

## Guiding Principles for Decolonizing and Indigenizing Research

### **1. Reflection**

True partnerships begin with reflection upon the privileged statuses from which most partners operate and the emotionally difficult task of acknowledging the pain of Native communities and developing empathy.

### **2. Respect**

Research partners must value and prioritize indigenous epistemologies, knowledge, cultural protocols, and healing practices.

### **3. Relevance**

The community should contribute to defining research problems and strategies, which should respond to their own self-identified needs and concerns.

### **4. Resilience**

All aspects of the research must acknowledge the community's strengths and resilience.

### **5. Reciprocity**

The partnership should be collaborative and mutually respectful with knowledge exchanged in both directions.

### **6. Responsibility**

Research partners are obliged to enhance community capacity to conduct Indigenous and Western research, disseminate research findings in culturally meaningful ways, and anticipate the implications.

### **7. Retraditionalization**

Traditional knowledge and methods must be actively integrated into the formulation of the research questions and the process of scientific inquiry.

### **8. Revolution**

Research partners and community members must actively seek to decolonize and indigenize the research process to transform science as well as themselves, their communities, and the larger society for the betterment of all.

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