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Wawiyeyas Evaluation Tool Development and Usage Record

Johnston Research has developed, honed and keep refining a tool that helps Indigenous organizations and programs to reflect on specific and designed to encourage healing through and holistic approaches. The tool is called Wawiyeyas Evaluation Tool and it is a holistic, reflective, collaborative, developmental, responsive, and strengths based approach to evaluation. Since the tool was first developed in 2011 over 100 organizations have been purchased and offered training on the tool. Training on the tool has been offered in Canada and United States. Co-developed in 2011, the tool is now in its 4th version and has been used by organizations in one or another fashion by Inuit and Treaty or aboriginal/indigenous program and organizations in Canada and United States. The tool has been used in the areas of Child and Family services, Justice, Health, Education and Community Development.

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- Inspiration for the Tool
  - Indigenous people in the United States, Canada and Australia have a strong connection to the land and have developed a holistic approach to life and wellness.
- Indigenous people in the United States, Canada and Australia, Western Medicine and Western Evaluation approaches are not holistic.
- The state of Indigenous evaluation

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- The creation of a cultural evaluation model
  - Learning the healing path which includes the medicine wheel, the four directions, the four seasons, the four elements, the four sacred plants, the four sacred animals, the four sacred ceremonies, the four sacred teachings, the four sacred gifts, the four sacred relations, the four sacred colours, the four sacred numbers, the four sacred directions, the four sacred stones, the four sacred trees, the four sacred foods, the four sacred medicines