

THE WAAWIYEYAA EVALUATION TOOL

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BENEFITS

- Cultural framework that allows program providers to systematically track change over time among program participants, including their regressions.
- When used within the program context it furthers the healing process of participants.
- When used alone as a teaching tool it opens the dialogue for conversation about cultural teachings.
- The technological approach and professional appeal provide, especially youth, a legitimization that cultural teachings are relevant to life today.

HOW THE TOOL IS GETTING OUT THERE

- Prairie Spirit Connections, under contract by Corrections Canada, adopted the Tool within their Evaluation Framework in 2009
- Native Women's Association of Canada, is entering its 2nd year of using the Tool (2009-2011).
- Aboriginal Justice Strategy will be using the Tool for a series of case studies that will be later rolled into their impact evaluation (2001-2011).
- An Elder in Edmonton, Alberta used the Tool as a teaching method to open dialogue with a group of young women and moms.

ALSO,

- A Professor of Public Sector Evaluation at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia will be publishing the Tending the Fire model is a upcoming book and said,
 - The model also addresses the specific issue of how to include attention to healing processes in programs working with Indigenous communities.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE

- This model is grounded in the cultural context and teachings that resonates well with almost all First Nations across Canada.
- This cultural approach takes the perspective of the whole person as a being that continually grows and as such will stumble and fall but with strength get back up and move forward.
- When examining program outcomes the falls and the successes are program results. The program expects to see fewer falls and more falls that are easier to heal or find balance from.

