



Providing the Context for Data Collection with Indigenous Communities in New Mexico

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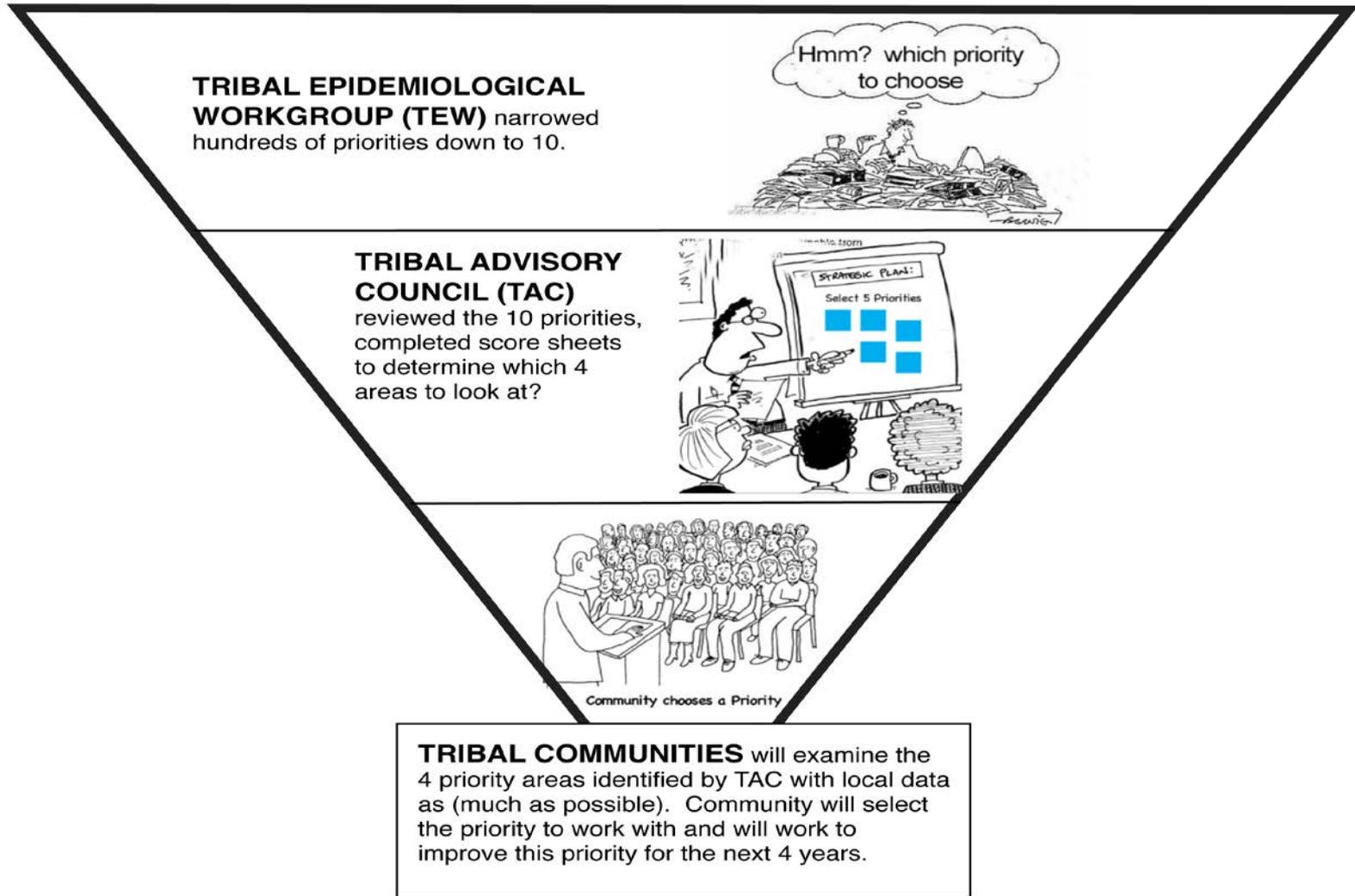


Our Motivations

- Mental health disparities
- Our histories as Native peoples
- Our vision: intact, healthy, thriving Indigenous communities
- So how do we get there?

