Blurring the Lines: The Process of Applying Systems Thinking to an Ongoing Evaluation

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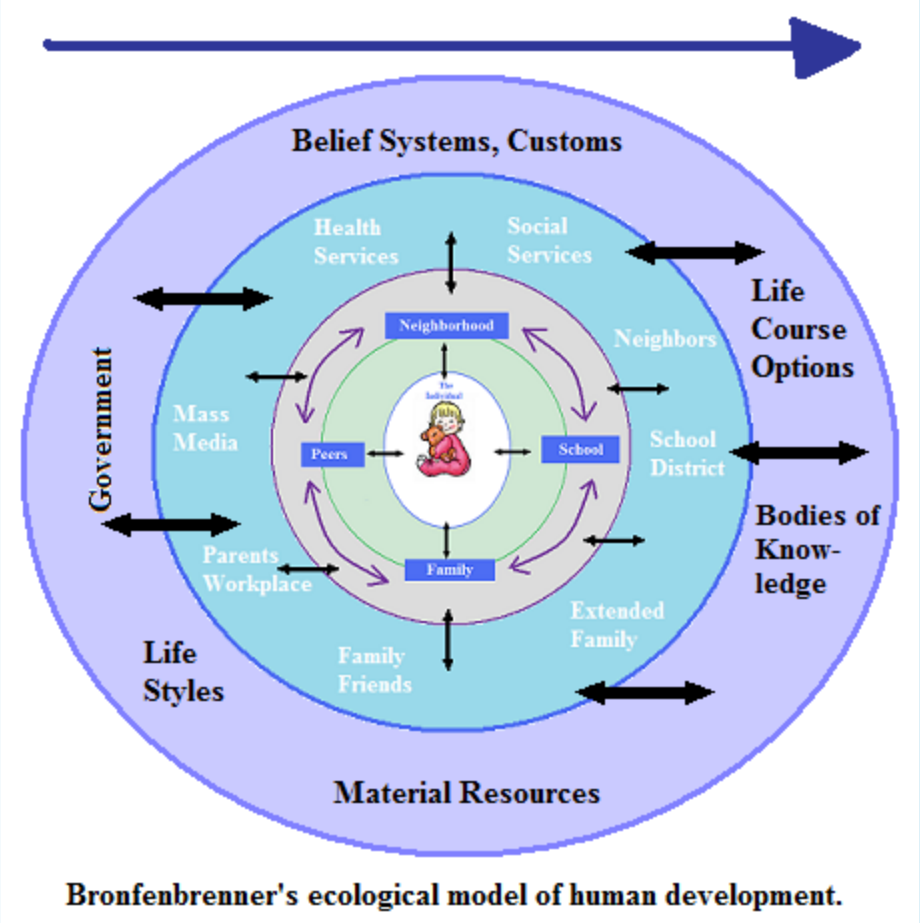

Bronfenbrenner's ecological model of human development.

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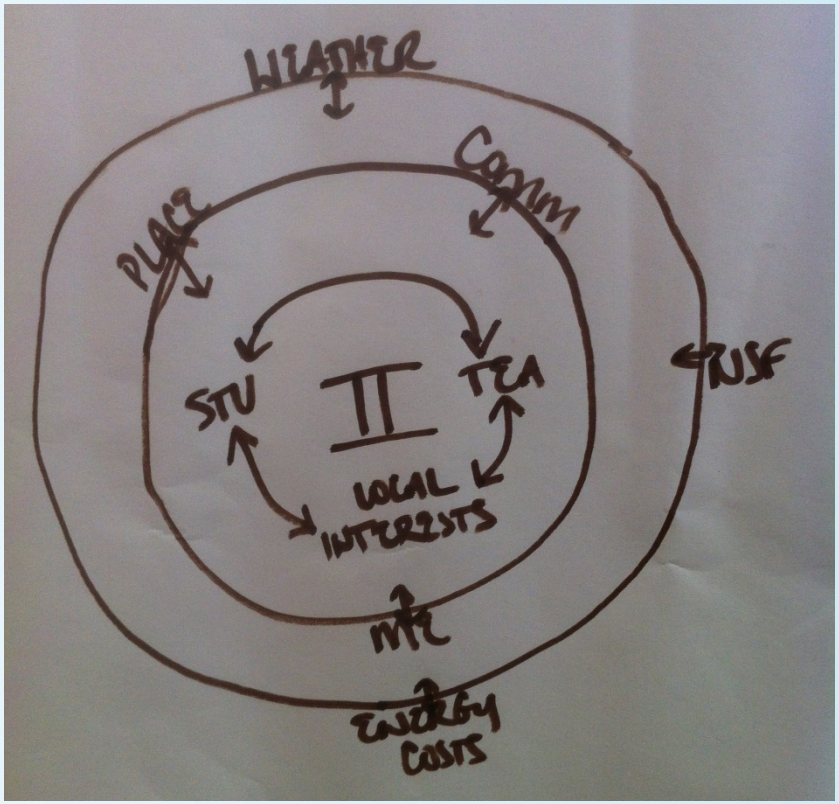

