



Co-Creating a Strategic Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation To Improve Tribal Child Welfare Programs

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Where did this come from?



Child Welfare Research and Evaluation Workgroups

The **Children's Bureau** launched a project in April 2012 to capitalize on the momentum at the 2011 National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit.

Goals:

- To engage stakeholders in evaluation practice (program administrators, evaluators, researchers, Tribal governments)
- To have conversations about how to build and disseminate evidence, strengthen evaluation practice, and promote the use of findings for sound decision-making in child welfare programs and systems

Three workgroups convened to meet these goals:

1. Conceptualizing a Framework
2. Calculating the Costs of Child Welfare Services
3. **Child Welfare Evaluation in and with Tribal Communities**

Who is the Workgroup?

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Dr. Paulette Running Wolf is a counseling psychologist and graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has successfully implemented national quantitative and qualitative outcome-based evaluations in numerous Tribal communities, both urban and reservation and has over 25 years of experience in American Indian education/training, program development, research and evaluation, and community mobilization.

Malia Villegas, PhD (Alutiiq/Sugpiaq-Alaska Native)

Dr. Villegas earned her master's degree and doctorate in Culture, Communities, and Education at Harvard University. Dr. Villegas serves as the Principal Investigator of an NIH-funded Native American Research Center for Health project examining the use and impact of community-based participatory research in Indigenous and minority communities. In addition, Dr. Villegas has extensive experience in tribal governance as she leads