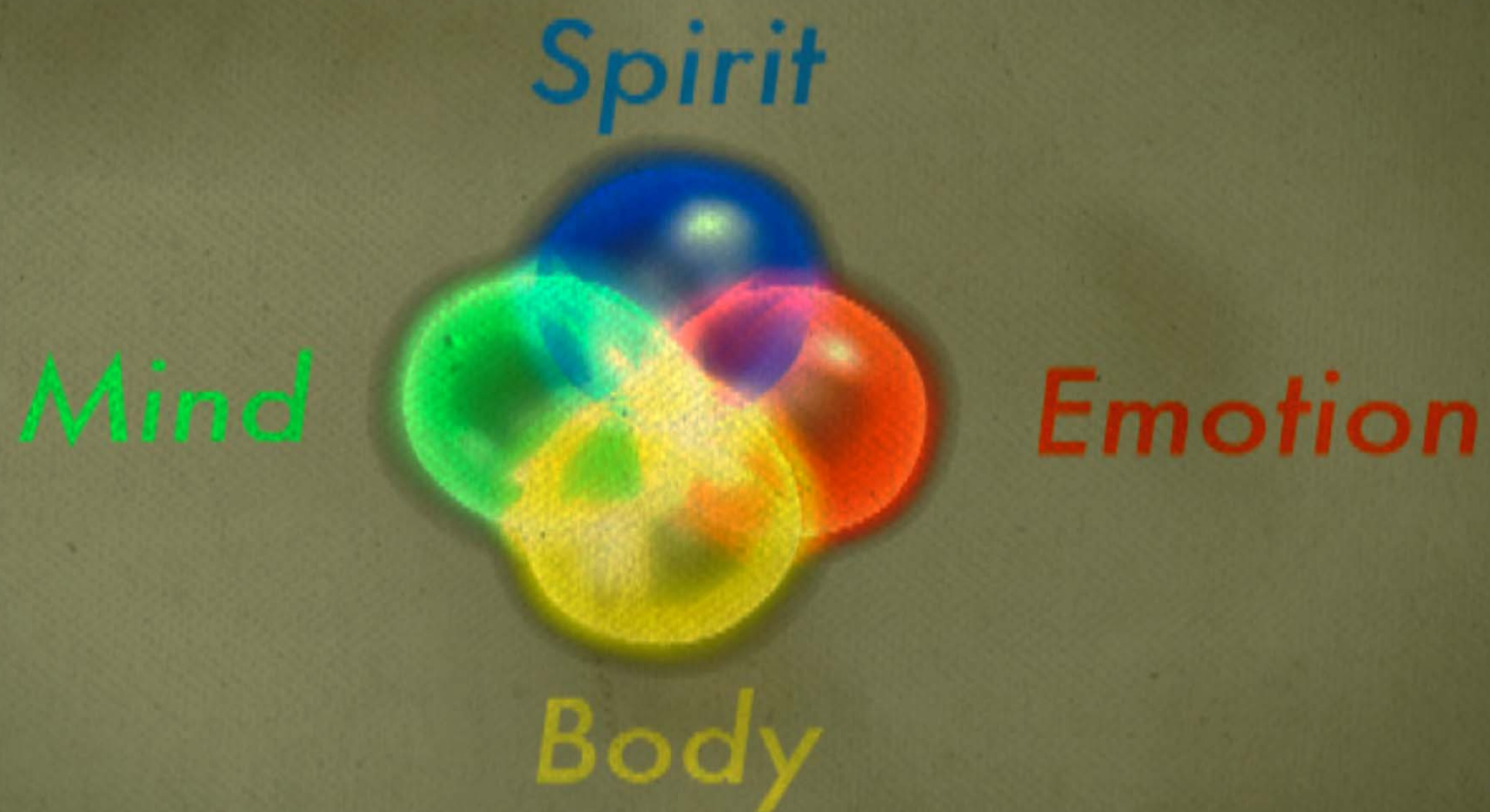
TWO KEYS

- **Growth**
- **Balance**
- These are the key teachings this Method tries to convey, through the sharing of teachings and storytelling.
- By having participants understand and accept that the most important role he/she will play in this world is that of a person who can fall and get back up
- And that without the ability to balance and grow he/she will not master the art of reaching failure and finding release and strength in that.

GOOD-BYE BORING SURVEYS

- Participants report on what is relevant to them and what matters at that point in time.
- The tool provides a framework in which the program provider or evaluator can systematically track change among a cohort of participants, over time.
- The participants are taught how to tell a story using two basic teachings: Self and Tree of Life.
- The program provider or evaluator use the Tending the Fire Model to interpret the stories into a quantifiable measure of change and outcomes.

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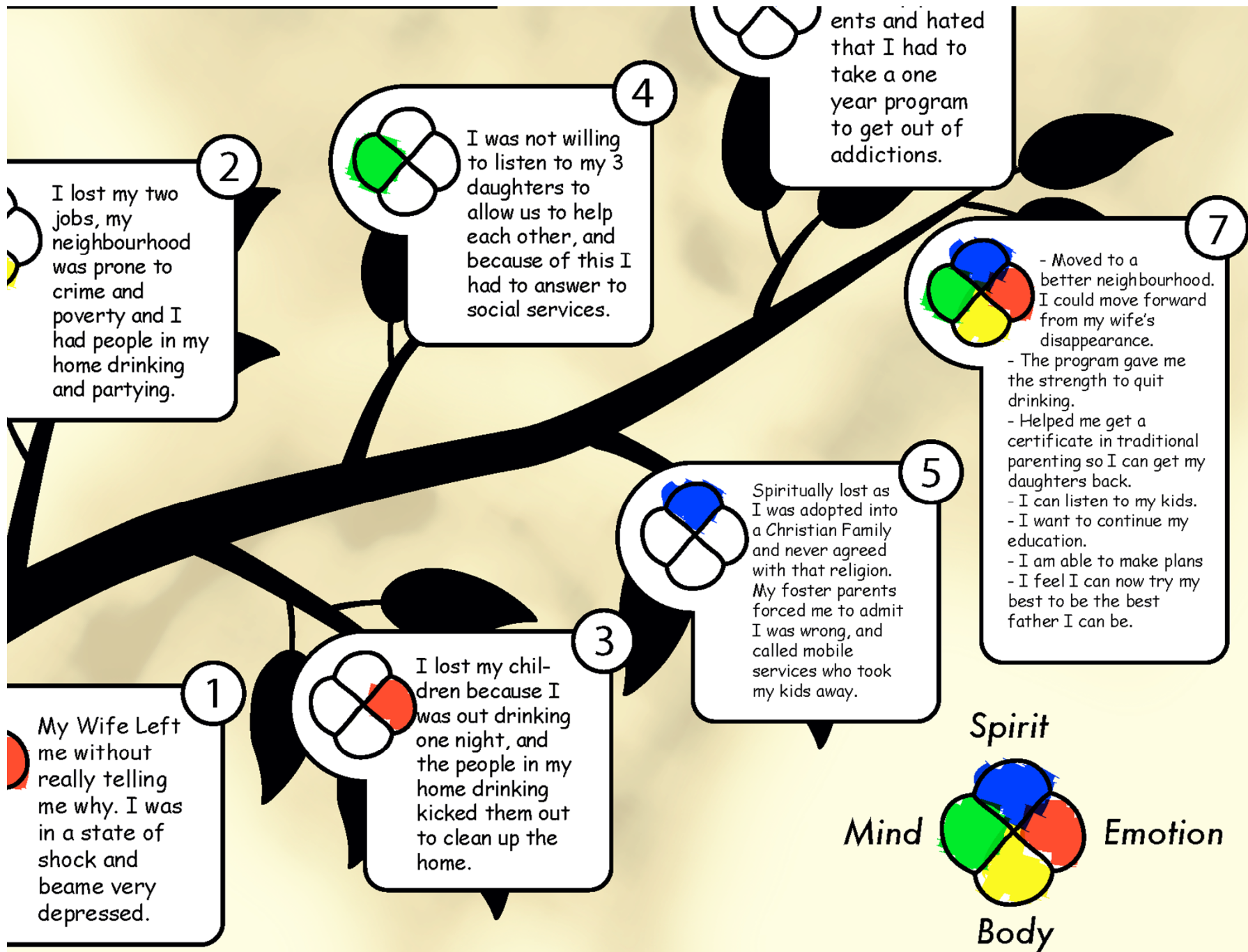


