

THE TRADITIONAL CENTER FOR  
INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND HEALING



*Our teachings, through which Nature is an all-encompassing word of animacy for the natural world, have given us knowledge that provides direction for overcoming the traumas we have experienced since colonization.*

*Healing, individually and collectively, is our hope for the future of the next Seven Generation*

## Founding Vision

As Indigenous people, who live by our culture and ceremonies, what we wanted to offer to our community is what is a way of life and a daily practice for us. Many of our teachings are universal, and belong to all. We founded TCIKH, as a way of giving back to the people. It is important that we create stepping stones for future generations.



## Mission & Vision

*The Traditional Center for Indigenous Knowledge and Healing revitalizes and preserves traditional Indigenous culture through Ancestral Knowledge, towards a sustainable and autonomous Matrilineal community living in accordance with Natural Law.*

We provide culturally sensitive, relevant programs, creating support systems to heal intergenerational trauma for people who have been oppressed by Colonization.



# Seeds Back, Birth Back, Land Back

*We will empower and mobilize the next generations of change makers to plant seeds of sovereignty within their communities.*

This is what we imagine when we think of systems change, when we think of climate healing, total autonomy without the restraints of colonization, the fear of the carceral system. While we trust and have faith that our ancestral cultural lifeways will always support us, what we have to also consider is that we are up against a system that is constantly working to disempower what we are working to establish.

## *The Connection of Seed Sovereignty to Birth Autonomy - Why Seed Sovereignty?*

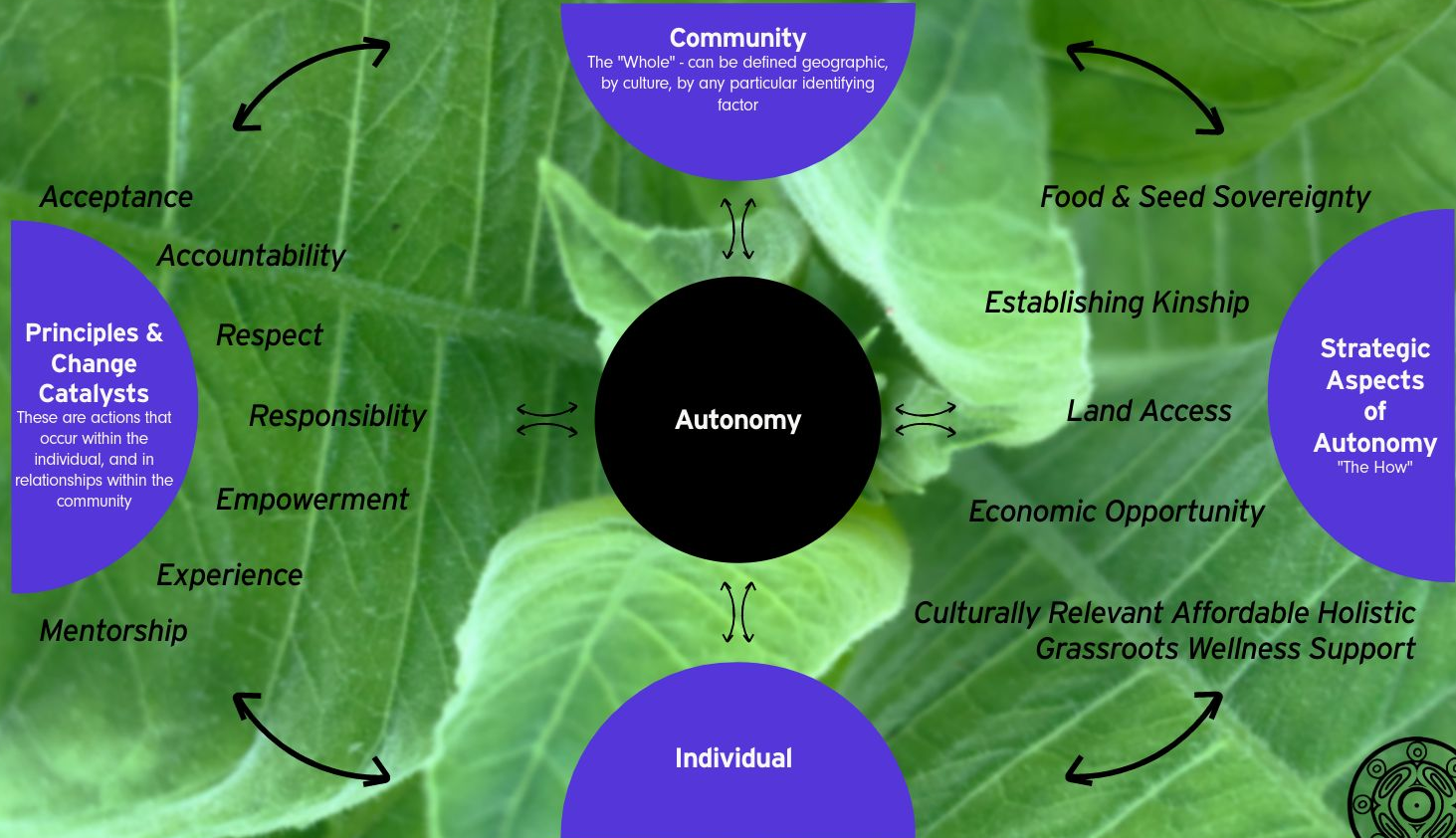
In our cultural teachings, we learn about the value of life, our autonomy, our stories and lineal legacy through our seeds. In taking care of our seeds, we learn about our interconnectedness with Nature. For all people, this allows us to create a different relationship with Birthgivers, and the importance of taking care of our birthing traditions, as well. In order to continue to break the perpetuation of colonial violence, which includes lateral violence within our communities, it's necessary to connect people to their ancestral foods. When this is taught and practiced in tandem with Reproductive Justice through Traditional Autonomous Birth Practices, it becomes the foundation and the fuel for community self-determination.

