

Network Leadership from the Field: Linking the Research to Practice

Framework For High-Impact Community Initiatives

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Welcome!

What is Network Leadership?

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- Many people today are **deeply involved in networks**, but are **struggling to find information and tools to build knowledge and skills** for this new way of connecting across boundaries.
- Network Leadership is a **leadership framework** where members of networks build skills to use data to make decisions.
- The University of Colorado Center on Network Science hosts year long workshops and seminars on Network Leadership
 - This webinar series is an opportunity to learn more about the research, skills, and practices for engaging in the “network way of working.”

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A Guide for Building Community Together

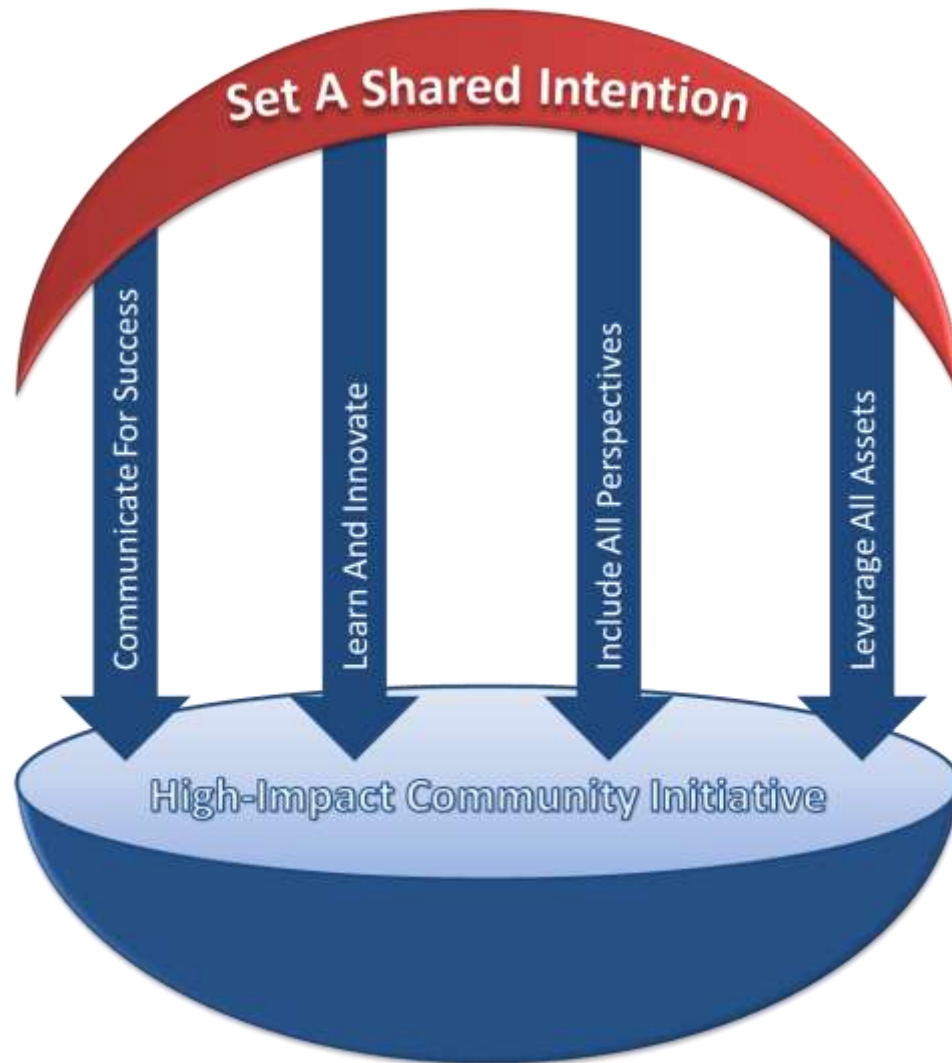
**Foothills
United Way**



Framework Background

- Foothills United Way transforming its role from “funder” to “community broker”
- Community building partners seeking relevant, meaningful roadmap for deepening into collaboration
- Staff and volunteers worked through 2015 to identify local and national collaborative “best practices”
- Created framework that captured the community’s core values

