A Roadmap for Collaborative and Effective Evaluation and Research in Tribal Communities: A Tool for Co-Creating Knowledge

Plenary Session: Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity in ECE Policy, Practice and Research — An Overarching Perspective for the Field

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OPRE’s Approach to Research and Evaluation with Tribal Communities

• Grounded in ACF’s Evaluation Policy to promote cultural rigor, relevance, transparency, independence, and ethics in the conduct of evaluations

• Designed to maximize learning from on-going ACF’s Activities

• Aligned with CB’s Roadmap for Building a New Narrative
CO-CREATING COLLABORATIVE & EFFECTIVE EVALUATION TO IMPROVE TRIBAL CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS

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Ethical Practices | Knowledge Sharing

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- Tribal Evaluators
- Evaluation Partners
- Program Staff

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- System Improvement
- Locally Guided Questions, Data, & Insight
- Meaningful Analyses
- Bidirectional Learning
- AI/AN Evaluation Skills

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Policy Makers
Community Members
Cultural Authorities & Spiritual Leaders
Tribal Colleges
Universities
Professional Organizations

Historical Context

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Judgmental evaluation

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Indigenous world views undervalued

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Transparency in evaluation & translation for community

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The Roadmap in Practice: Communities of Learning

- Tribal Early Childhood Research Center
  - American Indian and Alaska Native FACES
  - Early developmental screening tools
  - CLASS in Tribal Communities
  - Tribal Early Childhood Needs Assessment

www.tribalearlychildhood.org
Application of the Roadmap

- Relationship Building
- Knowledge & skill Building
- Co-Creation of Knowledge
- Values
Communication Plan

Conference calls
- Share materials
- Discuss & make decisions

In-person meetings
- Connect as humans
Roadmap Resources

- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/tribal-workgroup

- https://tinyurl.com/RoadmapV1
  - Creating a New Narrative: Collaborative and Effective Evaluation in Tribal Communities