



# 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?

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## **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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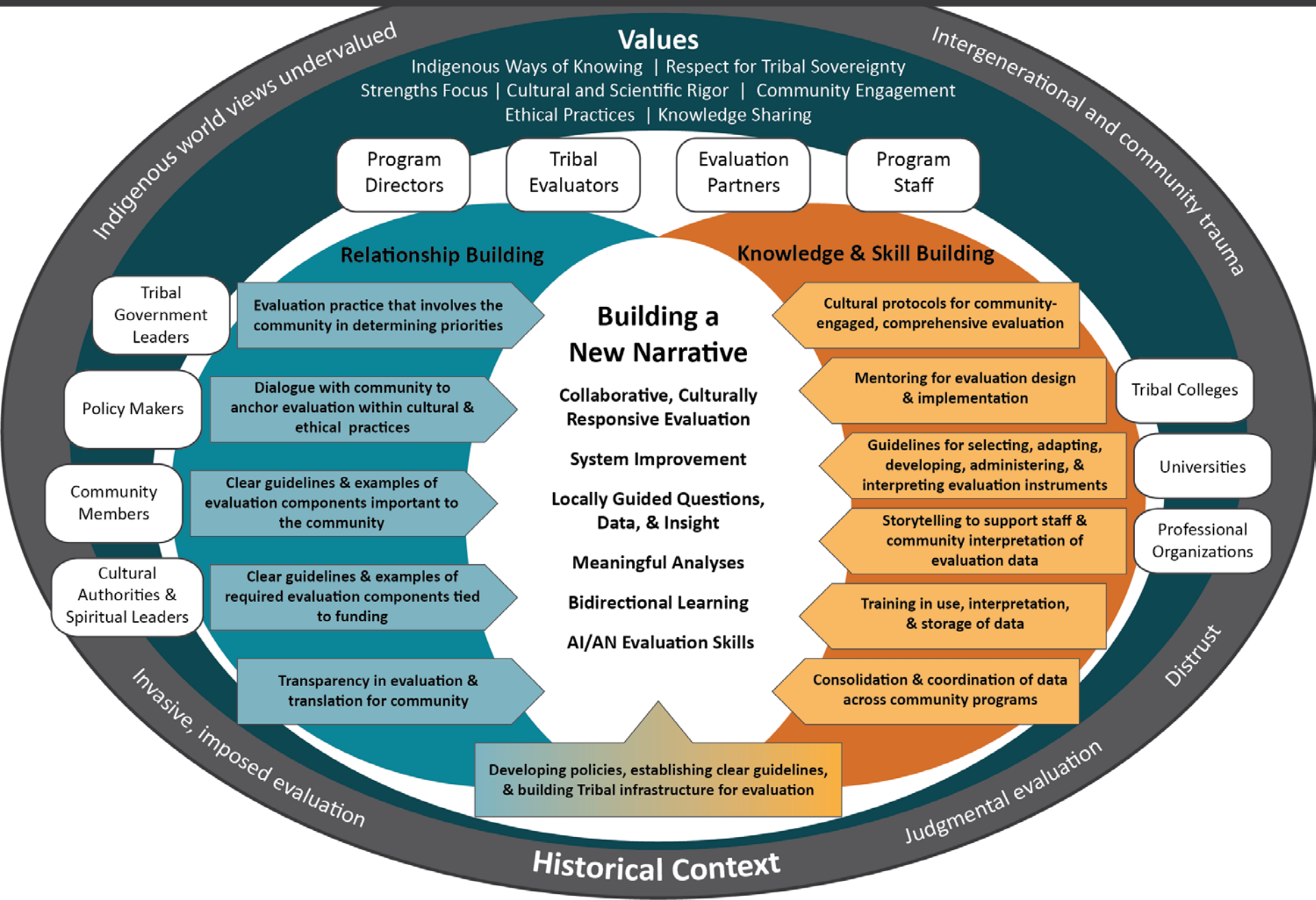
