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INTRODUCTION

There is a strong relationship between unstable housing for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and lack of HIV medical care, as well as low adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART). **Additional barriers to HIV medical care exists for unstably housed PLWHA who have recently been release from incarceration.** To assess and mitigate these barriers, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) implemented the **Safe & Sound Return Partnership program (SSRP)**. This intervention was funded by the multi-site HRSA/SPNS initiative "Improving Health Outcomes through the Coordination of Supportive Employment and Housing Services," which aim to improve retention in HIV care for unstably housed PLWHA experiencing unemployment.

METHODS/ACTIVITIES

In-person interviews

- Demographic, housing status, ART adherence, service needs, and barriers to HIV medical care questions

109 baseline interview

- Recently released from incarceration
- Unstably housed
- Unemployed/ underemployed

Enrolled into SSRP

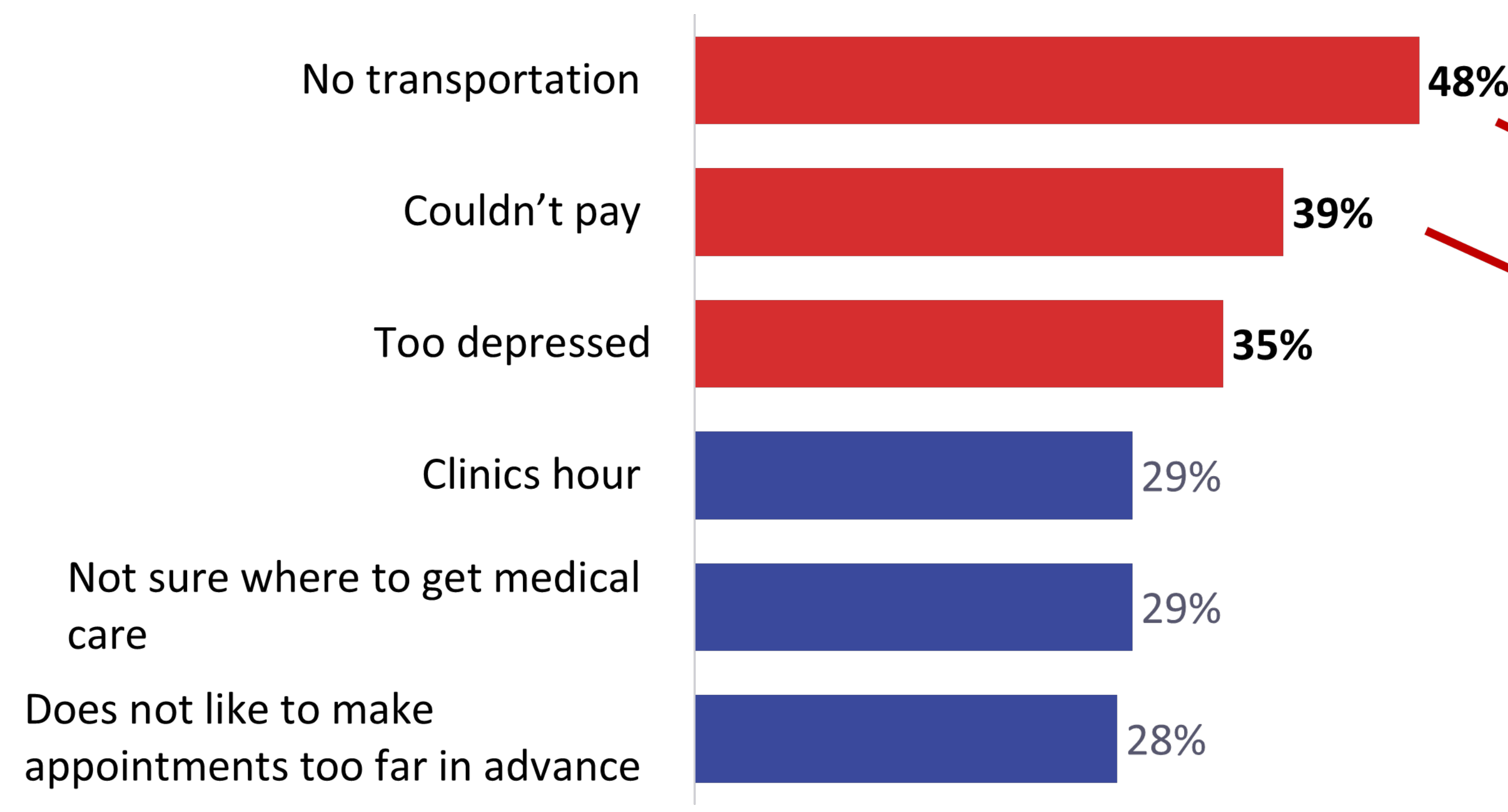
- Connected to peer navigator & correction case manager to assist with housing, employment and medical care services

