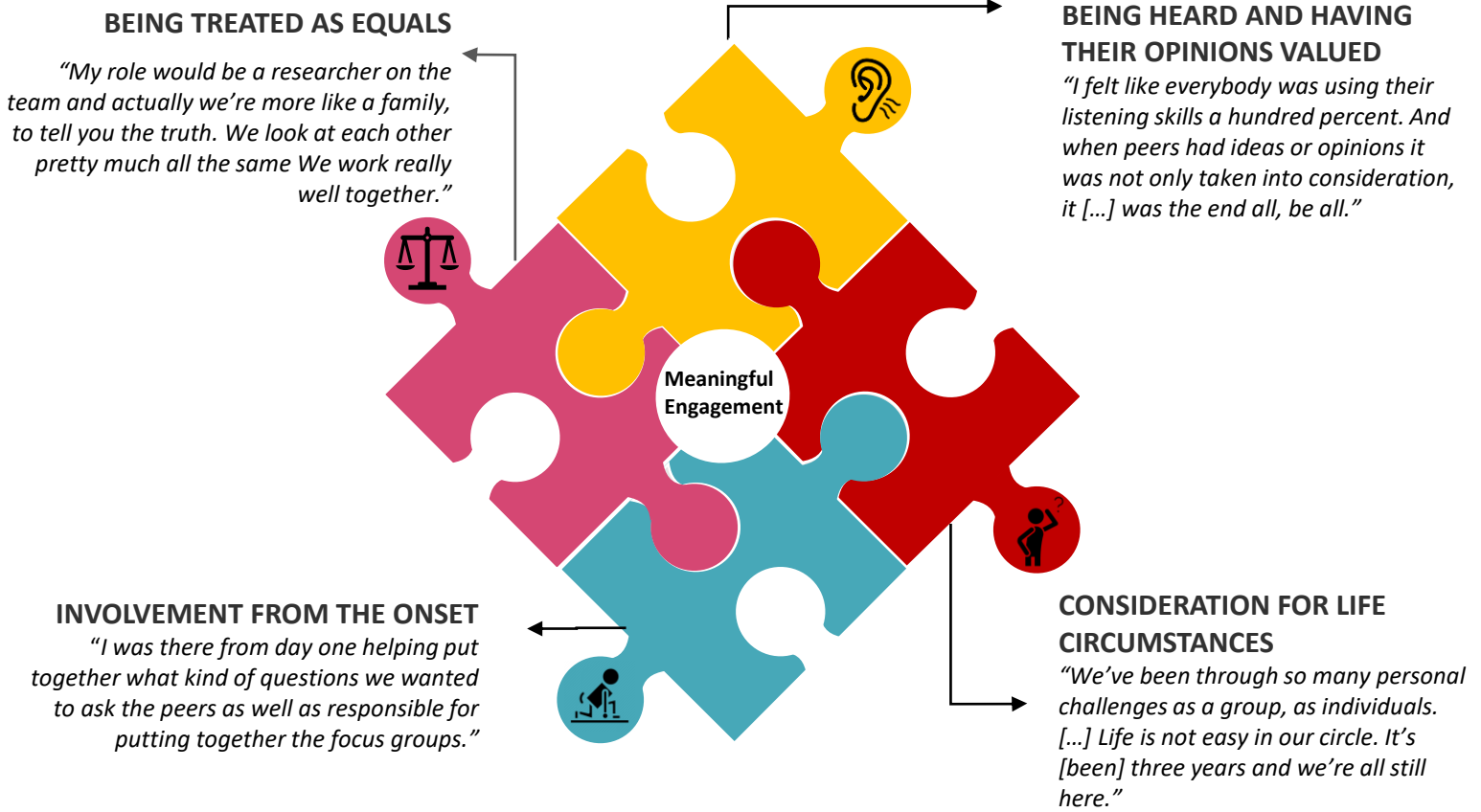


Engaging Peer Workers in Research: Perspectives of Peer Research Assistants involved in the Peer2Peer Project



Recommendations for Peer Engagement

1 Provide thorough orientation to PWLLE to set expectations.

2 Avoid stigma by: 1) recognizing who the expert is, 2) compensating fairly and 3) treating PWLLE as equals.

3 Researchers should try to shadow a person who is street-entrenched to understand the daily challenges of PWLLE.

4 Researchers should seek to understand the root causes of substance use in order to conduct research from a trauma-informed lens.

* PWLLE = People with Lived/Living Experience