

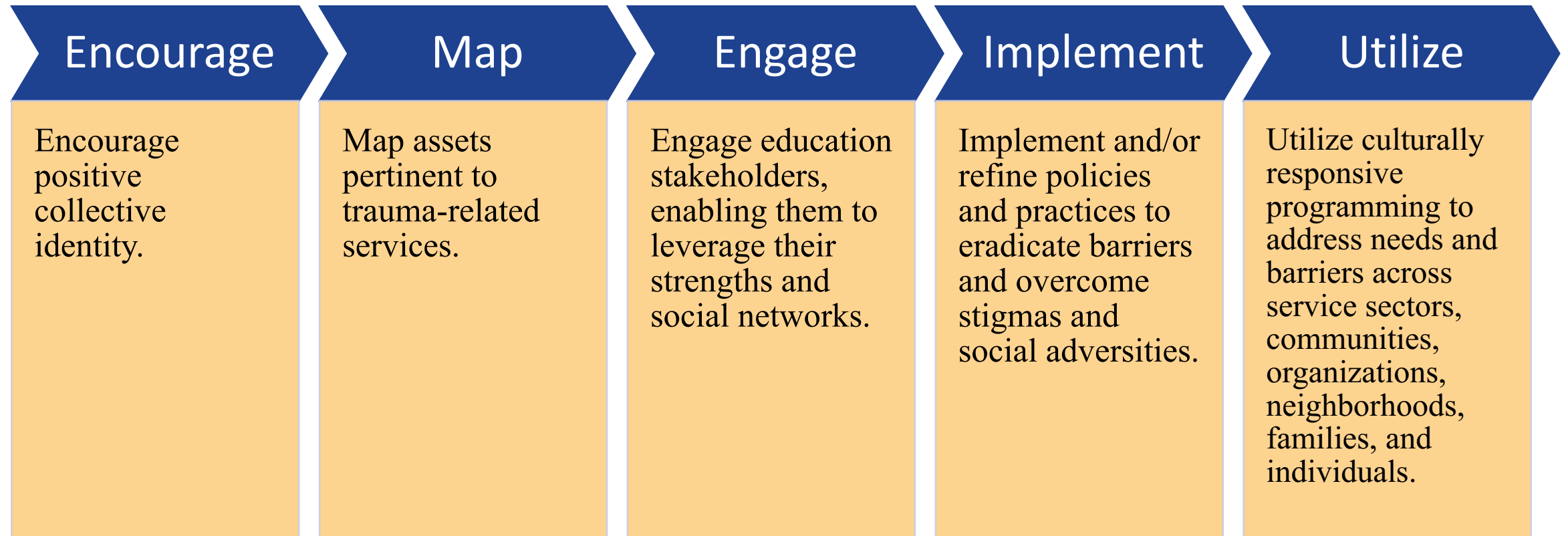
# Breakout session 1

## *Working through cultural trauma*

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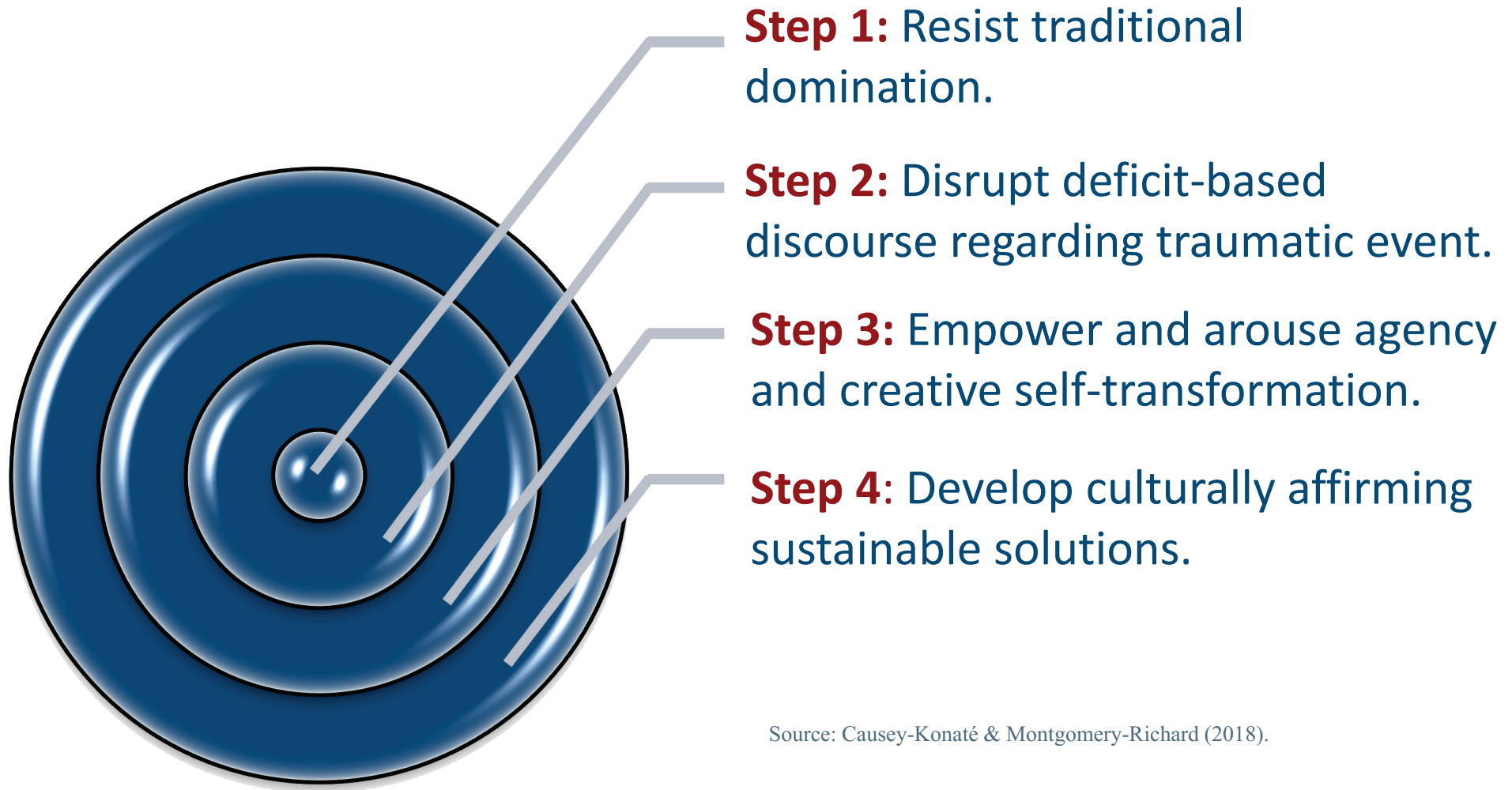


# How to work through cultural trauma



Source: The National Child Traumatic Stress Network: <https://www.nctsn.org/trauma-informed-care/culture-and-trauma>

# A four-step model for addressing cultural trauma



Source: Causey-Konaté & Montgomery-Richard (2018).