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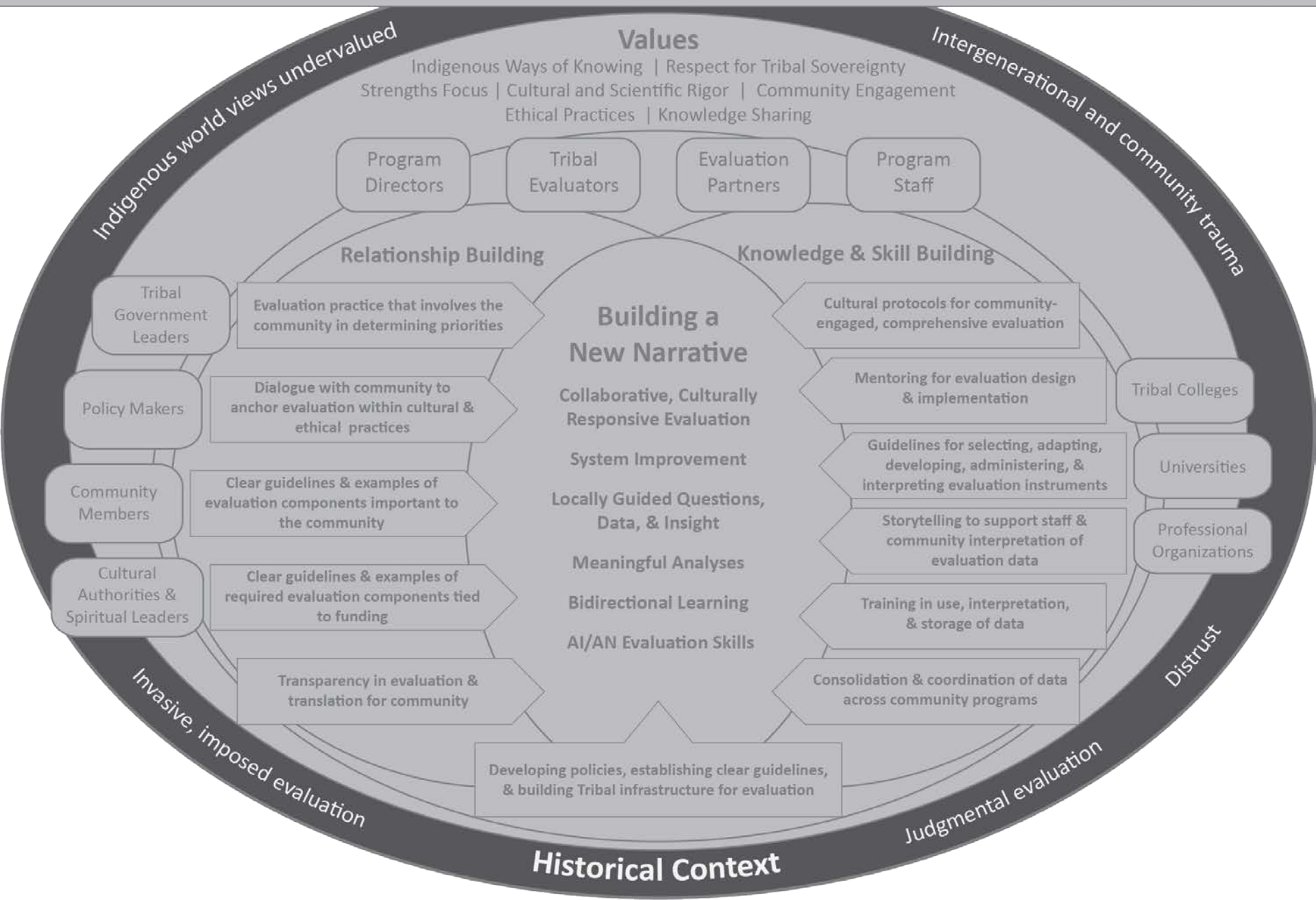
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