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BACKGROUND

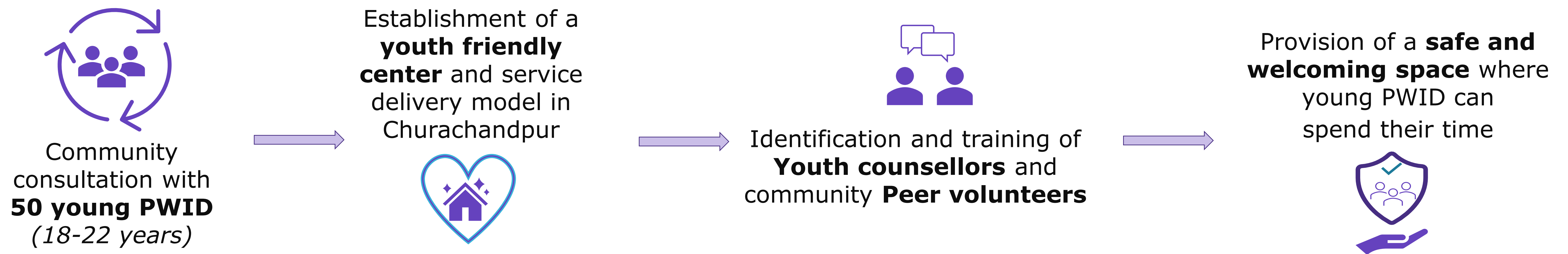
Churachandpur, Manipur has high incidence of injecting drug use among younger adolescent population. Compared to adults, they are less likely to attend the government-run Targeted Interventions (TI) due to:

- age-of-consent (18 years)
- requirement to disclose attendance to parents/guardians.

There is a need for focused youth-led interventions, specific to the needs of this age group.

DESCRIPTION

The Manipur State AIDS Control Society, with support from PATH through PEPFAR conducted the following:

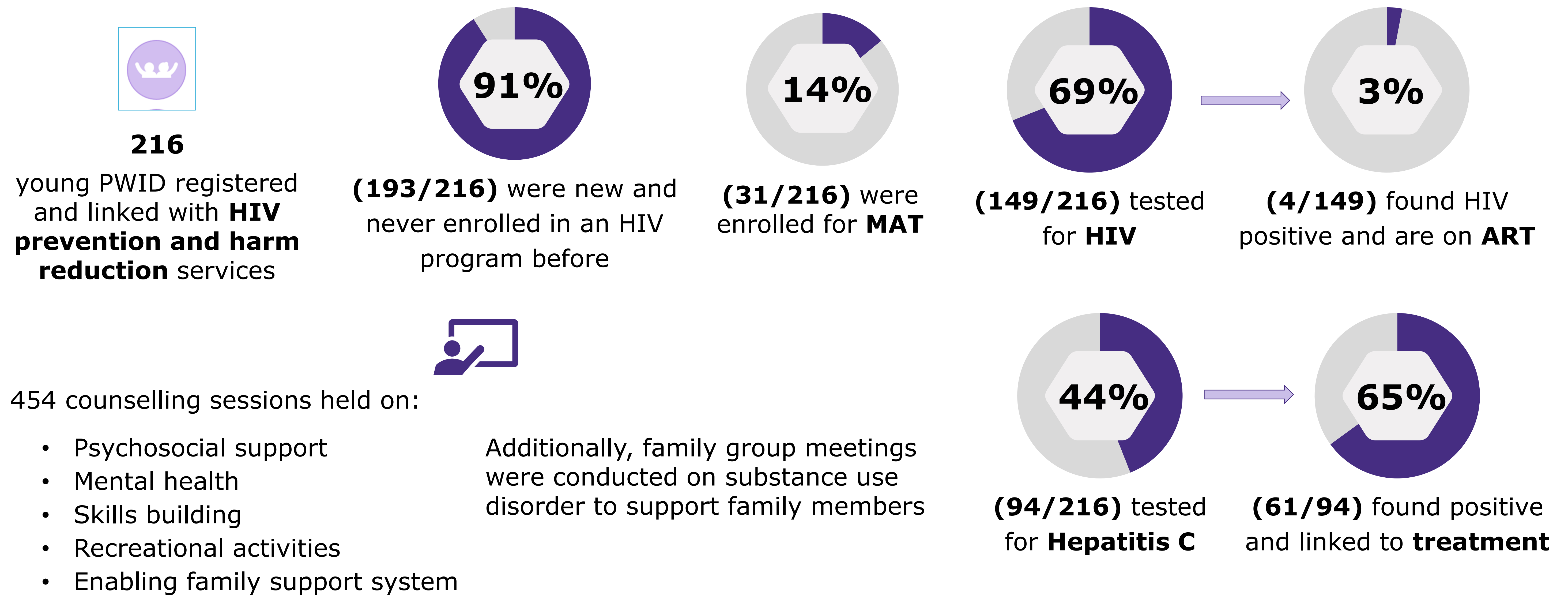


Following services are provided at the youth friendly center, Churachandpur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling services • HIV and Hepatitis C screening • Index testing • Mobile HIV testing camps • Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) support group meetings • Overdose management 	Referral services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART center • MAT • Integrated Counselling & Testing Centre • TIs • Hepatitis C treatment
	Community events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your buddy day • Family engagement • Art competition • Media campaign



Community event being held at the youth friendly center at Churachandpur, Manipur. Photo credit: Ningombam Singh, PATH

RESULTS January 2022 to December 2022



The center received an excellence certificate by the Churachandpur District Administration for the lifesaving work.

CONCLUSION

- **Community-led, youth-friendly services create an enabling environment to bring previously unreached young and adolescent PWID to HIV care services.**
- **This model has potential to reach the unreached young PWID.**