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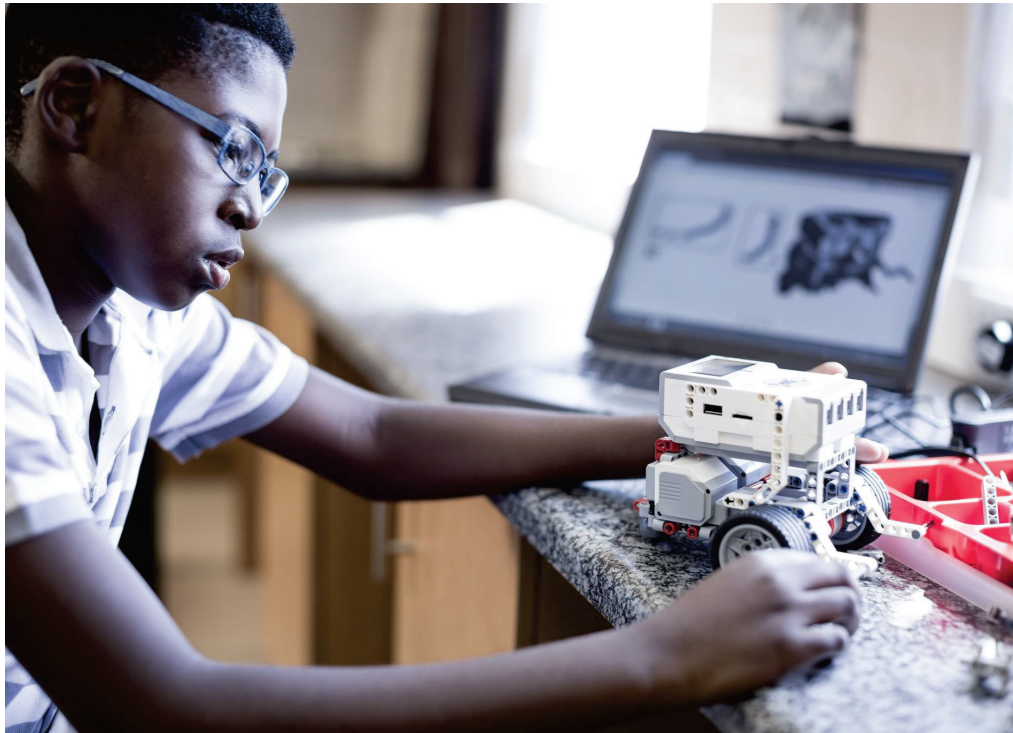
## Case 1: Spike in Child Suicide

On November 13, 2020, Superintendent Dr. Jesus Jara confirmed that Clark County School District in Las Vegas lost 11 students to suicide in one semester.

Source: [https://www.fox5vegas.com/coronavirus/suicide-rates-among-ccsd-students-on-the-rise-during-pandemic/article\\_a872122a-3aa9-11eb-ba02-8f838ddd5895.html](https://www.fox5vegas.com/coronavirus/suicide-rates-among-ccsd-students-on-the-rise-during-pandemic/article_a872122a-3aa9-11eb-ba02-8f838ddd5895.html)

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## Case 2: Blurred Home-School Boundaries

In Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, on September 9 and 11, 2020, respectively, an 11-year-old, sixth grader, Tomie Brown, and a 9-year-old fourth grader, Ka’Amauri Harrison were each recommended for expulsion for being in possession of a BB gun while logged on a virtual class. They have since received suspensions rather than expulsions.

The public questions the school system’s right to consider a student’s home part of the school campus, if they are learning online.

Source: Canicosa, J. C. (2020).

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## Case 3: Unprecedented Academic Failure in K–12 Schools

- Failure rates in mathematics and English for the most vulnerable students in Montgomery County, Maryland, increased as much as sixfold ([The Washington Post, December 3, 2020](#)).
- In some school districts in the greater Houston metropolitan area, nearly half of the middle and high school students failed at least one class ([The Houston Chronicle](#)).
- In North Carolina, 46 percent of 3rd through 12th grade students in Wilson County Schools failed at least one class, more than twice the rate from the same period in fall 2019 ([Associated Press](#)).
- In Fairfax County Public Schools, Virginia, the percentage of middle and high school students earning F's jumped from 6 percent to 11 percent ([The Washington Post, November 24, 2020](#)).

The high failure rate among students may be caused, in part, by limited access to devices and/or the internet and to teachers' preparedness to adapt quickly to new teaching and learning contexts.

# Lessons from the field

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# Traditions of resistance for survival in Calcasieu Parish Public Schools



Empowering and arousing agency and creative self-transformation



Developing culturally affirming solutions



Ensuring sustainability



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