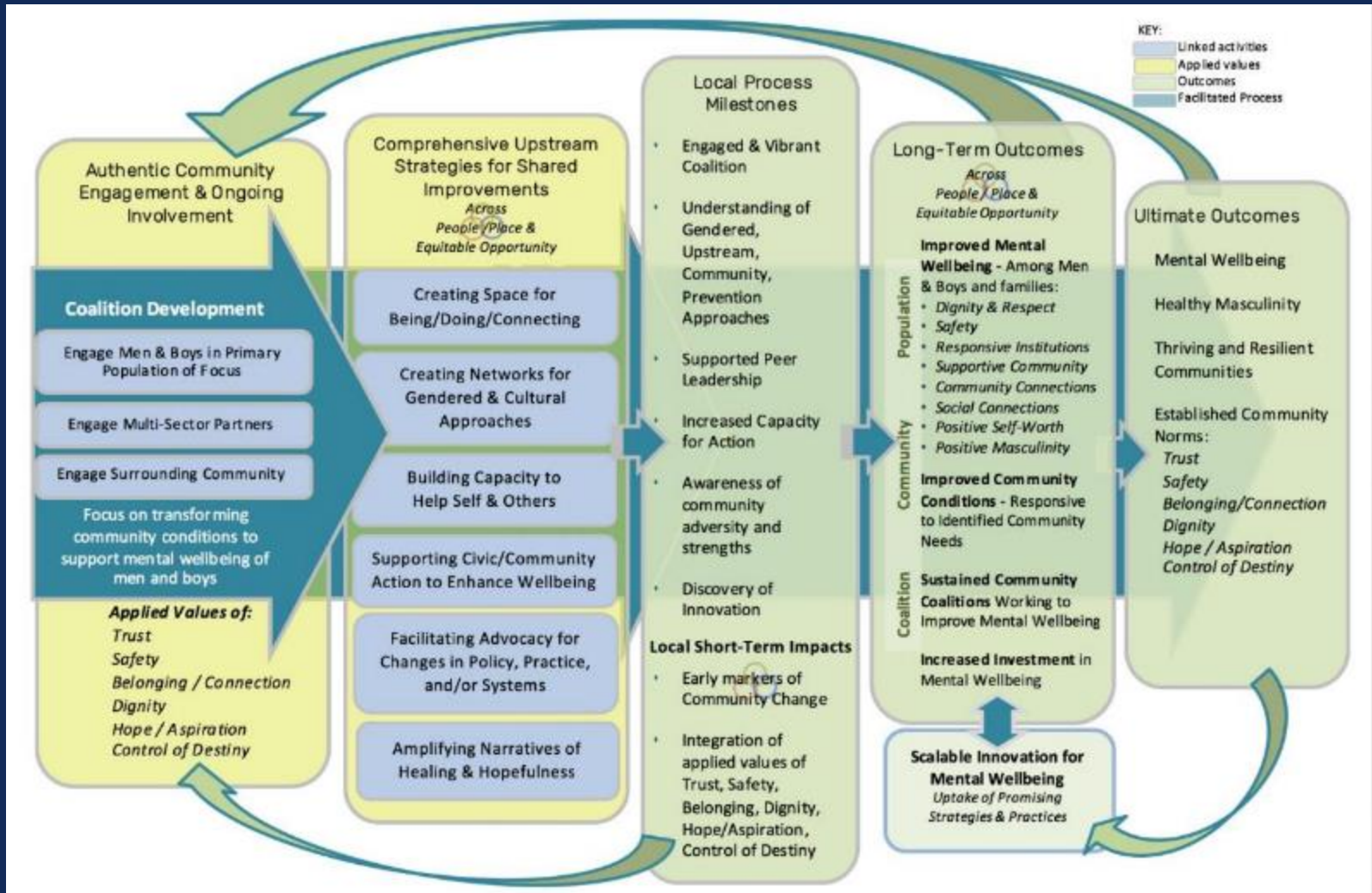