Five Elements of the Framework



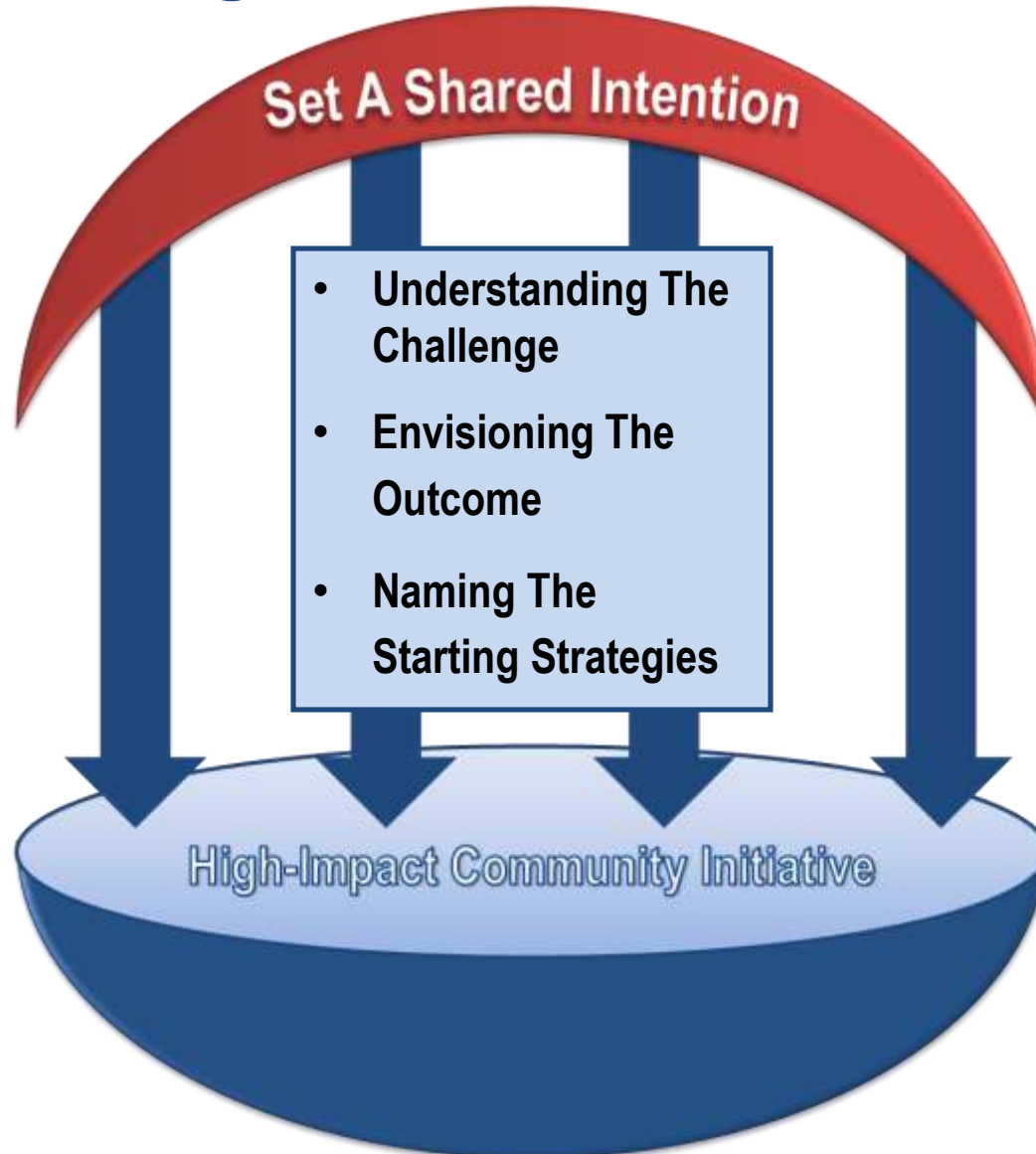
- Collaborative work must start with a **common cause**
- Collaborative governance and community building require **accountability** and **learning**
- Framework builds on and cultivates **trust**

