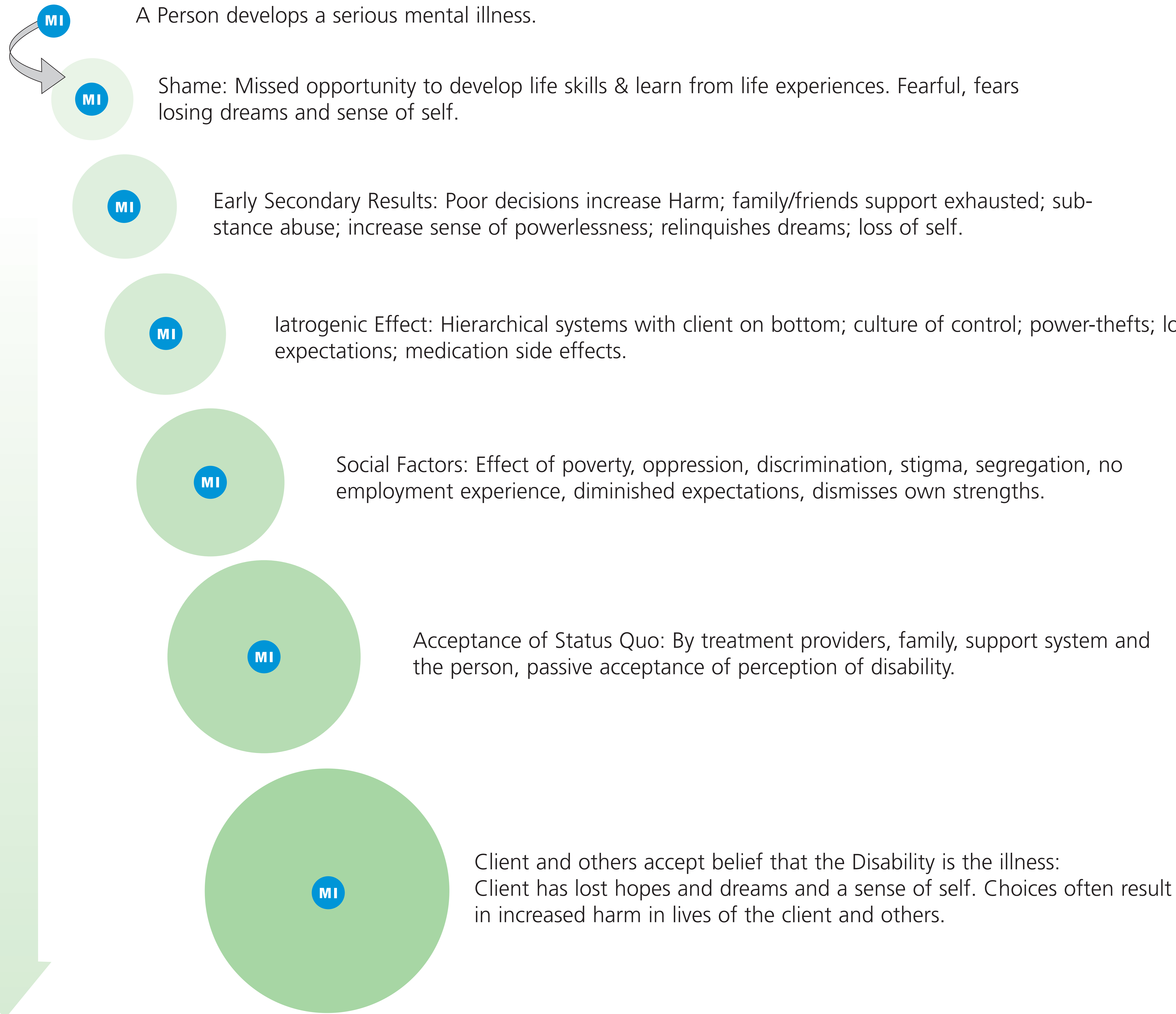




Disability of Mental Illness: The Evolution

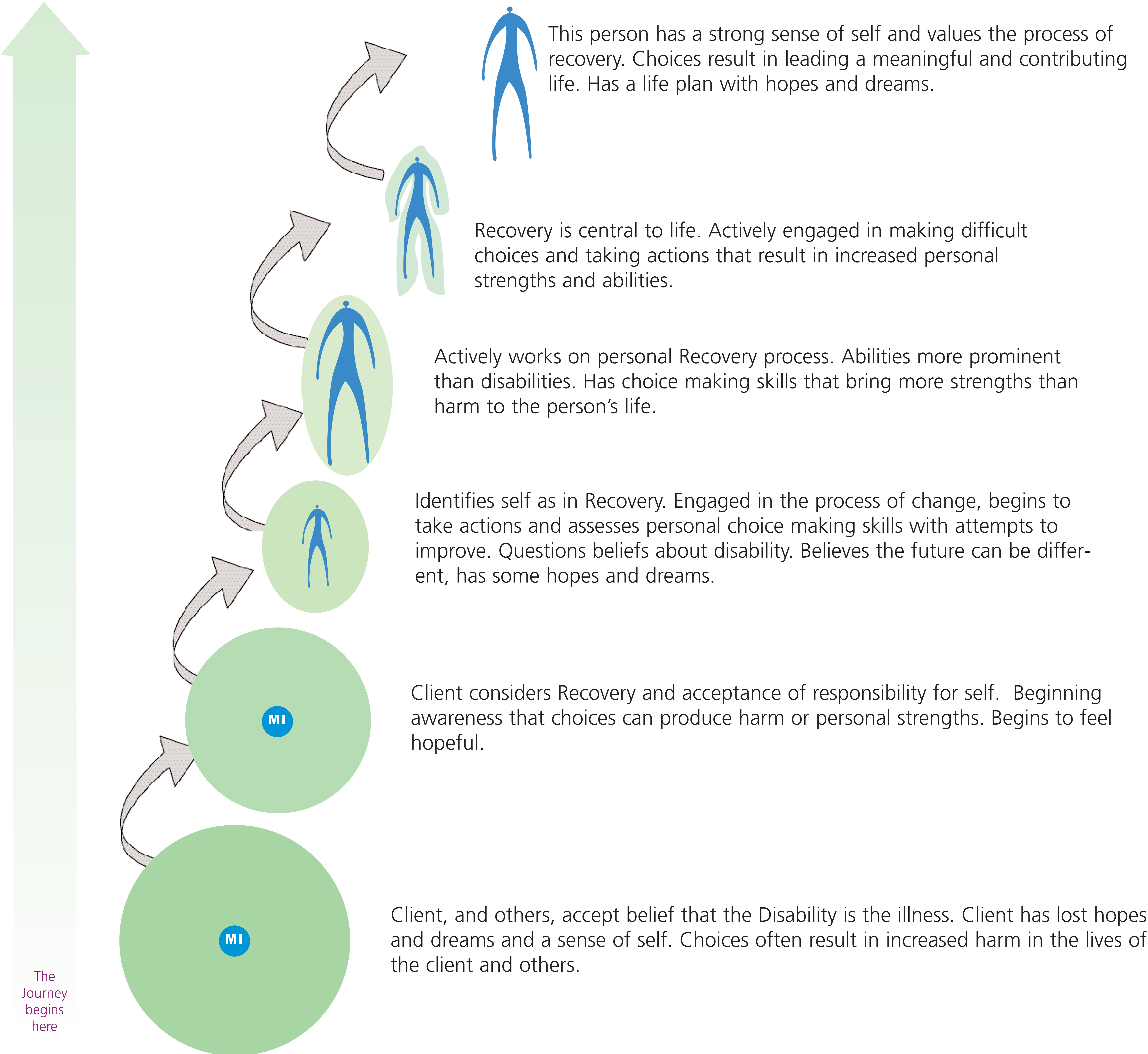


Too often we see the disability, not the client. And we believe that disability is the direct result of the mental illness. When we understand that much of the disability is the direct result of a client's personal, familial, societal and treatment provider's reaction to a mental illness, our belief in the power of a client's journey is heartened.

