

Paediatric Society PNG

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Koitaki Country Club

Transitioning of the HIV Care from Paediatric Services to Adult Care at PMGH and other provincial hospitals

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8.50am – 9.15am



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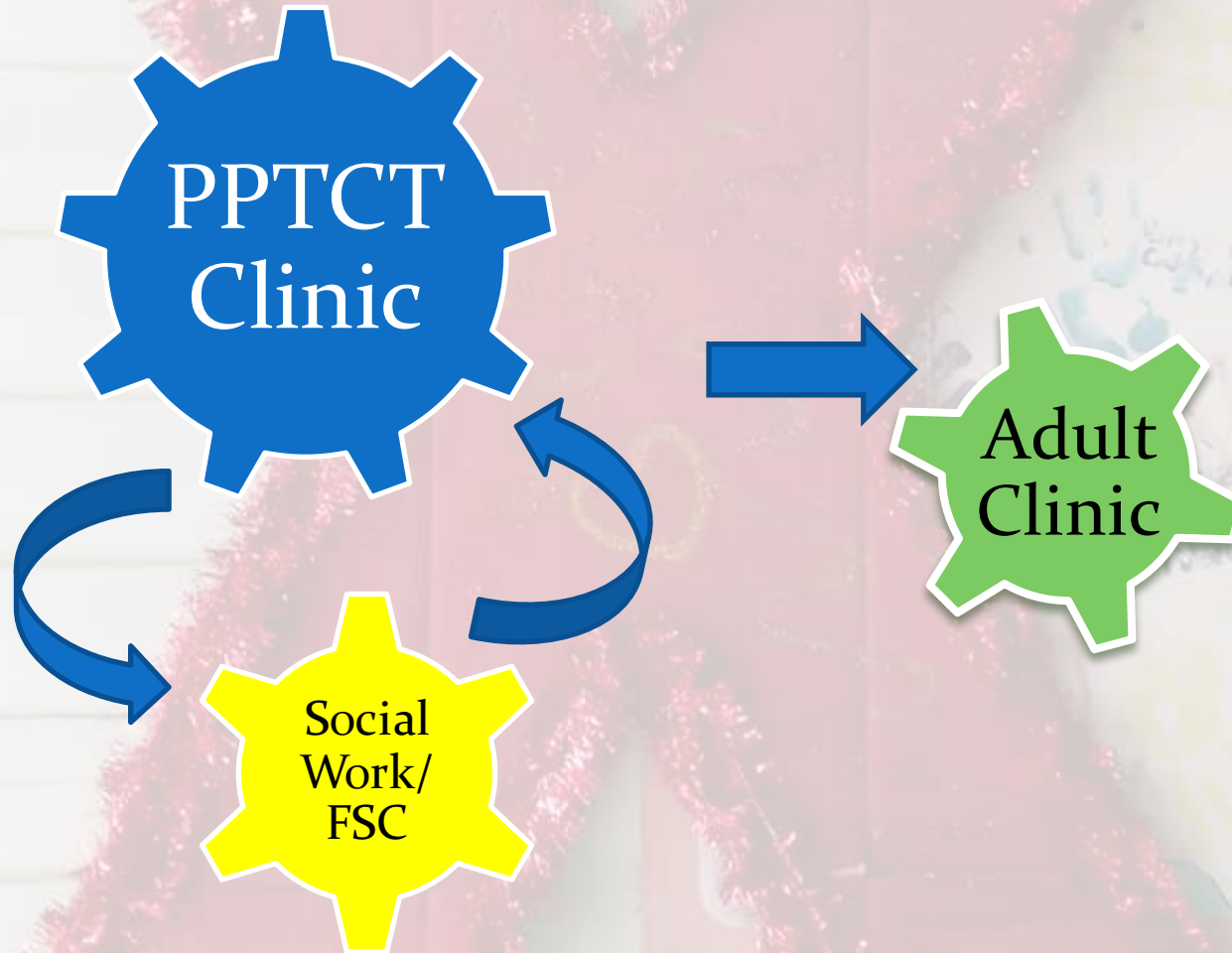
Transition



Stage in life that involves physiological, psychological, cognitive, social and economic changes in preparation for adulthood