projects involving tribal research regulation, research ethics, tribal public health law, and data quality.

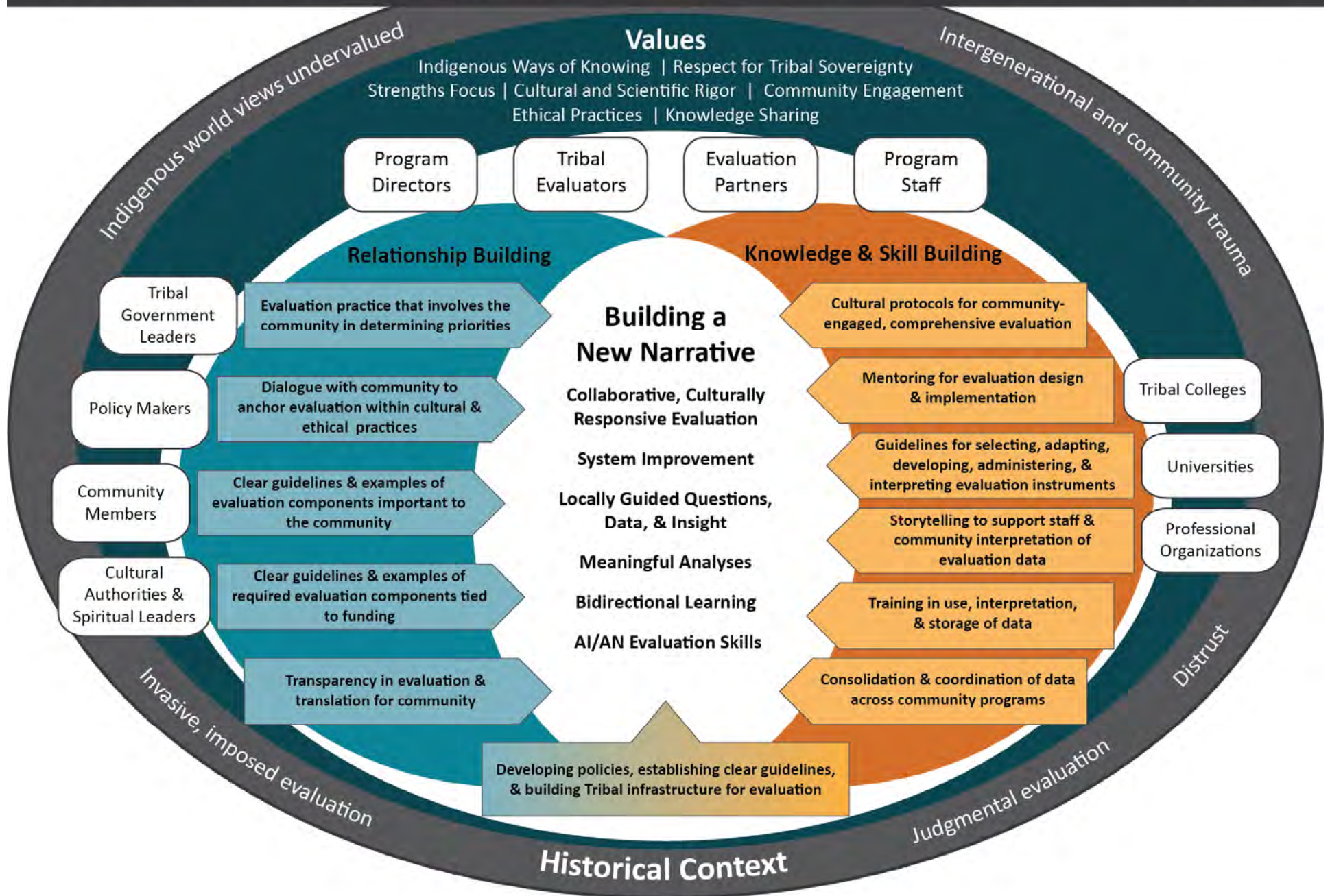
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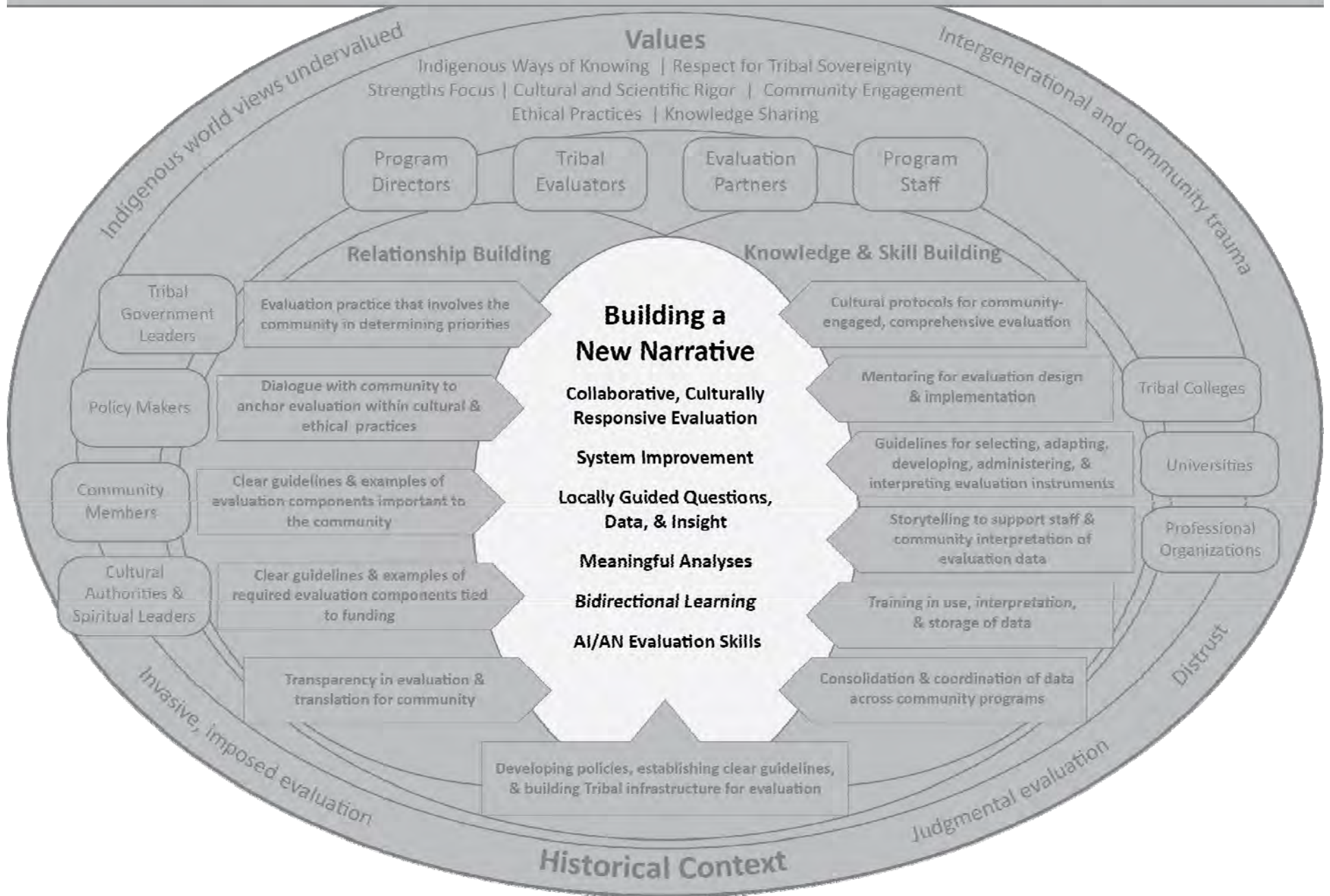
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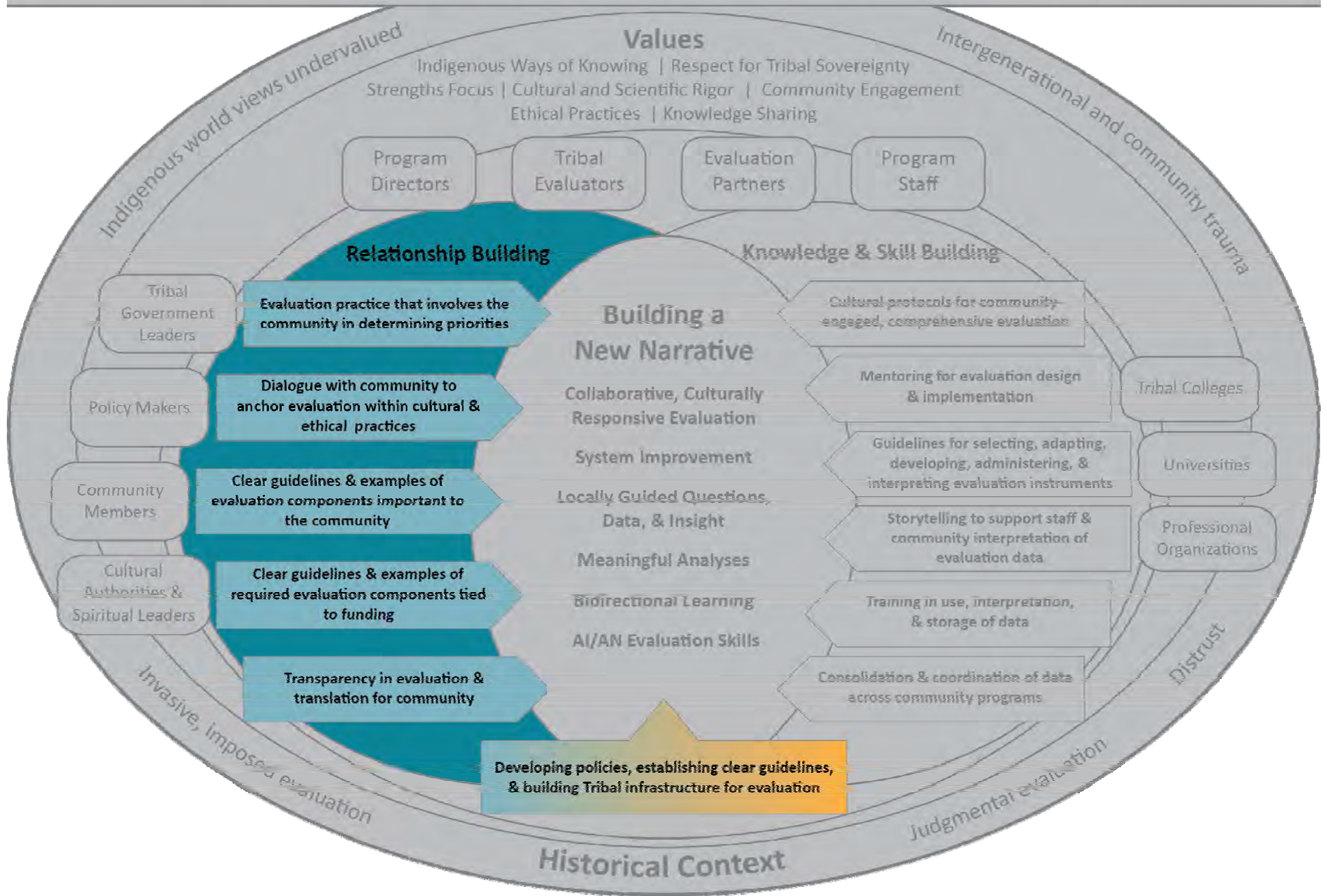
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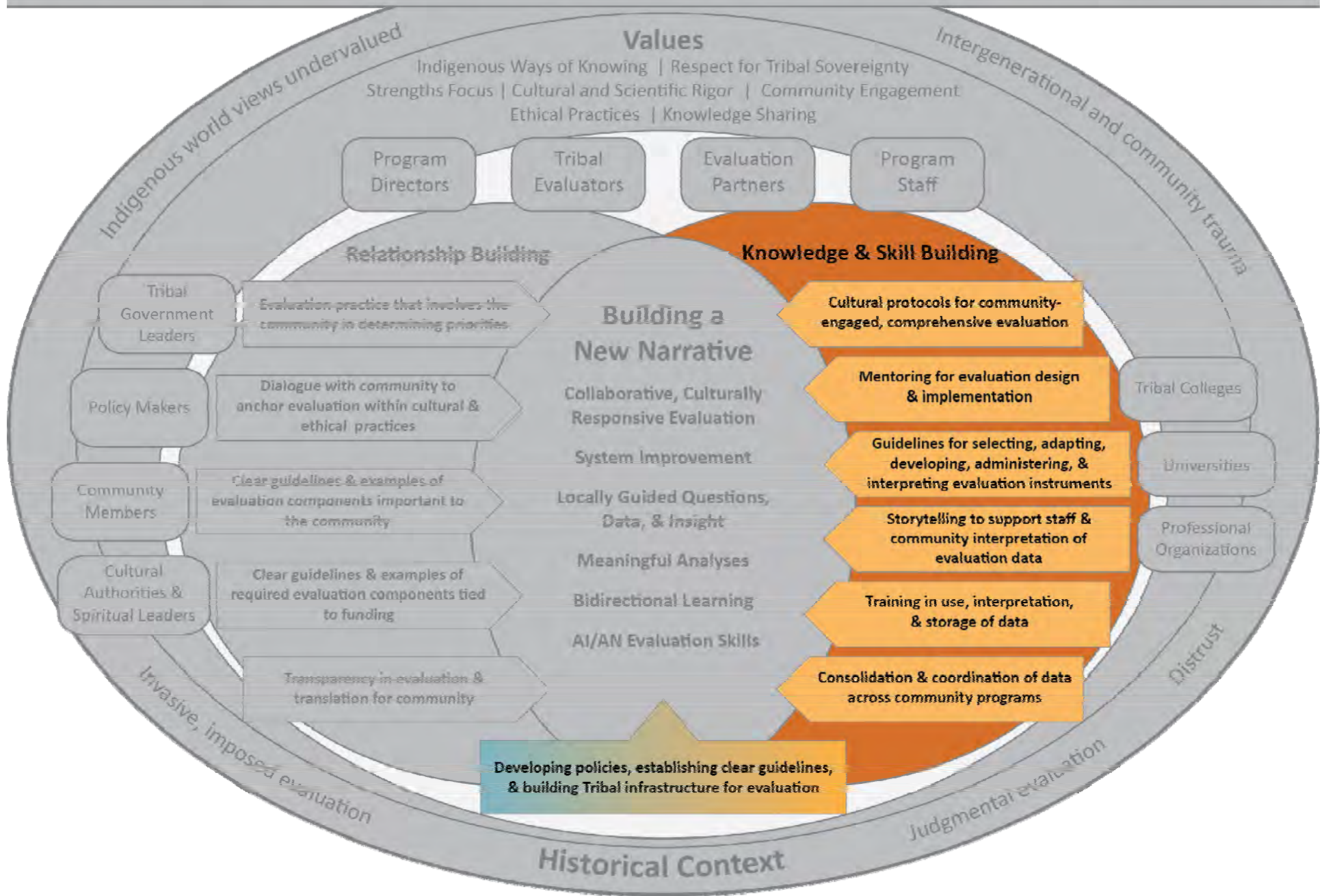