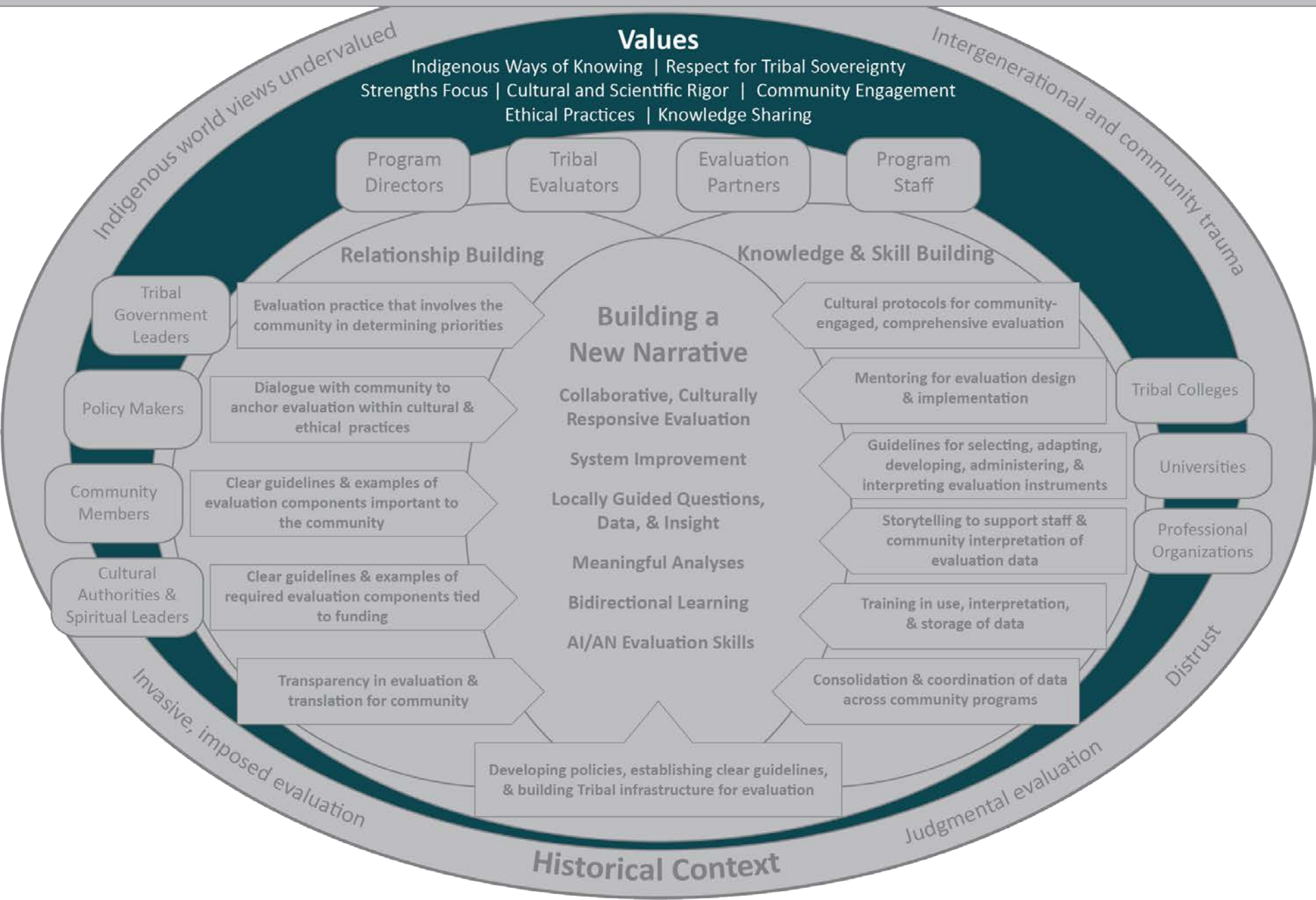
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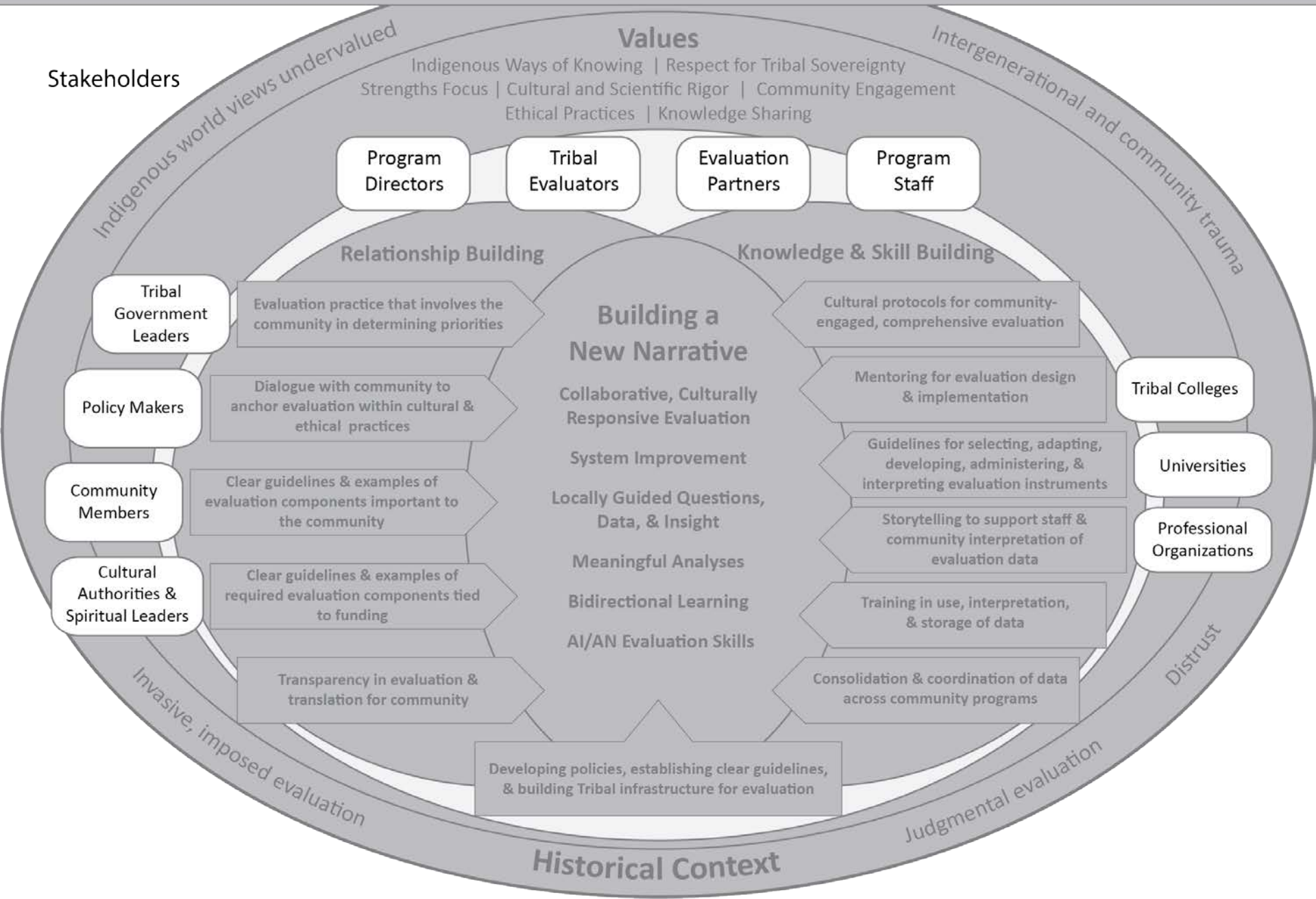