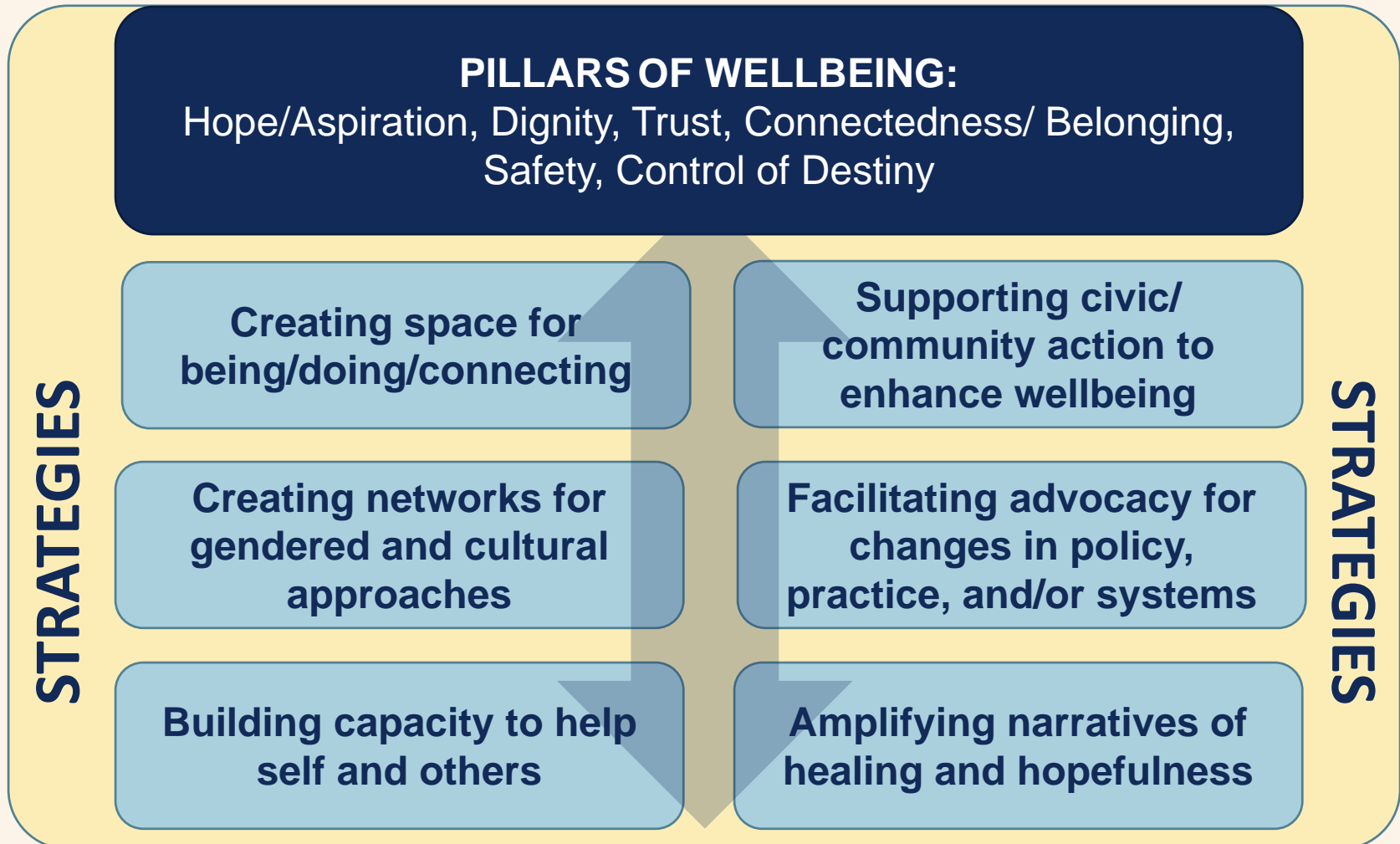