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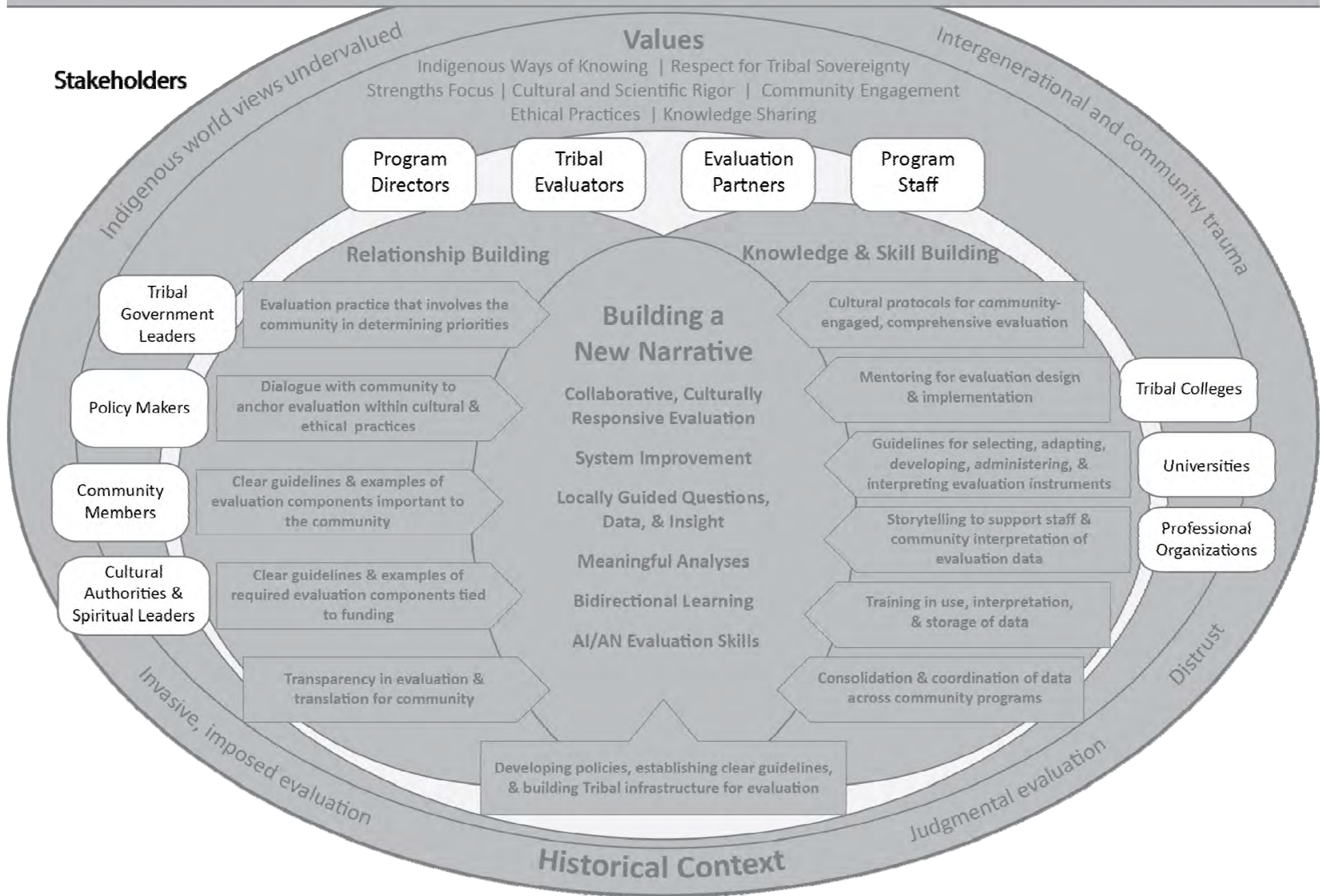
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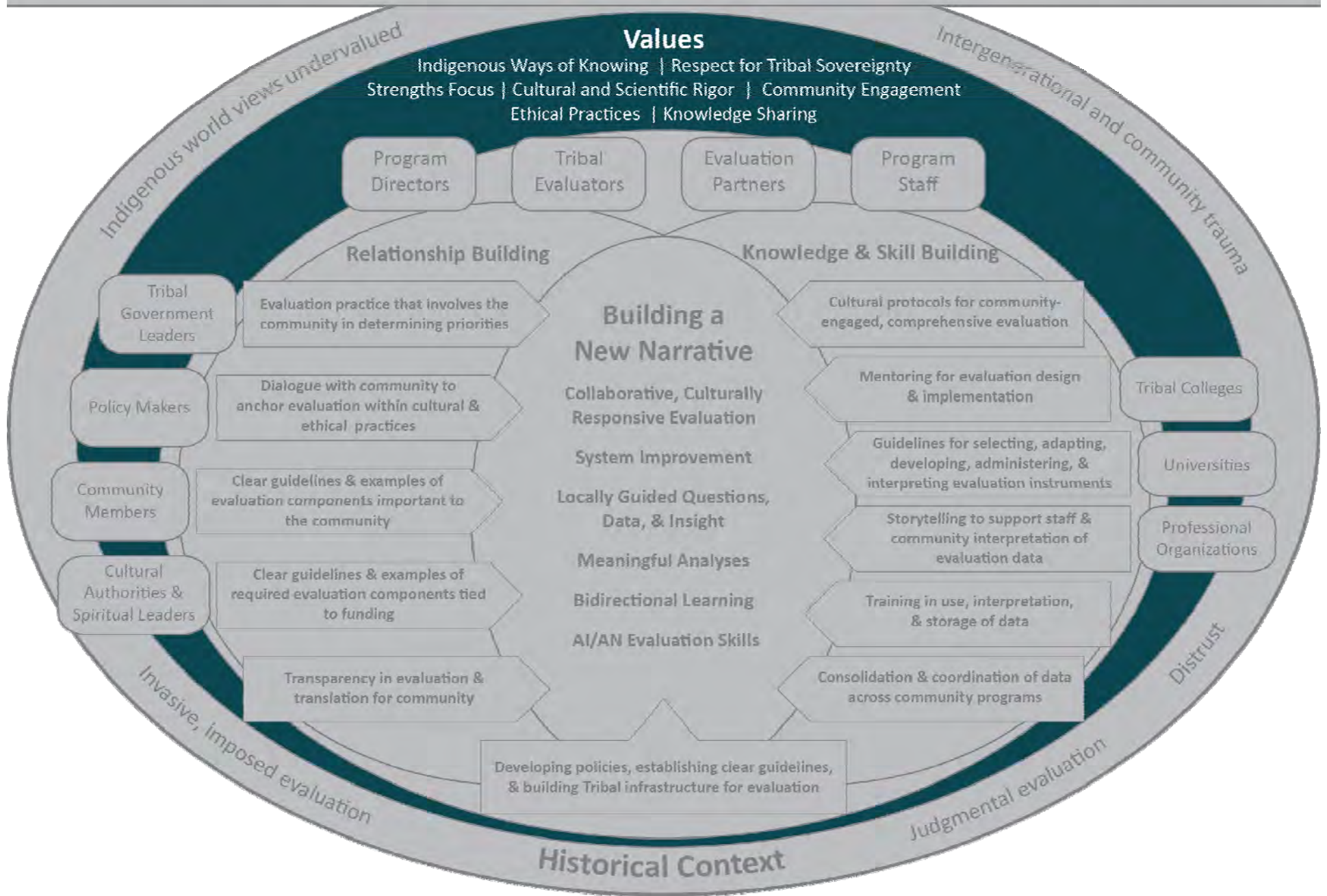
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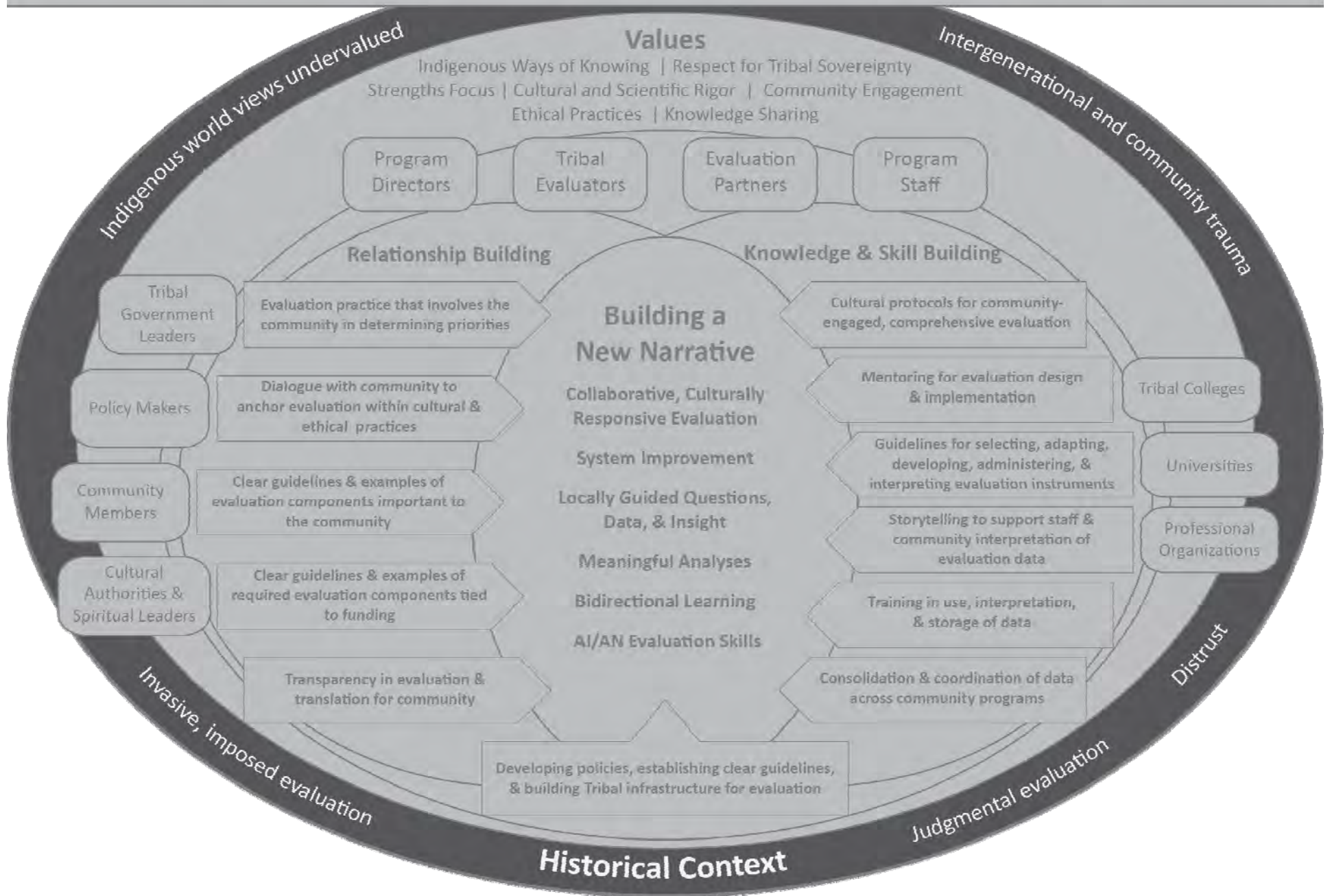
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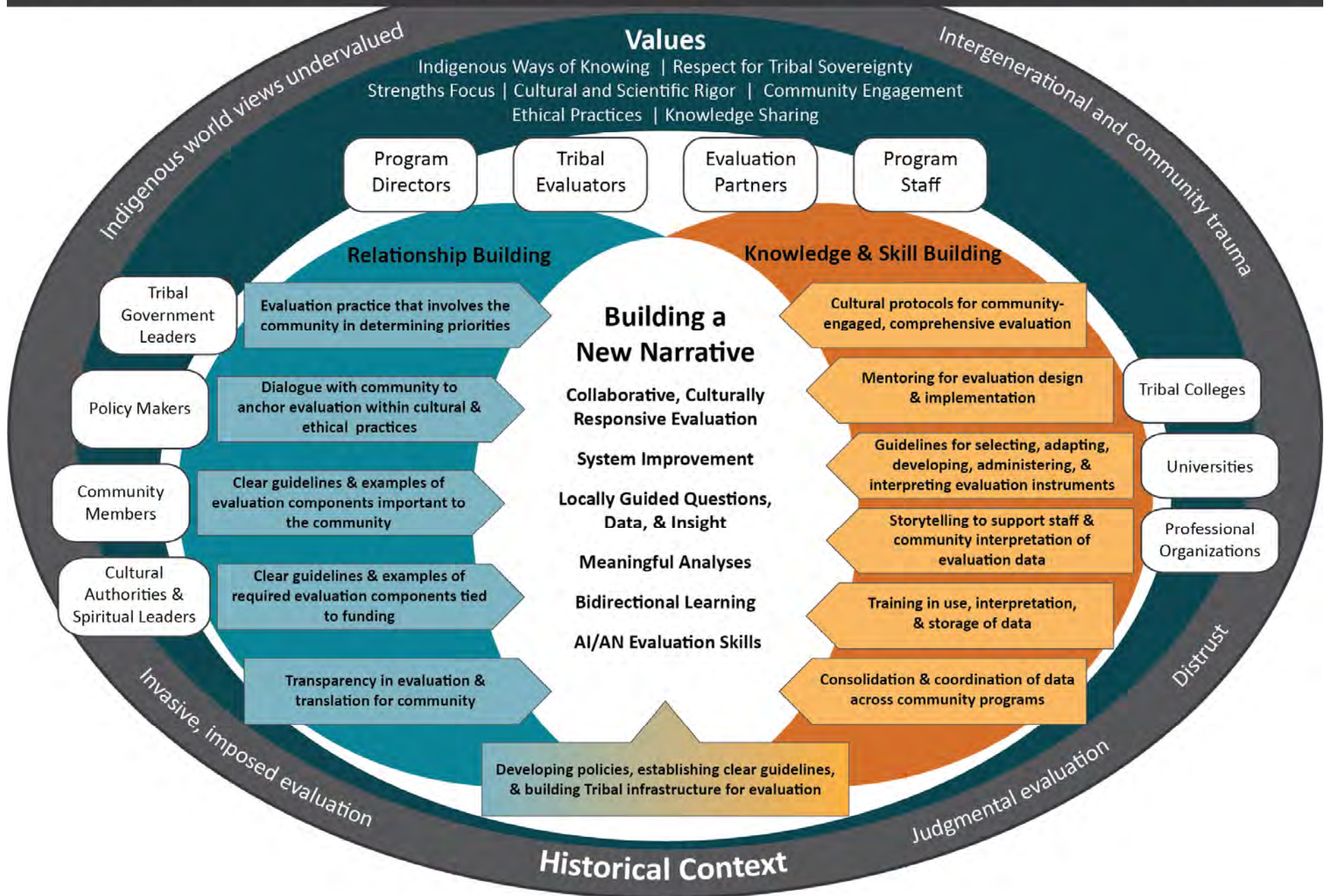
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The Roadmap in Practice

- Community & Program Discussions about Evaluation in Native Youth Contexts
- Organizational Strategic Planning around Evaluation
- Inform (Local, Regional, National) Narratives about Meaningful Measures in Native Youth Contexts
- Torres Martinez: TANF Readiness Evaluation