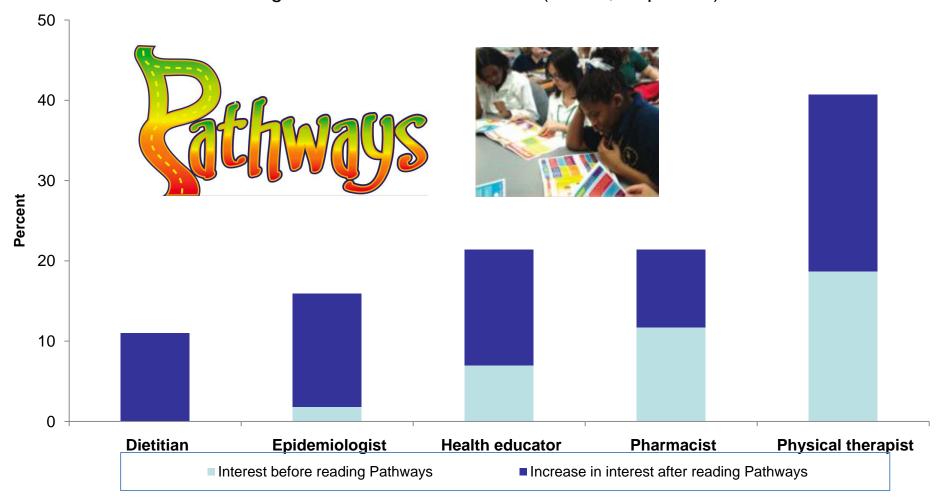




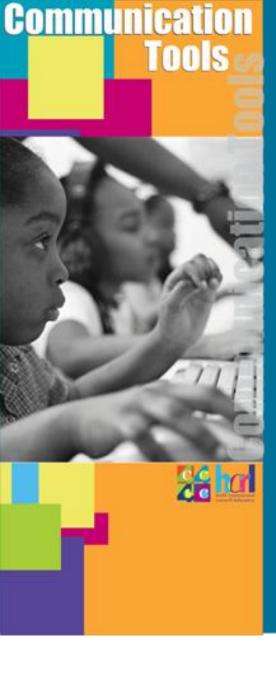
### Career Development



#### Increase in interest in featured health careers among African American students (n=171; all p<0.05)

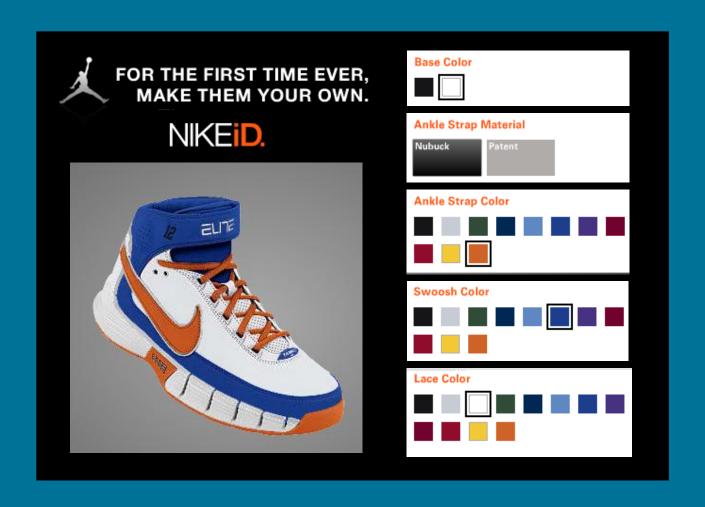






# Communication Tools









CHOOSE the photo, border, and question to make a **poster** that best addresses parents' concerns about HPV, cervical cancer, and the HPV vaccine.



Sample poster

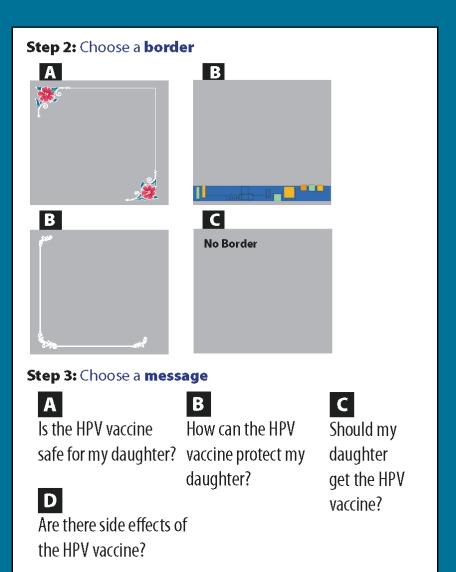
Step 1: Choose a photo



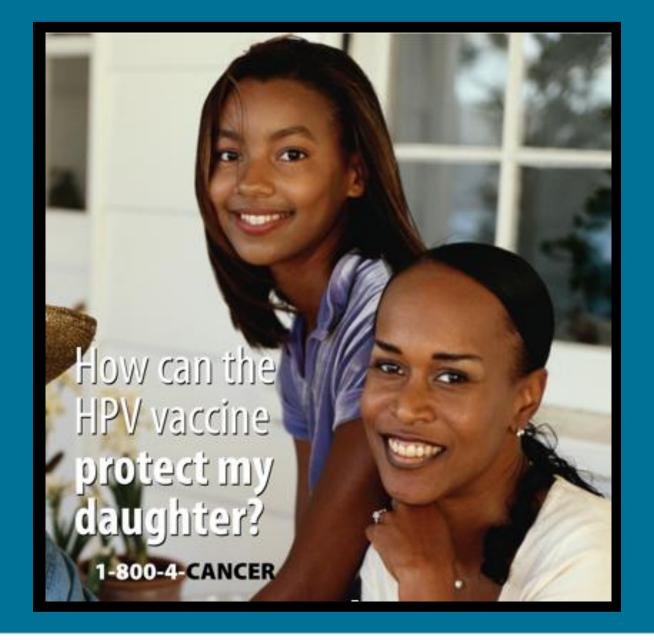








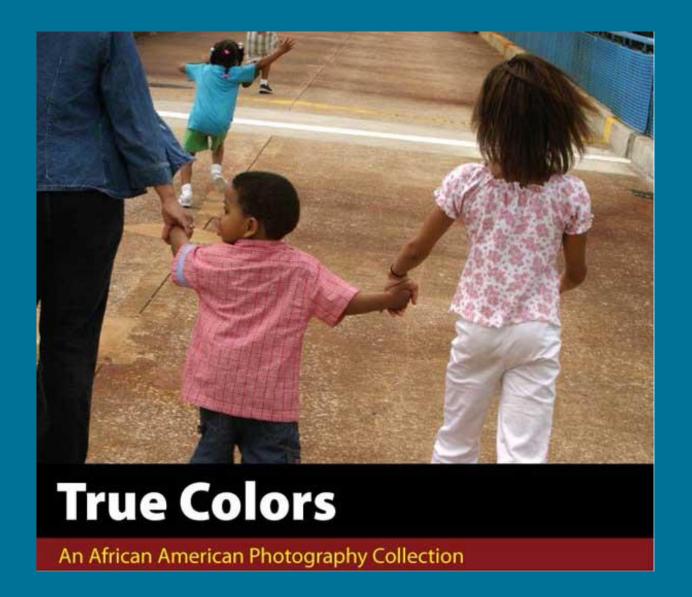














#### **Neighborhood Voice**

#### Reaching out for cancer prevention and control





