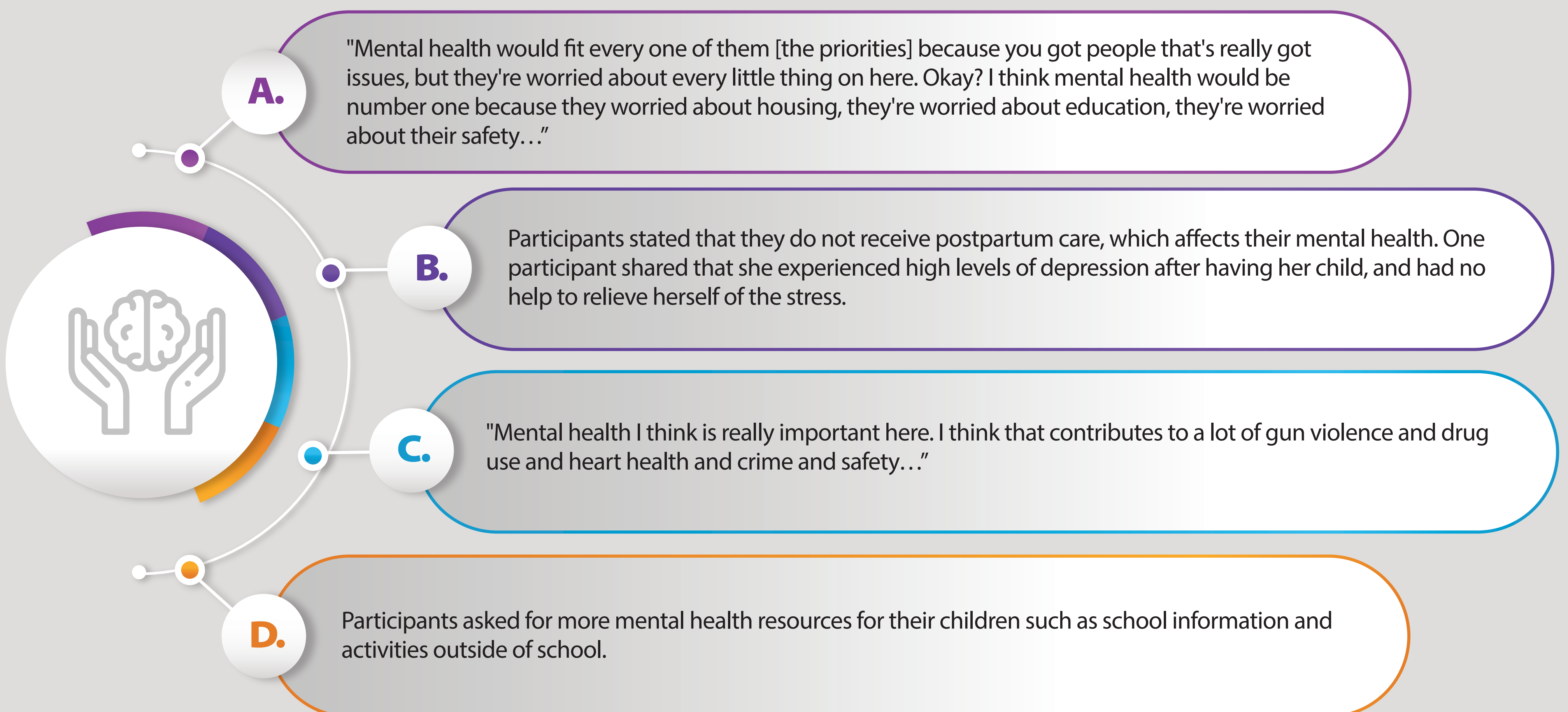


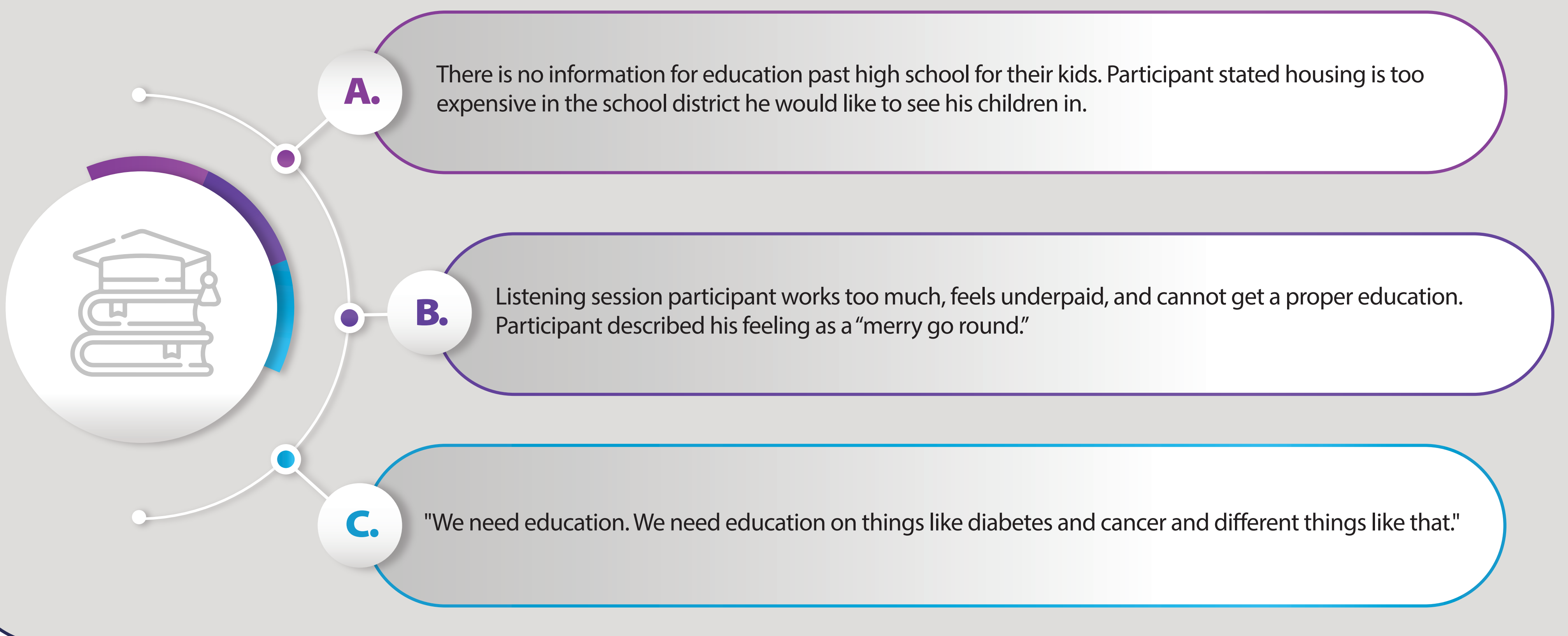
## Themes and Quotes from the Community

The following tables provide themes derived from the listening session analysis, as well as quotes or summarized information by the facilitators and notetakers on the leading priorities selected by the communities.

### Theme » Mental Health/Well-being



### Theme » Education



## Themes and Quotes from the Community

### Theme » Discrimination



**A.**

"When a primary doctor sent me to a lung specialist in Orlando, someone at that office discriminated me because I don't know how to speak or write English, they said 'I don't know why they sent you here, you're in a country where you are supposed to know English. I just wanted to cry and leave.'"

**B.**

"Doctors do not speak Portuguese and do not provide translators, so it is impossible to get treated equally."

**C.**

"I walked into Target to pick up my daughter's medicine and the lady said to me when I asked for her medicine, she said, we don't accept Medicaid. I didn't. She just assumed that I have Medicaid."

### Theme » Available Resources



**A.**

Participants mentioned that it can be hard to learn about resources if you don't know how to use a computer or don't have access to one.

**B.**

The top priority for this session was safety for children when they are not in school. Participants shared that there are no resources or community activities for children, and when they go to the parks, it is unsafe due to drugs and other factors such as crime and gun violence.

### Theme » Access to Healthy Food



**A.**

"I think a little bit different about healthy food now, different from what it is to how it's grown, how it's transported, how it's stored. Because what happens is when you get most commercial stores like Walmart, even though you're going to get vegetables, my grandma used to say something to me when I tell her, I said I can go grab that from Walmart. She said, baby a tomato ain't supposed to last two weeks."

**B.**

"Whatever research you're doing, this should be priority number one is to have a grocery store so we can buy grocery fresh fruit and vegetables. . . Because you don't have fresh and vegetables, it is going to increase the health disparities."

