

# Indigenous Evaluation

Urban Indian Health Institute recognizes research, data, and evaluation as Indigenous values. We conduct evaluation in a culturally rigorous way which means that we reclaim data for the good and well-being-of the community, are grounded in cultural knowledge systems, and when needed, supplement with western science.

UIHI's Indigenous Evaluation Framework recognizes the following principles:

**Community is created wherever Native people are:**

evaluation starts in the creation of these communities.

**Resilient and strength-based:** uses the tools of evaluation to identify solutions by and for the community

**Decolonizing data:** rigorous data must be collected and used with the intent to benefit urban Indian communities.

**Centering of the community:** community involvement in evaluation is crucial to the process of reclaiming data, understanding how the work is valuable, and to include community perspectives.

The best evaluation....

- SERVES the interests of your community
- IS INCLUDED into your daily activities
- HAS A REFLECTION LOOP and is used to adjust your programming
- IS SATISFYING, fun, engaging and shares your community's truth!



Now is your opportunity to make change for yourself, your community and future generations.

- What legacy did our ancestors leave?
- What legacy will our organizations leave?
- What legacy will *YOUR PROGRAM* leave?
- What story will you tell?