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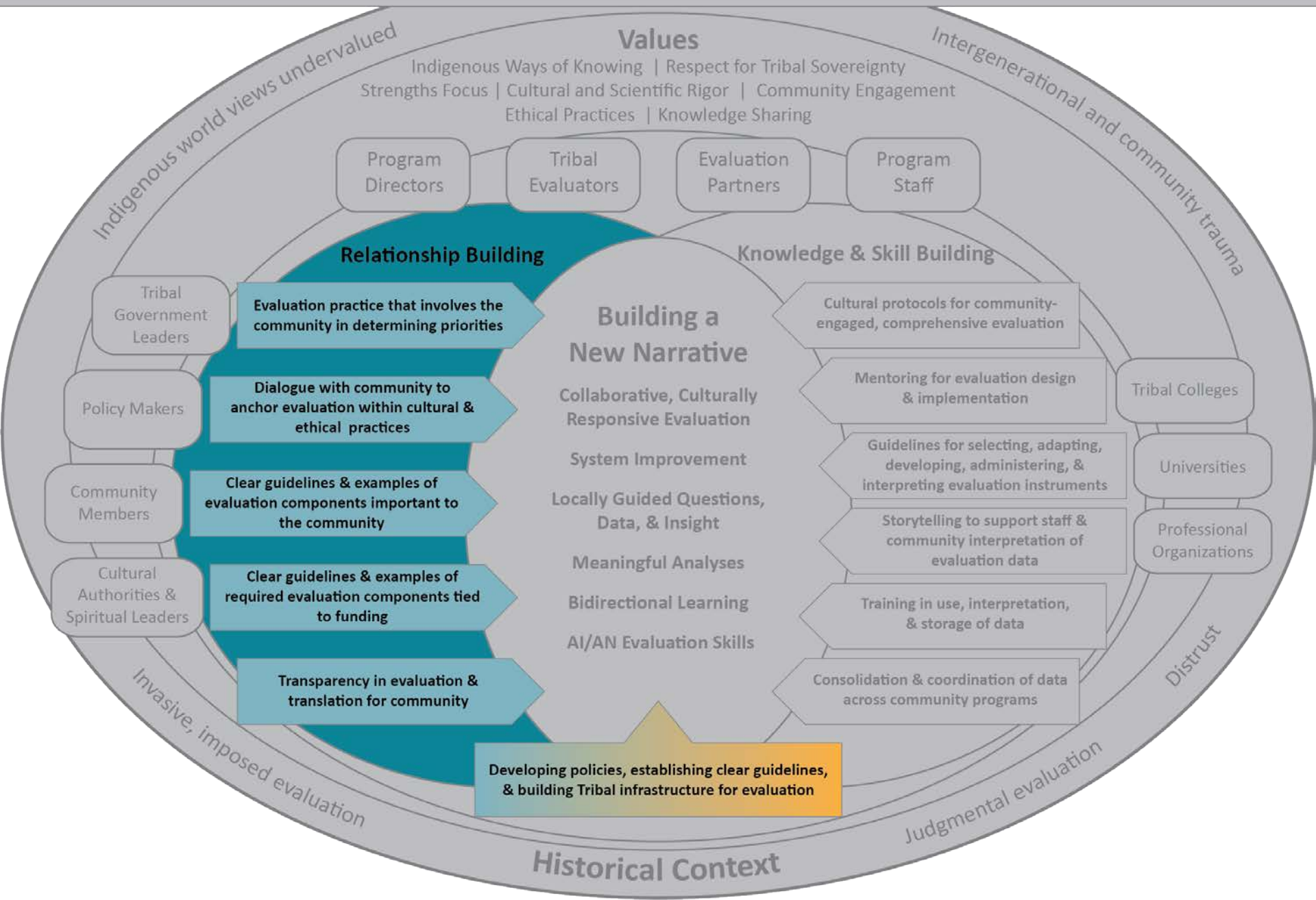