**C.**

"Community gardens that also in turn are ran by our schools that teach our children how to grow their own. I grew up on a farm. I truly and personally believe that if every human being on this planet, man, woman, and child over the age of eight years old, raised at least three food bearing plants, there would be nobody on this planet they would've to pay for another vegetable in their life."

## Themes and Quotes from the Community

### Theme » Housing



**A.**

"My house I rent is 12 years old and I have to do most of the repairs because of my landlord, but I can't afford anywhere else to go."

**B.**

"And then of course housing. We have none. We have no, the public housing that we do have is few and far between, and the wait list ranges anywhere from three to five years. So, we have people living on the streets for three to five years on average."

**C.**

Participants shared that the living conditions are unsafe in the neighborhood. They can't afford housing, despite working over 40 hours a week.

### Theme » Access to Healthcare



**A.**

The accessibility [to healthcare] starts way before your physical presence is there. So, having the welcoming input, good reviews, and all of this promotes the accessibility that actually gets a person with disability there. So maybe we need to change the way we think about disability when it comes to health decisions. Maybe we need to think of it as not just a physical accessibility, but of course the mental accessibility as well and the gaps in knowledge are great within some of our communities.

**B.**

"And then not being able to go to the doctors creates such long-term life problems. I haven't been to the dentist since I was 14. I've never been able to afford it. And now to me, having to go to the dentist and try and get work done is going to be a good over 10 grand."

**C.**

"We have a huge issue here with people not having health insurance because they can't afford it. People not qualifying for Medicaid for various reasons. So people go without insurance."

**D.**

"...There's some health clinics available, but dental care is not as readily available for us. They'll pull your tooth or something like that. But, like some people need fillings and in order to have a good job, people, people do look at your teeth, right? You know, if you're smiling at customers, you know, waitresses and all this stuff, you know, in order to have a good paying job, you know, you have to have good teeth too."