Through basic cultural teachings, as well as implementation of knowledge through ancestral sciences and other technical resources, we are able to realign our relationships with Nature and with each other. Giving people power through Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge we build sustaining power for autonomous communities in a balanced relationship with Nature. At a time where the well-being of the global community is at risk due to climate chaos, these solutions are necessary and support is long overdue. Indigenous communities have been and will continue to be at the forefront and the stronghold of harmonious sustainable lifeways



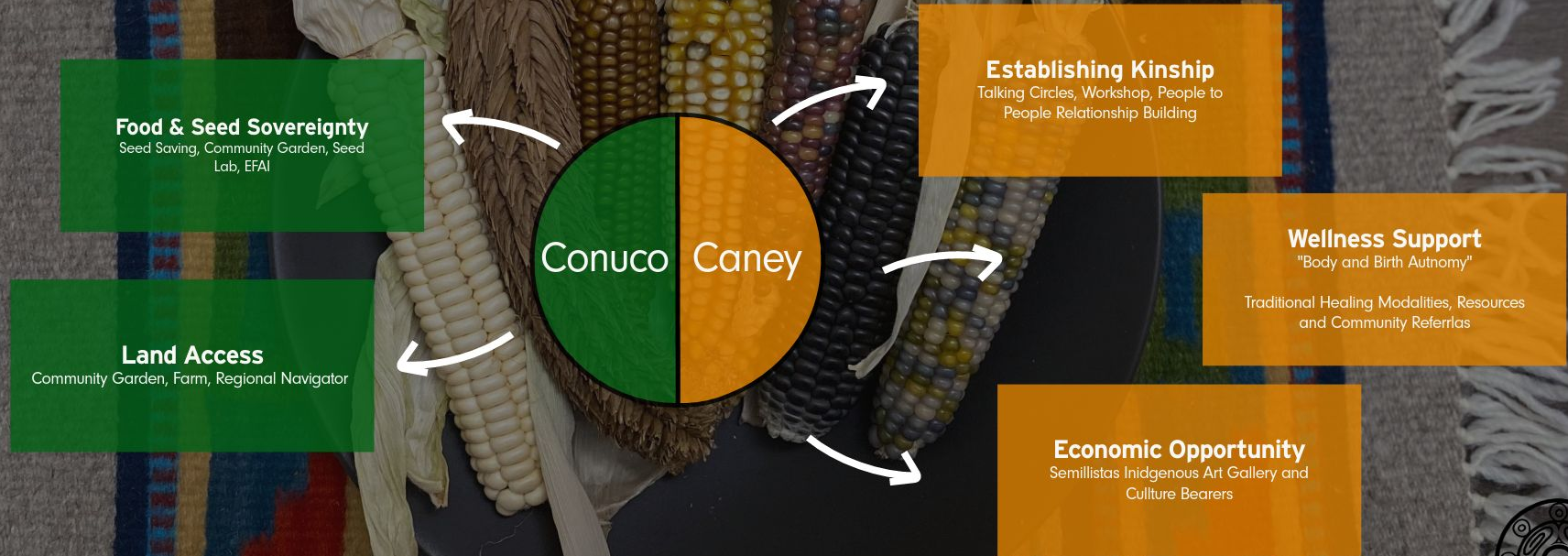
# Our Methodology: Cosmology of Autonomy

The "Cosmology of Autonomy" represents an equitable system that perpetuates individual and community self-determination and healing, based on traditional Taíno cultural teachings.



# Strategic Aspects of Autonomy: Our Programs

*Our current programs are founded in the essential aspects of the self-determined Taíno community: Caney and Conuco. The Caney, our Ancestral Pathways Initiative, represents knowledge sharing, cultural arts, community and leadership development. The Conuco, our Sowing Sovereignty Initiative, is the place where we grow, and teach others how to grow, our ancestral heirloom seeds.*



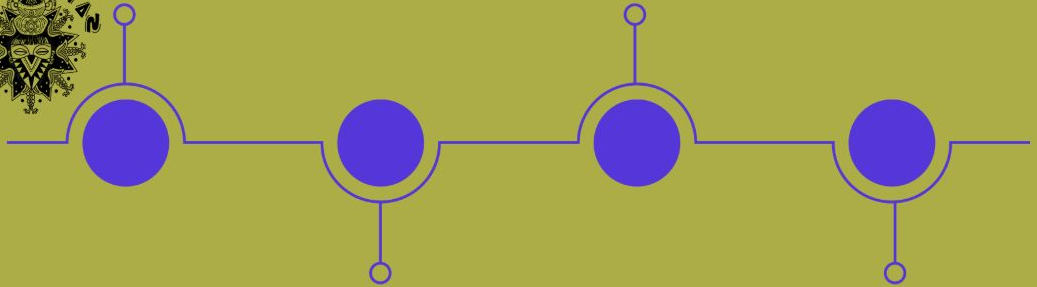


# This Year's Goals

Semillistas Cultural Arts Program:  
Documentation of Autonomy



Healing:  
Reproductive Justice, Advocacy and Support



Indigenous TEK Land Stewardship Initiative  
Establishment of 501c3 Land Trust

Capacity and Fundraising





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