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Stakeholders

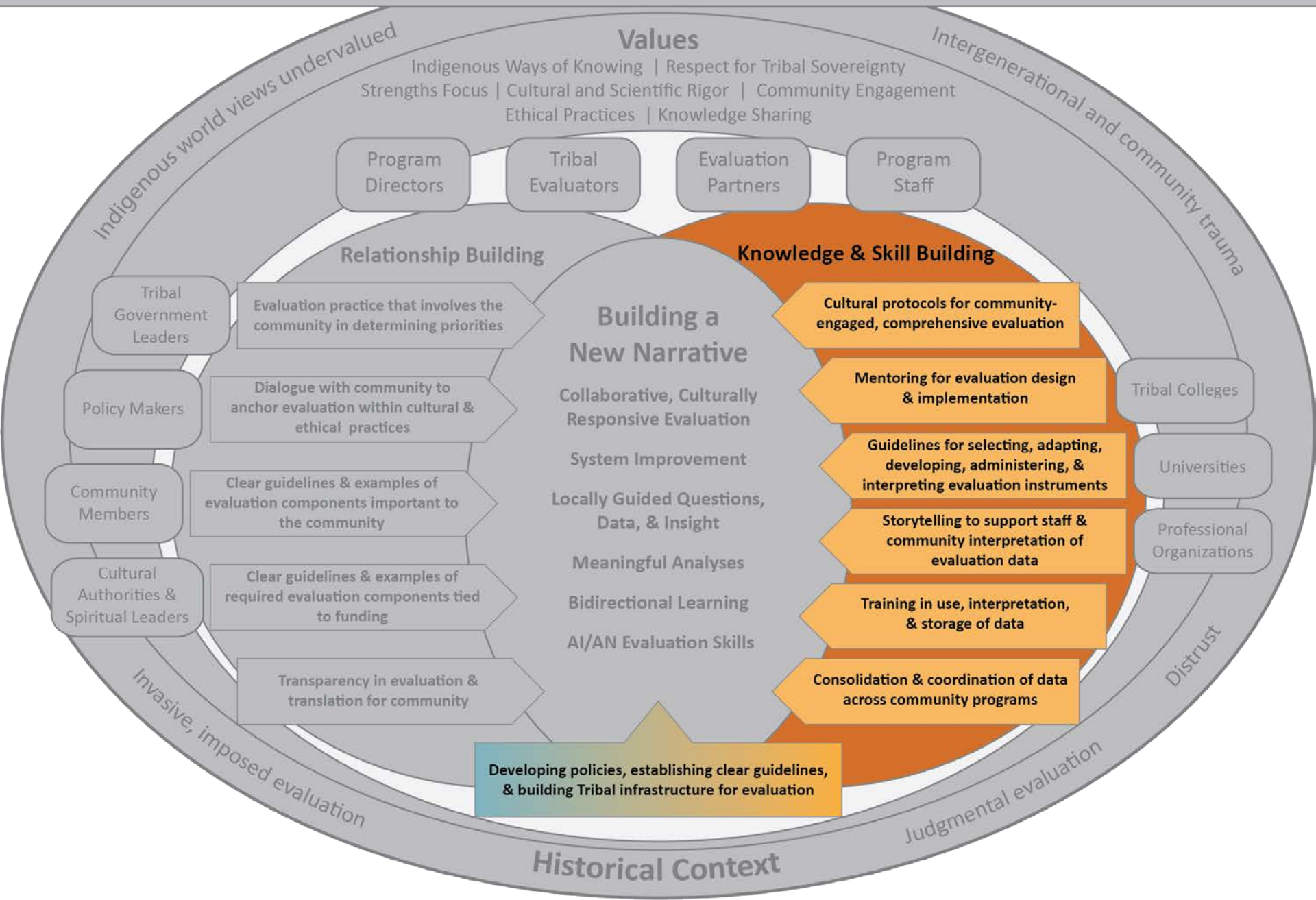