Elemental Actions

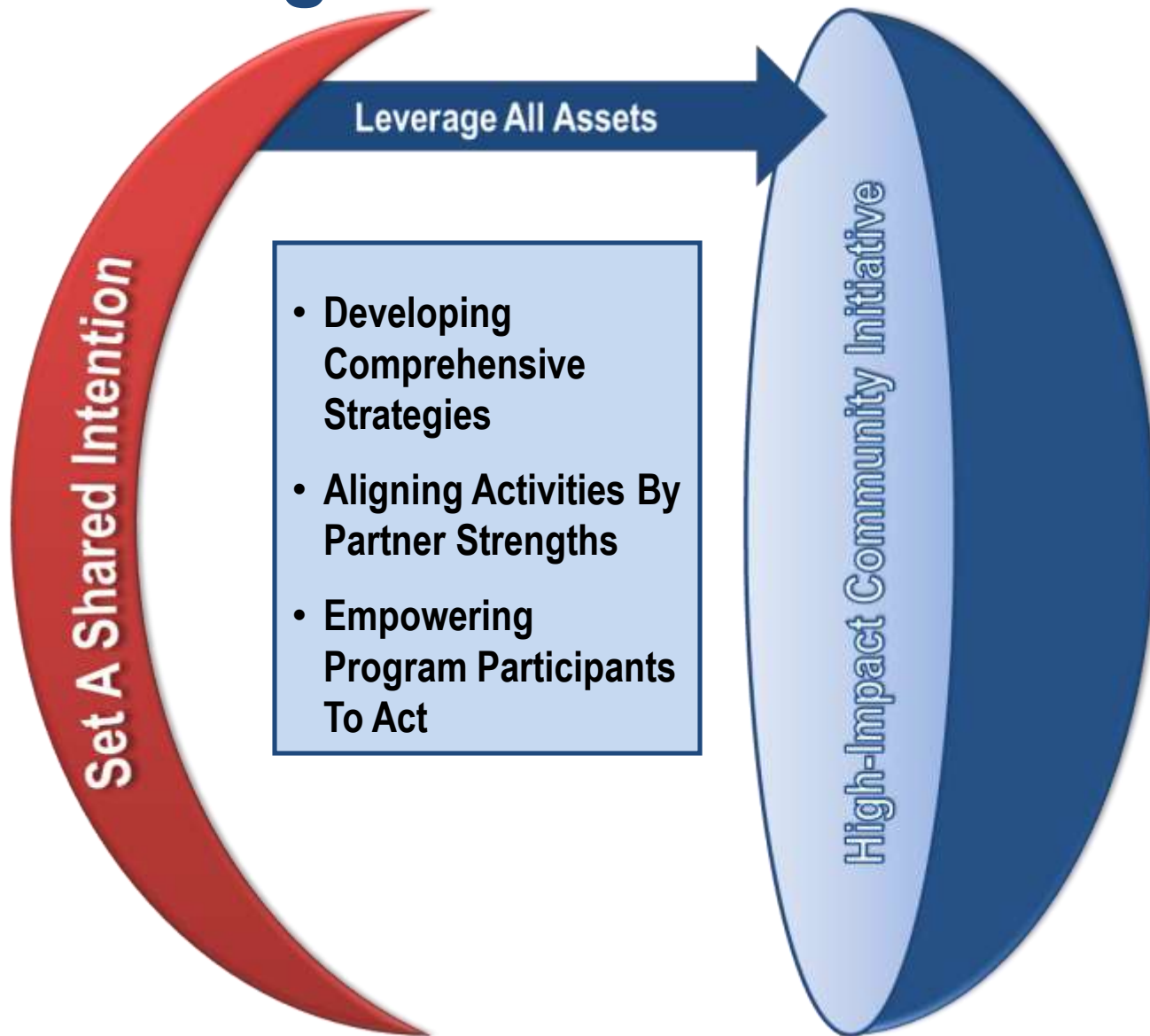


- Group habits necessary to successfully incorporate each element
- Balance power disparities, build consensus
- Cultivates creative tension between the inertia of reflection and the entropy of community action