Movement from HIV Pediatric Clinic to HIV Adult Clinic

Referral Pathway



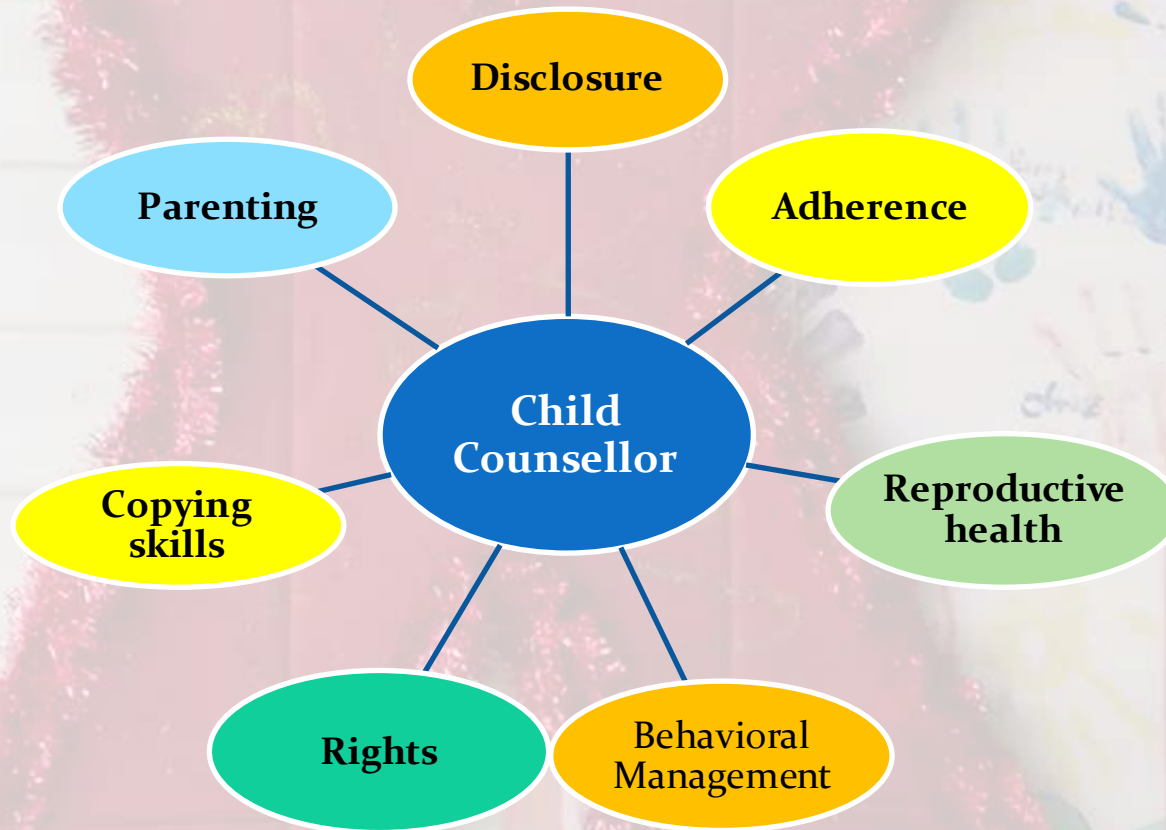
Statistics

- Social Work Department's FSC since 2017 - 104 Cases

Referred from PPTCT Clinic (Well Baby Clinic)

- All HIV related cases including transitioning of adolescence.

Role - Social Work Department



Techniques

- Diagrams/drawing
- Questionnaires
- Play - doll/toys
- Story telling
- Arts/crafts
- Coping skills
- Group Therapy
- Bilum scale



Achievements

- Relationship built, confidence instilled
- Participate in organized programs
- Support from NGOs – food packs, bus fares, stationery, tools, multi-vitamins, mentoring, out of home care,



Challenges - patient

Adolescents face physiological, psychological, cognitive, social and economic challenges.

During transitional period

- Fear of stigma
- treated as adult while in the body of a child
- Developmental/intellectual disabilities
- Lacking social/financial support



Delays in Transition Period

- Multiple/lack of carers
- Under nourished
- Very sick, admission, recurrent Opportunistic Infections
- Memory loss – development/intellectual disability
- Lack of counselling tools, incentives
- Workload – long patient waiting time

Recommendations

- Training of Medical Social Workers (O&G, Paediatrics and Medical) to specialize in the
 1. preparation of transition of paediatrics/adolescents
 2. continual support at adult clinics
- Refresher training for current child counsellor
- National Youth and Adolescents Health Policy
Referral protocols on the Policy on Abuse and Neglect of youth and adolescents to be strengthened

Thank you for listening

- Q&A