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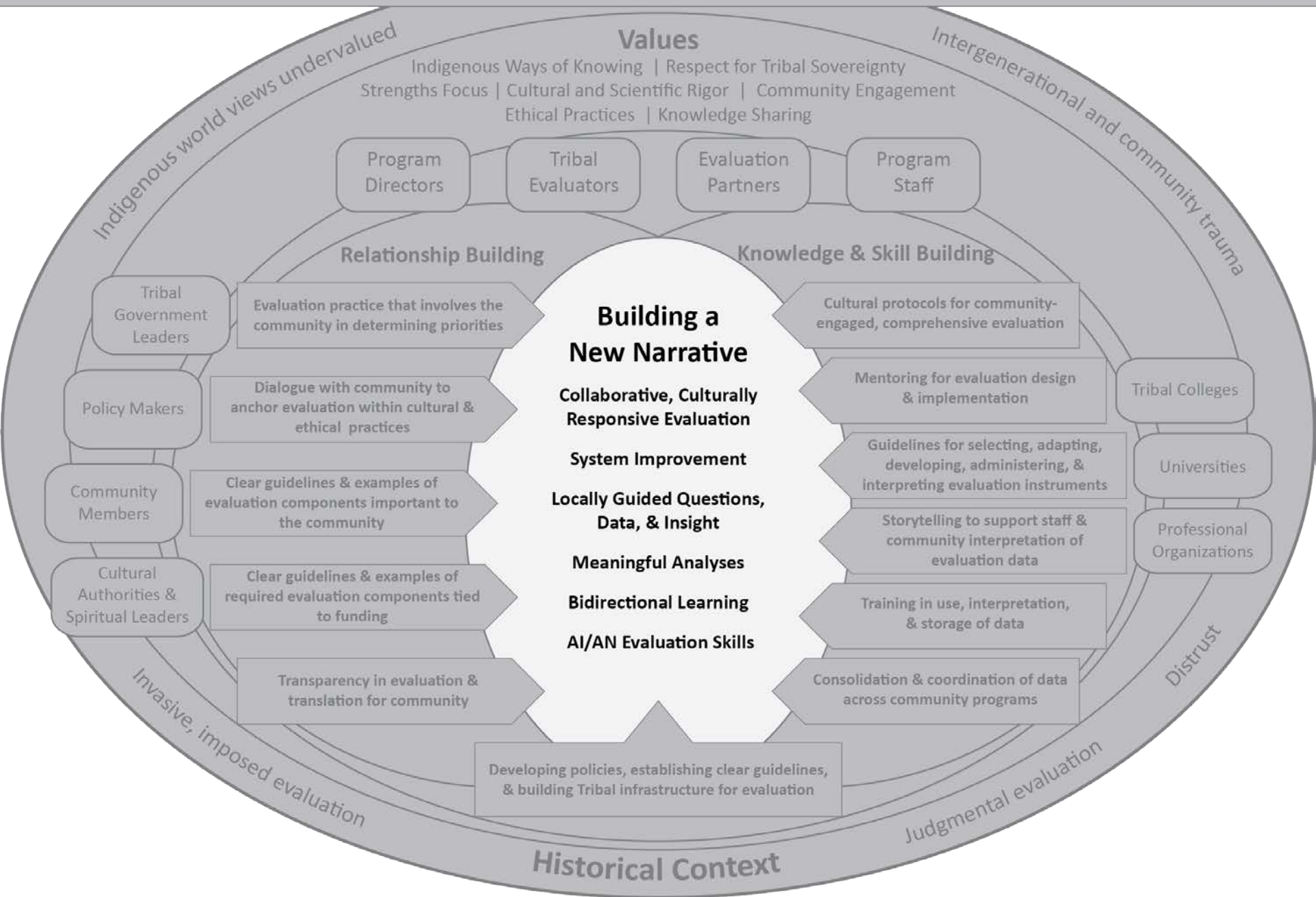