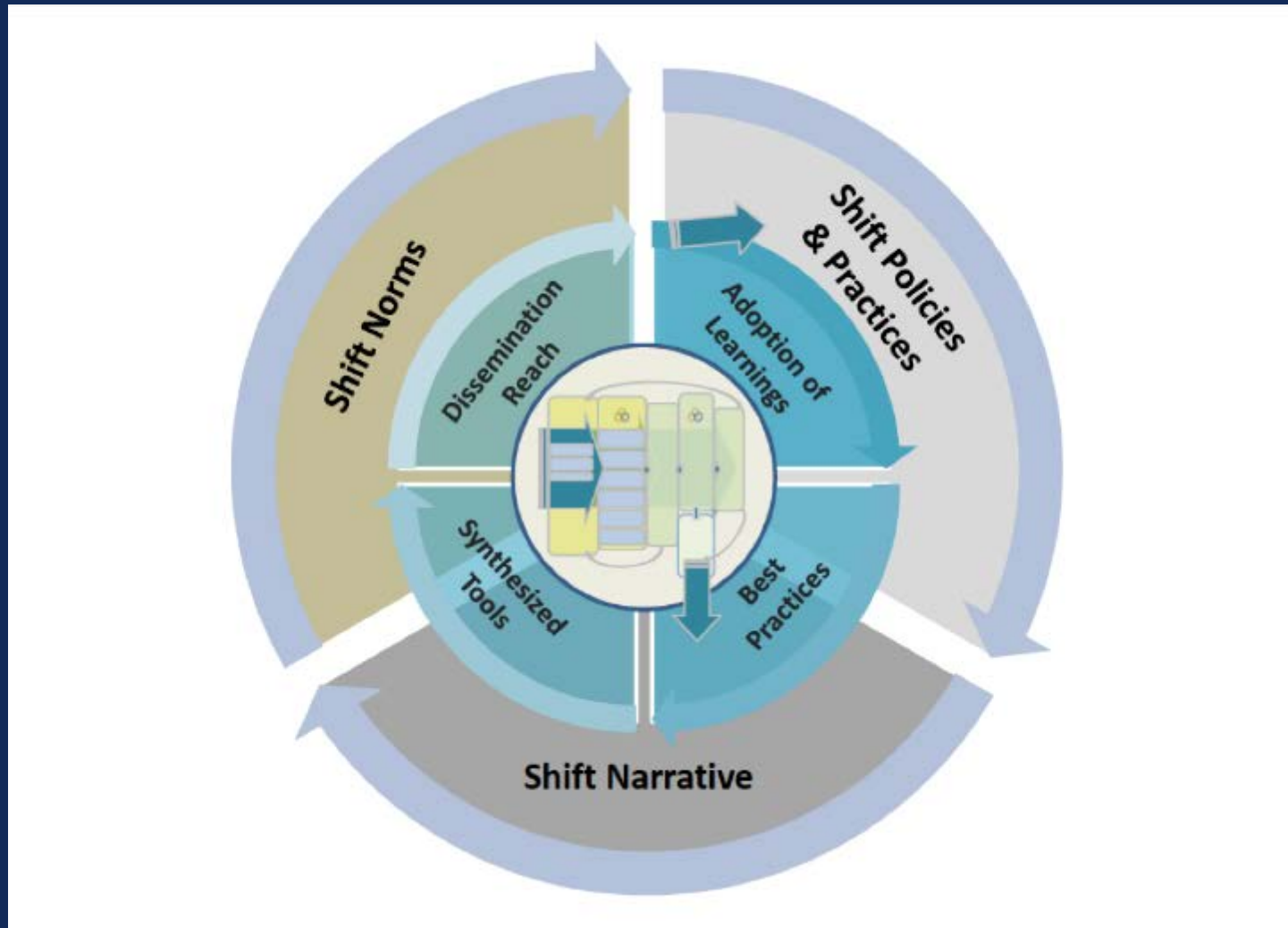
# Making Connections Community Theory of Change