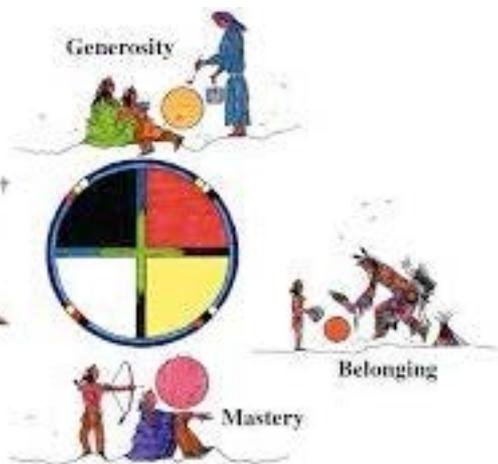


Prioritization Process



Historical Resilience and Decolonization

- Advancing into the present & future
- Adapting for distinct tribes
- Systemic Bias and Science of the Positive
- Healing and Thriving Generations



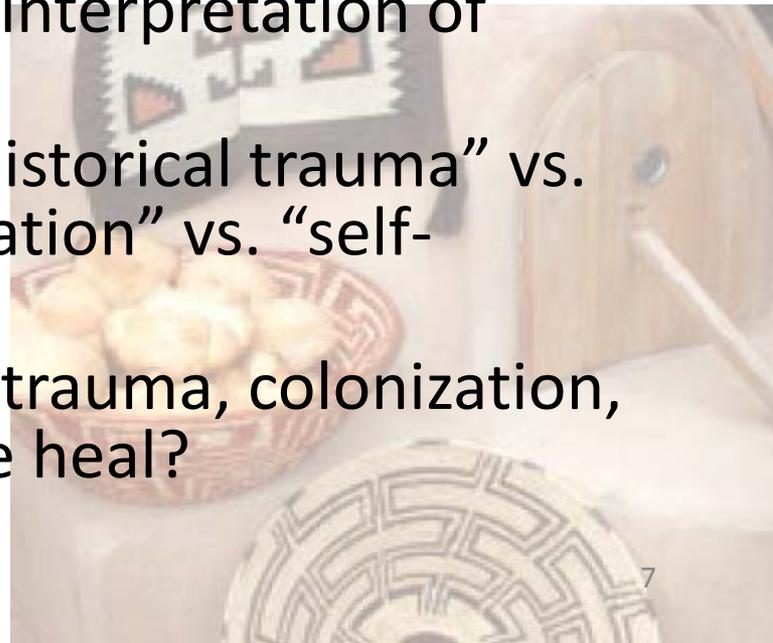
Our Framework

- Native-centered
- Strength-Based
- Self-Determination/
Decolonization
- Transformation



Challenges

- Patterns of behavior are hard to break
 - Ex. Strength-based approach \neq ignoring problems
 - Ex. Dependence on outside knowledge/finances
- Lack of trust, readiness level to address colonization/internalized colonization
- Diversity of community histories, acculturation/enculturation, and interpretation of historical experiences
- What we convey in our words: “historical trauma” vs. “historical resilience”, “decolonization” vs. “self-determination”
- We are all impacted by historical trauma, colonization, and systemic bias, but how do we heal?





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Purpose of the Tribal Data Workgroup:

- “Normalize” the conversation about data
- OSAP and other agencies specify using data-driven planning processes
- Address tribal concerns about “research” and “evaluation”
- Build capacity in tribal communities
- Develop a Native-driven approach
- Teach non-Native agencies how it should be done



Why is Tribal Data hard to collect?

- History of misuse of tribal data
- Lack of trust
- Tribal communities have opened their doors to share stories of their people and culture and the information was published without the tribe's consent.
- **Main question is: Why do you want to collect tribal data? How is it going to benefit my community?**

