

Lived Experience in Action

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Reframing Success

How does your quality of life influence your recovery & how does recovery influence your quality of life?

Was there a time when you felt most supported during your recovery? What did that look like?

Non-Judgemental Care & Trust

What does nonjudgemental support actually look like in practice?

Can you share about a time when someone built trust with you - what did they do specifically?

MOUD - Myths, Stigma, & Real Impact

What are some of the biggest misconceptions you've encountered about
MOUD and how can that affect your care or self-worth?

Have you ever felt judged or treated differently for being on MOUD?

Harm Reduction & Moving Beyond Black & White Thinking

What does Harm Reduction look like in your daily life - not as theory but in real life experiences?

What would it look like if systems truly embraced “meeting people where they are”?

Carceral System & Reentry

How has involvement in the carceral system impacted your access to treatment or recovery?

What are the biggest gaps people face when transitioning from incarceration back into the community
- What does effective reentry support look like in the first 24-72 hours?

Final Thoughts

If you could redesign how programs measure success what would matter most?

What supports would make the biggest impact in helping people stabilize their lives?