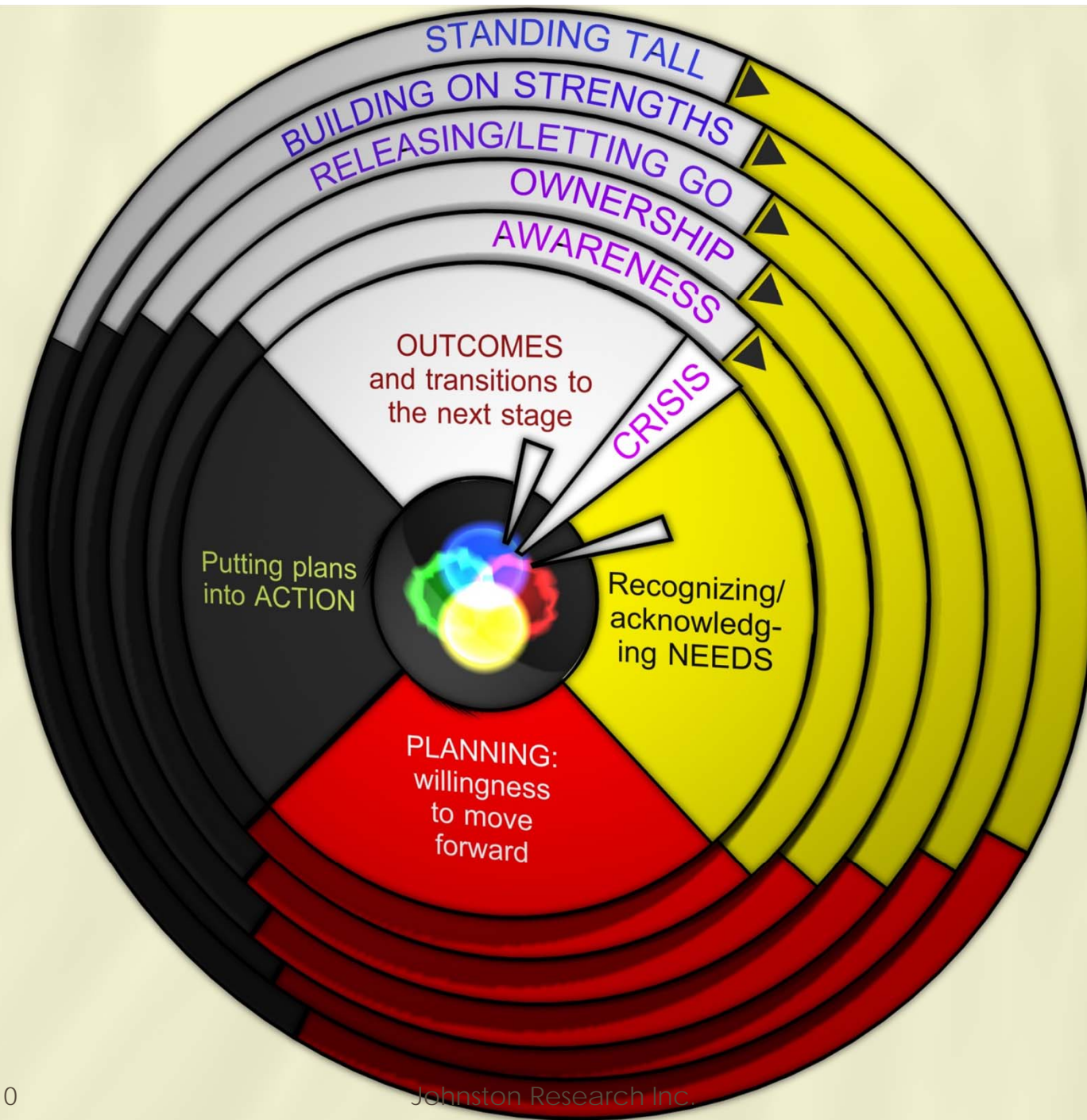
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Cultural Deprivation					
Spiritually Lost					
Unsuitable Neighbourhood					
Mad at Foster Parents					
Unemployed					
Drinking too Much					
Loss of Wife					

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