# Comprehensive Upstream Strategies



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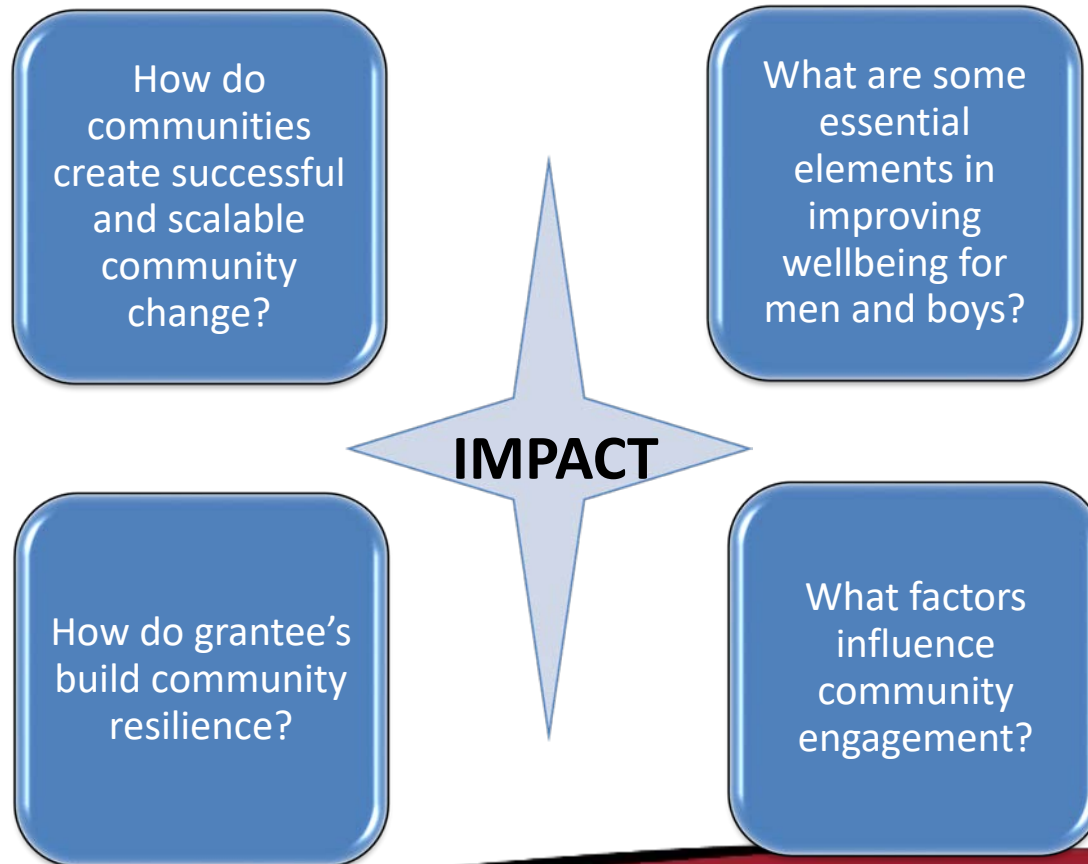


# Making Connections: Evaluation

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- University of South Florida  
College of Behavioral and Community Sciences
  - Concept Mapping
  - Mental Wellbeing Measure Index
- Local Site Evaluations
- Community of Practice

# Evaluation Questions



# Concept Mapping Project

- Analysis identifies 8 concepts as foundational to the mental wellbeing of men and boys in the Making Connections Initiative:
  - Dignity and Respect
  - Safety
  - Institutional Relationships
  - Role of Community
  - Community Connections
  - Social Connection
  - Positive Self-Worth
  - Positive Masculinity
- Healthy, trusting, respectful personal relationships *and* relationships to their external social environment are foundational to the mental wellbeing.

# Community-Driven Evaluation

## Approach: Community-Based Participatory Research

Involves and centers our communities of focus in all aspects of evaluation: development, design, implementation, analysis and interpretation of data, and how data is stored.

## Evaluation Measurement Tools:

Social Network Analysis – PARTNER tool (University of Colorado, Denver)

- 18 questions about relationships between current 253MCI partners
- Identifies areas for strengthening relationships and more equitable distribution of power and resources.

Measuring progress

- Quarterly report forms allow partners to easily report on deliverables.

Community Resiliency Survey

- One page survey measures civic engagement and protective factors.
- Field tested by organizers in our communities of focus.

(...Removed words such as citizen, translated to Spanish).



**REFRAMING** mental health to reflect that it is more than the absence of mental illness

**REALIGNING** and expanding strategies to emphasize prevention and resilience alongside treatment and services

## The path forward is comprehensive community prevention

**REPLACING** one approach fits all model and applying a cultural and gendered lens

**RECALIBRATING** approaches to improve community conditions that influence mental health and wellbeing

### Improved community mental health and wellbeing

Reduce stigma, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences

Strengthen healthy social norms and promote community connection and networks

Promote resilience and community healing

Support long term recovery and community supports

Reduce severity of mental health conditions and costs of human suffering



Read the full report on our site:

**PREVENTION**



## Poll #3

**What would help you apply these approaches and lessons in your community, in addition to designated funding?**

*Please select all that apply.*

# Making Connections *that will last ...*



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When you start with needs, you get programs. When you start with strengths, you get possibilities.

- Lupe Serrano  
casa de esperanza