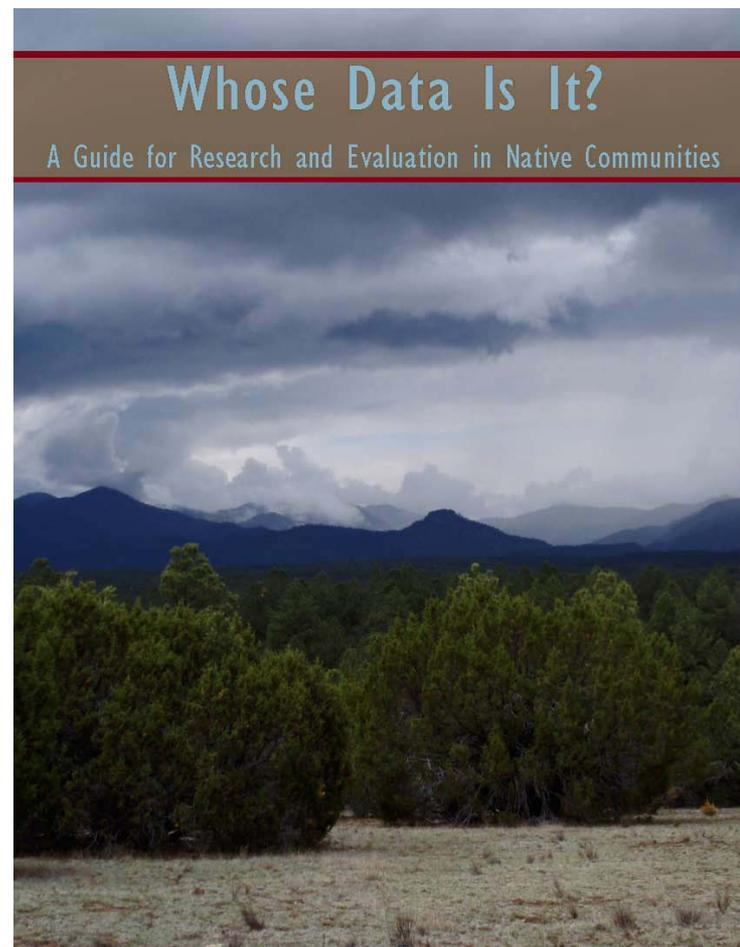
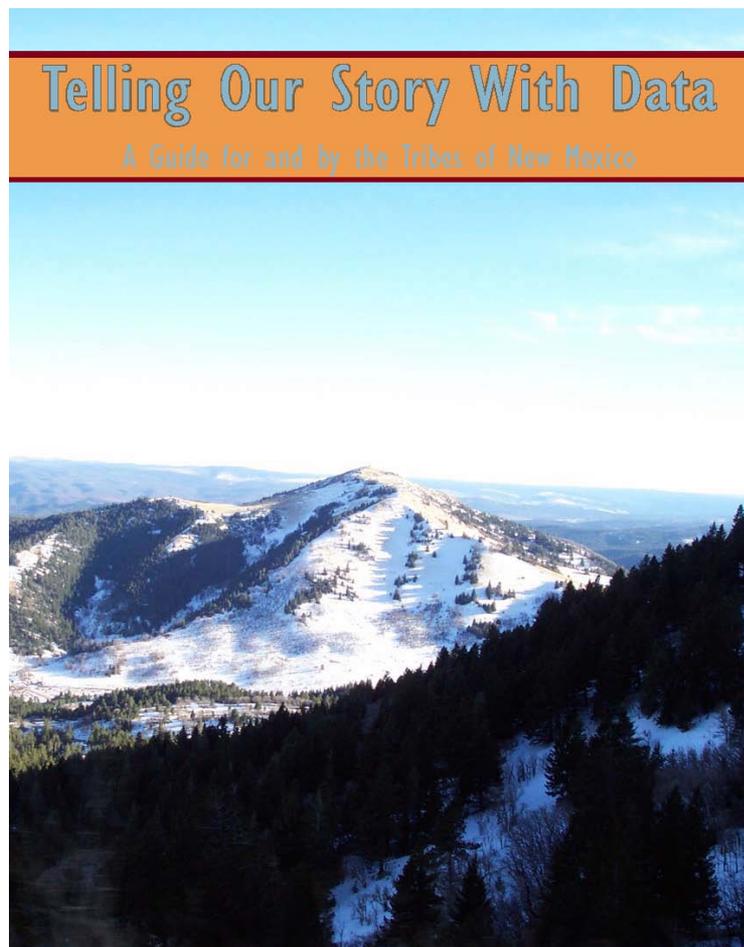


Feedback from Tribes

- Need training and technical assistance on:
 - How to collect data
 - To do evaluation
 - How can we use data for grants and reports
 - Need “language” on how to retain ownership of data and any outside dissemination of “our” data
 - How can we do needs assessments and focus groups in our community
- Where can we get “other” tribal data for grants?



Exploring the Benefits of Data: Tribal Data Workgroup



Building Evaluation on a Foundation of Values

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR
ENGAGING IN RESEARCH WITH NATIVE
AMERICAN COMMUNITIES



Vision and Use



- Vision: *“to advance research towards more conscientious and socially just implementation and impact that will contribute to the realization of healthy, thriving Native American communities.”*
- Intended Use: suggested principles to guide researchers, both non-Native and Native, working with Native American peoples and their respective communities.