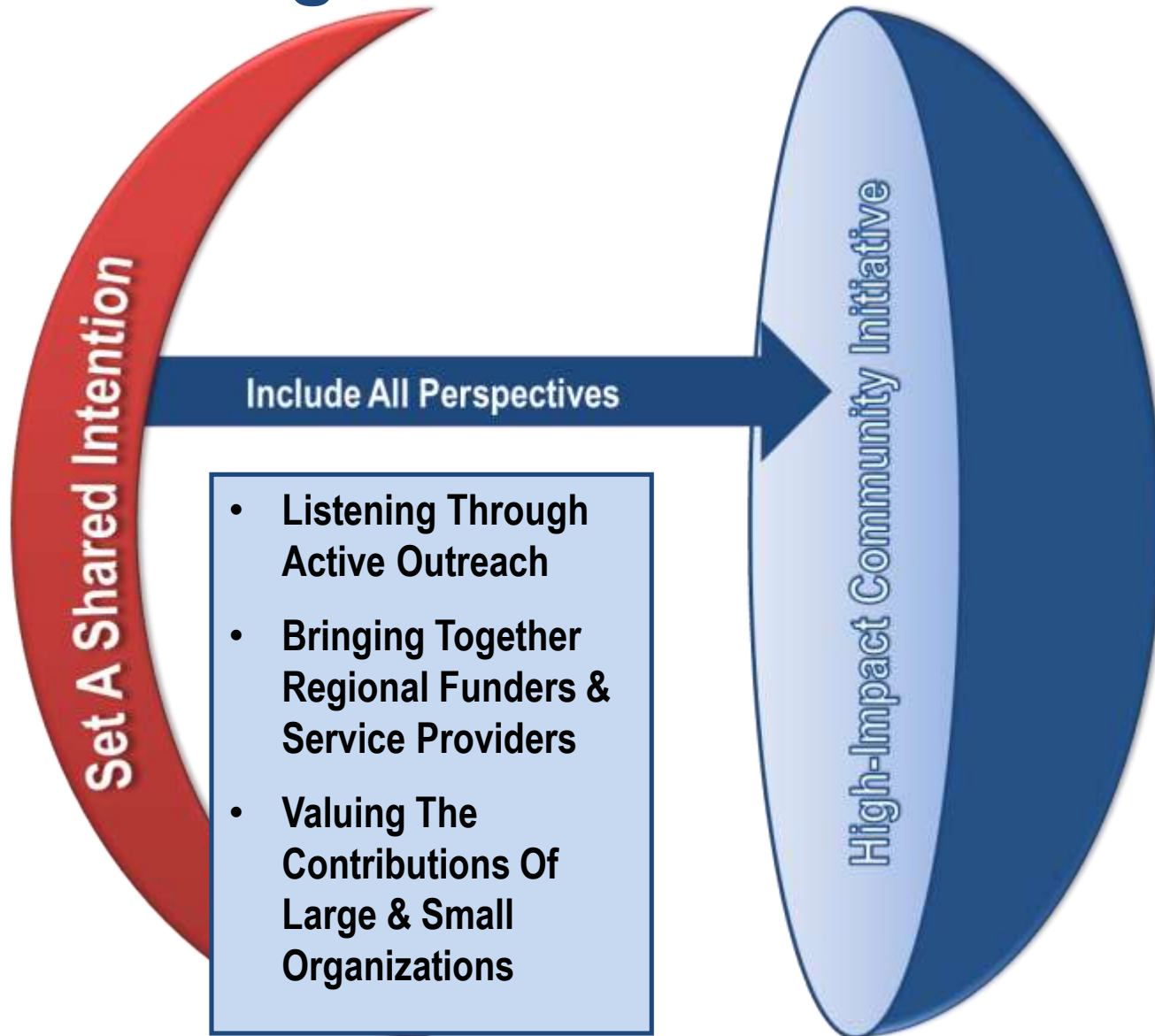
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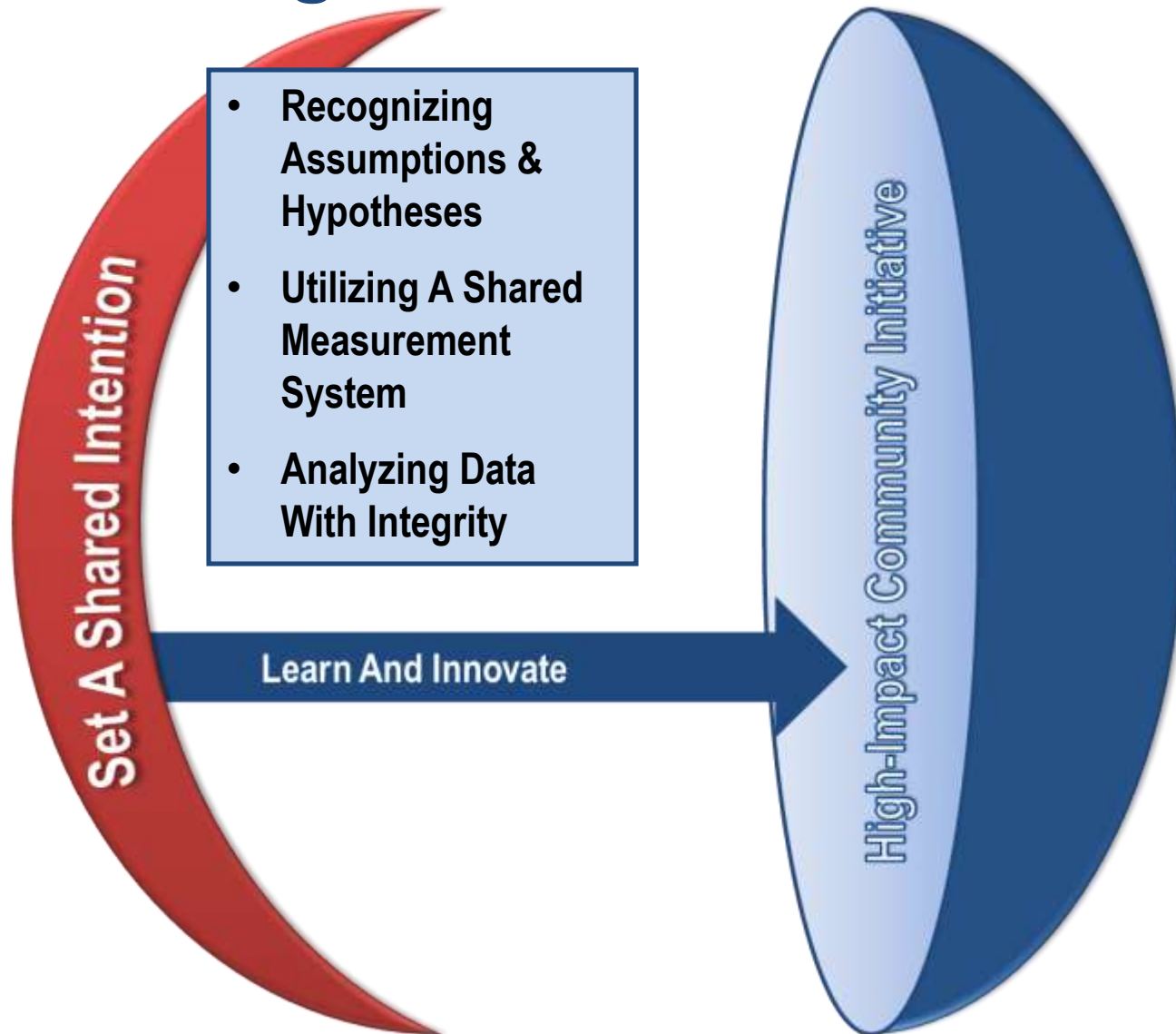
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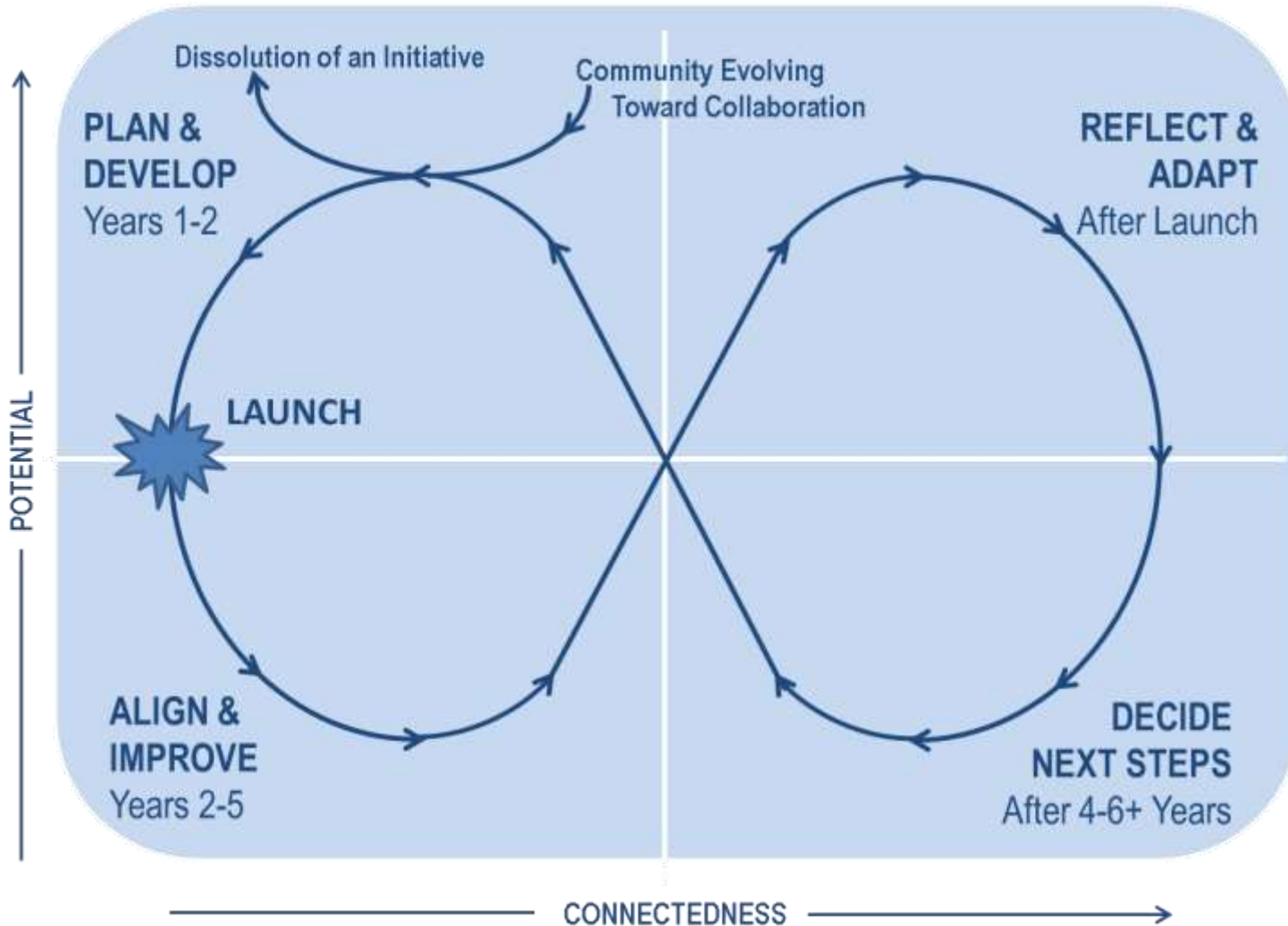
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Initiative Life Cycles



Applying the Framework

- **LIVE UNITED Accreditation** for local initiatives based on alignment with Framework
 - *Emerging Partnerships*: Groups working to **Set A Shared Intention**
 - *Impact Initiatives*: Groups implementing collective strategies operating in alignment with the Framework
- Grant opportunities will be opened for collective efforts that have earned **LIVE UNITED Accreditation**

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Questions?