RESULTS

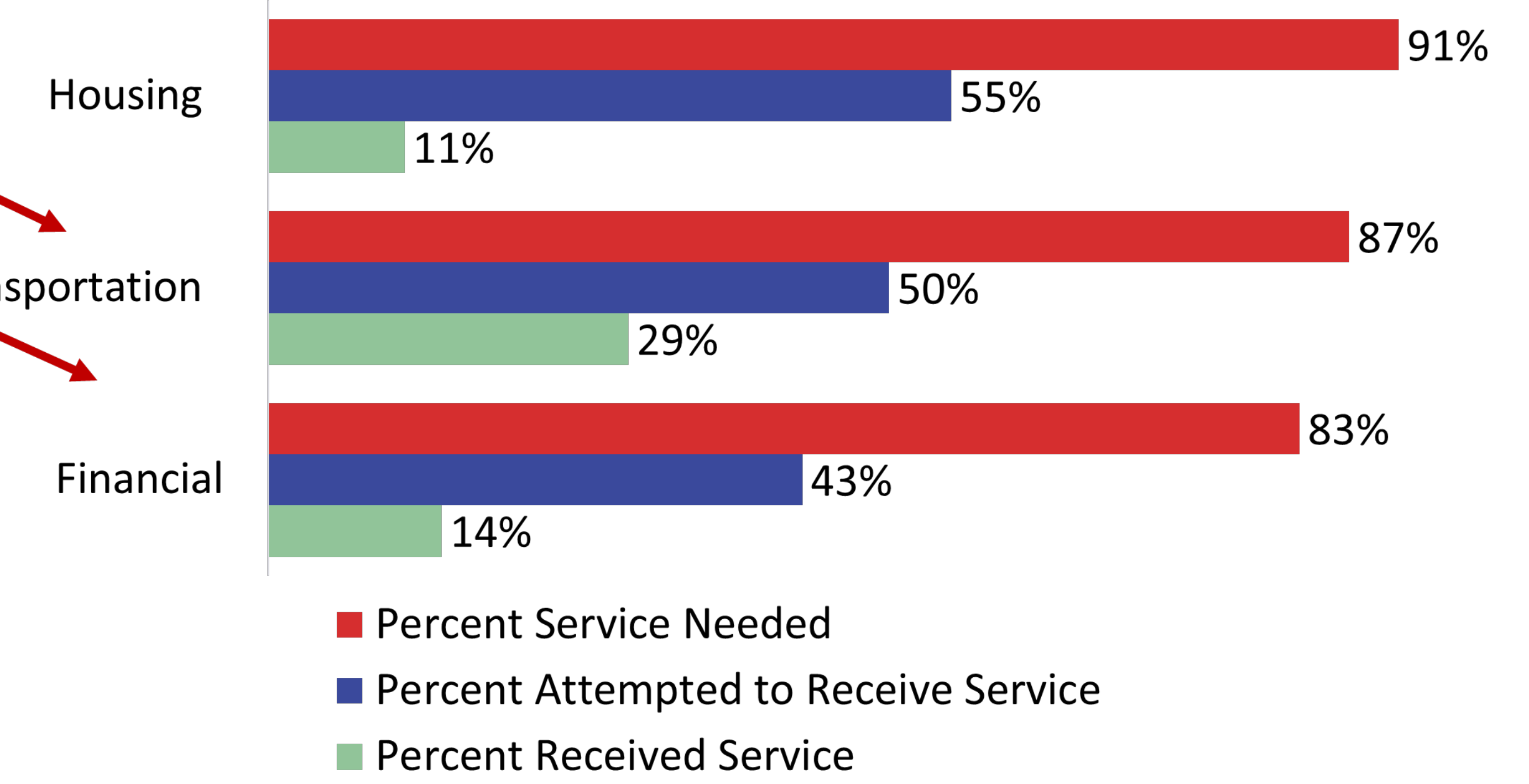
- 48% reported no transportation to medical care
- 39% reported not being able to pay for medical care 35% reported being too depressed to obtain the HIV medical care they needed.

- 91% reported needing housing assistance
- 87% reported needing transportation assistance
- 83% reported needing financial assistance

Barriers to HIV Medical Care



Percent Clients Needed, Attempted & Received Service



CONCLUSION