Objectives



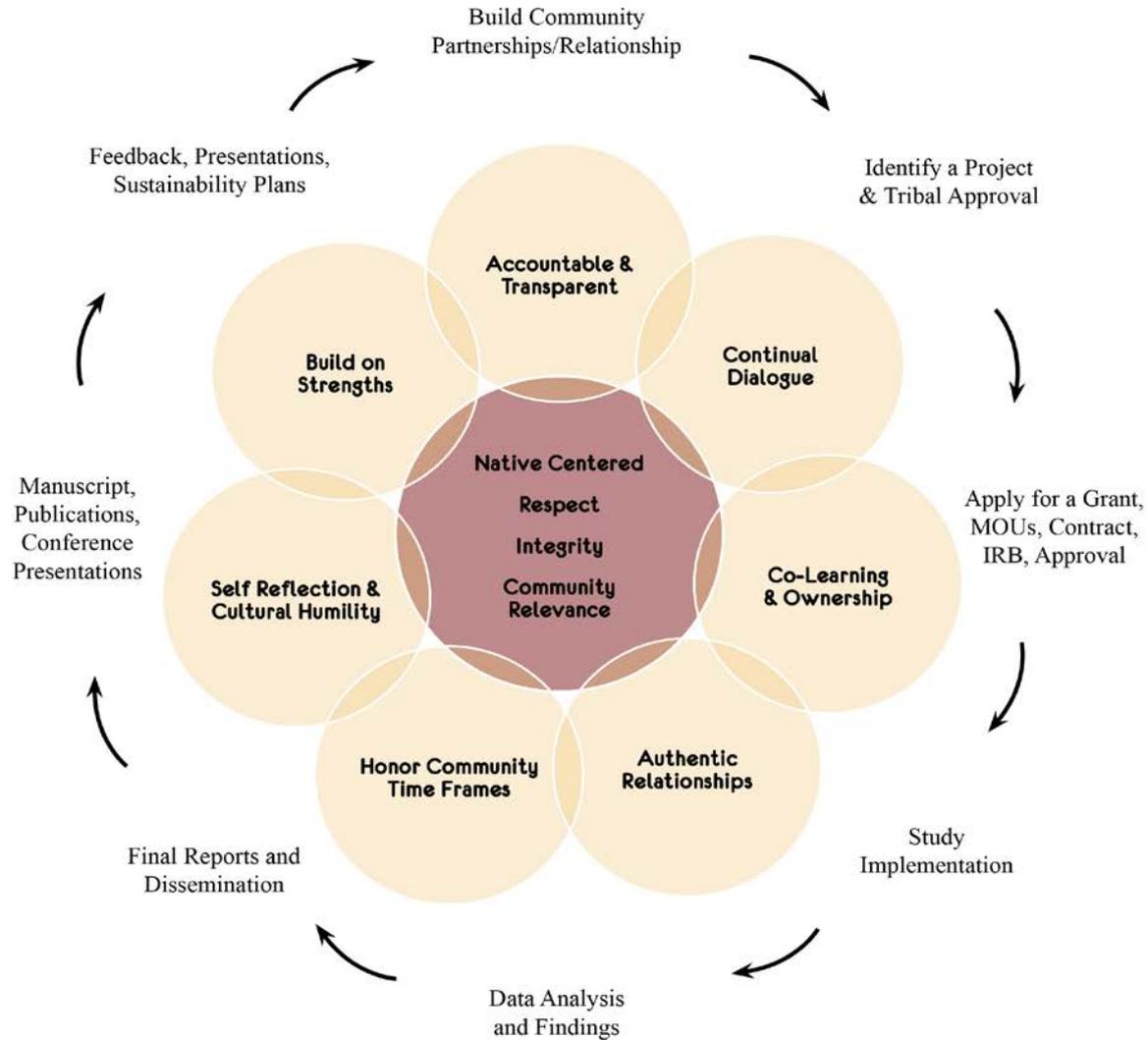
- 1) provide written guidance when encountering challenges in research relationships and processes
- 2) elicit thoughtful discussion among researchers
- 3) increase awareness of our responsibilities as investigators not only to the individuals participating in research but also to the communities

Content



- 11 Principles to guide research collaborations with Native American communities
- Illustrative vignette or real-world example for each principle
- Questions to elicit discussion and application of principles to research

Guiding Principles for Engaging in Research with Native American Communities



Suggested Applications



- Train researchers who plan to work with Native Americans
- Facilitate periodic and ongoing discussions on research process and next steps with research team members to enhance conscientiousness, cultural awareness and humility, and professional growth
- Share with Native American community partners to build capacity and generate discussion of research collaboration
- Use in co-development of project guidelines and expectations of each party
- Share with funders and sponsoring universities to provide a rationale for community based and community informed research

Resources

- Telling Our Story & Whose Data Is It?
 - <http://www.tribalspf.org/index.php/resources/category/3-data-collection>
- Guiding Principles for Engaging in Research with Native American Communities
 - <http://psychiatry.unm.edu/centers/crcbh/naprogram/guidingprinciples.html>
- New Mexico Tribal Prevention Project
 - <http://www.tribalspf.org>



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