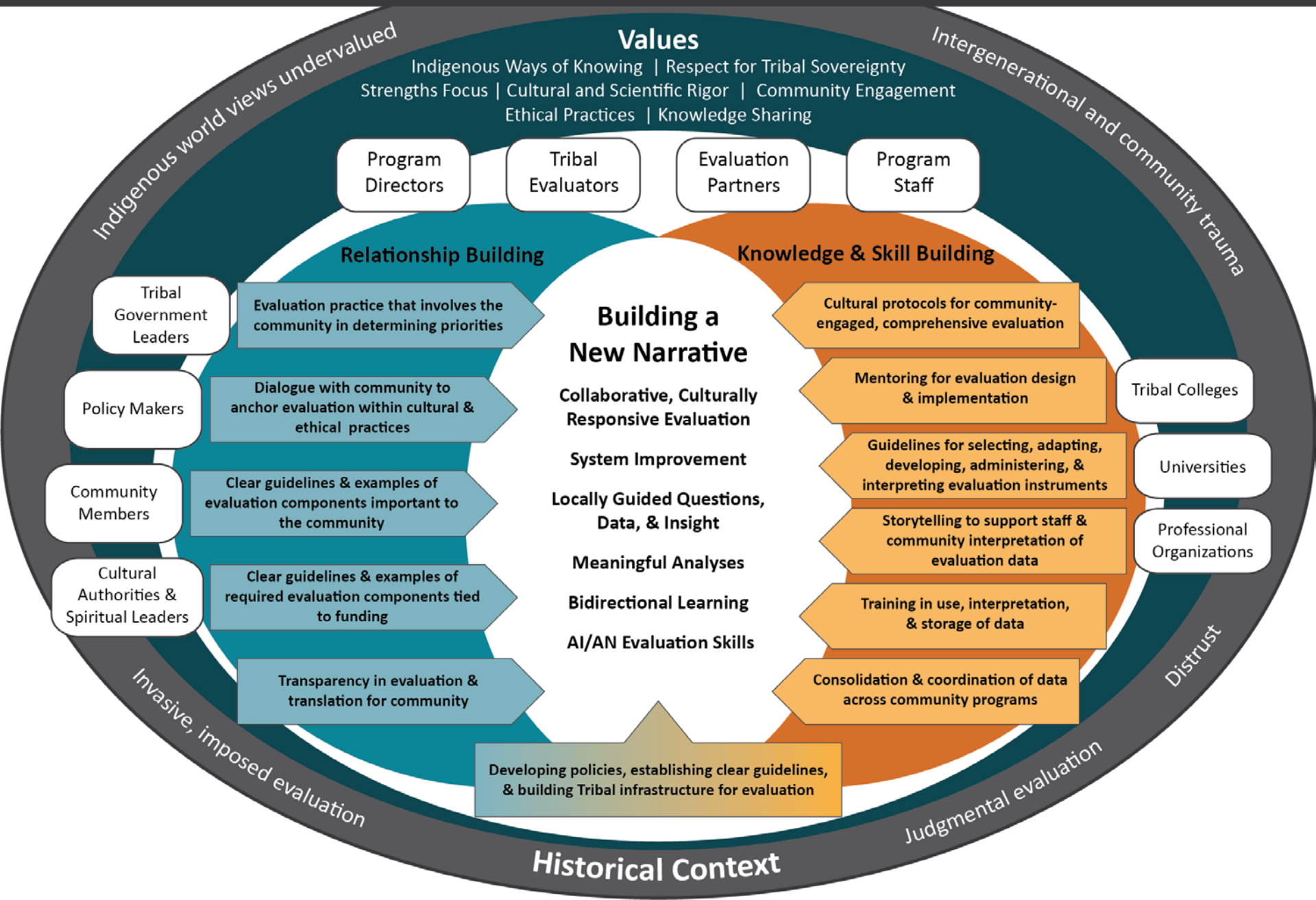
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# Using the Roadmap

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**Process Tool:** Having important tribal/community conversations about program design, implementation, and impact

## **Anchoring Decisions about Program Development:**

- History of Intervention: What has been the history and impact of [teacher training/home visitation/financial assistance to families] in your community?
- Culture: Are cultural values a part of the program design and evaluation? Are the data collected meaningful in a cultural way? (cultural rigor alongside scientific rigor)
- Capacity: How will this evaluation strengthen local capacity (e.g., co-evaluators, integrating data systems)?
- Community Resources: What human/institutional resources exist across departments? Across the region?
- Impact Goal: What is the impact you hope this program will have? To what end?

# THANK YOU!!

## Links to the Roadmap

- A Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/tribal-workgroup>

- Child Welfare Evaluation Virtual Summit Series

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/assistance/program-evaluation/virtual-summit>