It becomes clear that there is much we can do to support this person's recovery process. We have approaches that can support a client overcome each of the factors identified here, and to recover.

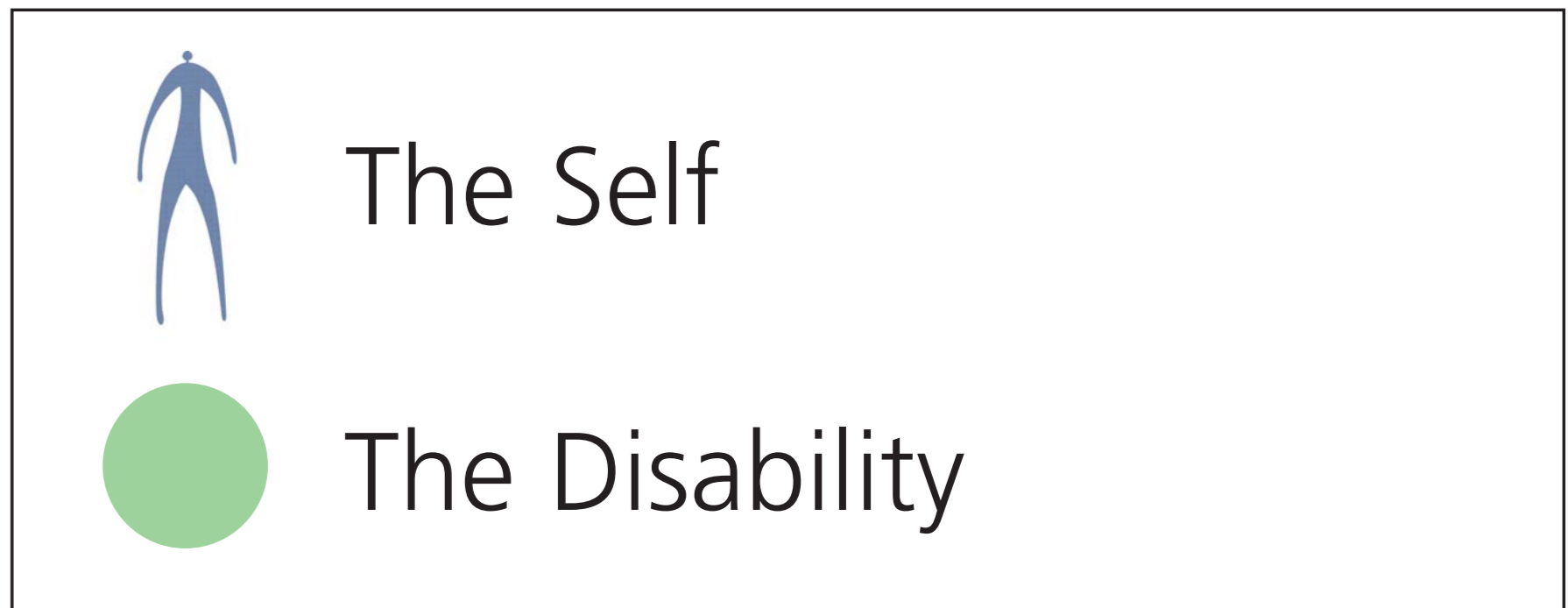
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-  The Disability

Recovery: The Journey



The Journey
 Clients begin to believe that they are more than the disability – more than an illness and its accompanying personal, family, and treatment effects. They begin to have hope and accept responsibility for their actions and choices. They actively work to make choices to help them fulfill their dreams. They begin to recognize themselves, their strengths and their recovery as unique and sacred.

The Definition of Recovery
 The individual's process of self-discovery that involves healing physically and emotionally as s/he grows. It includes redefining a sense of self, and recovering important life roles, overcoming the challenge of the disability. The process of Recovery is different for every individual, yet shares many essential components, and thus is a common human experience.



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