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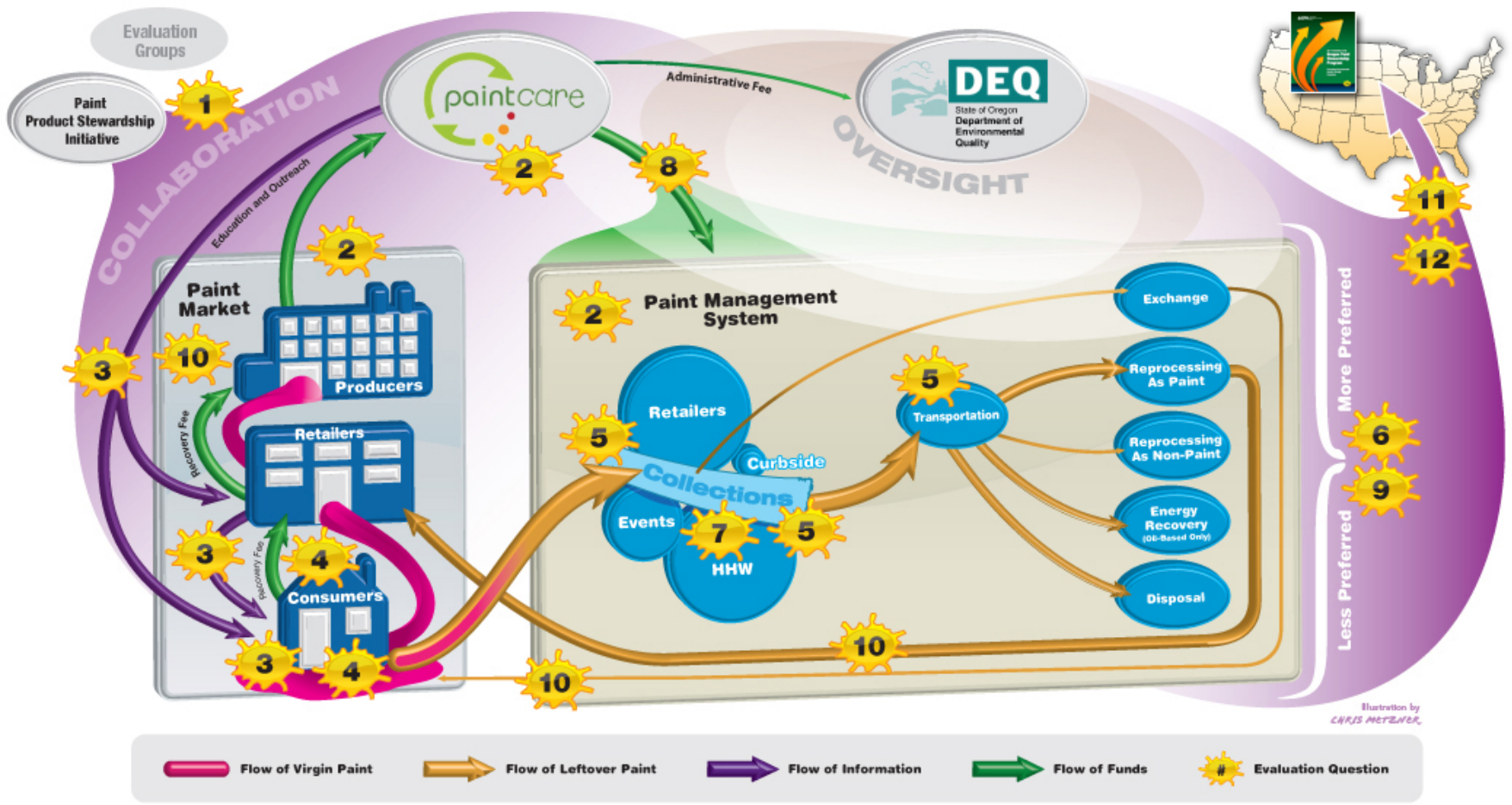

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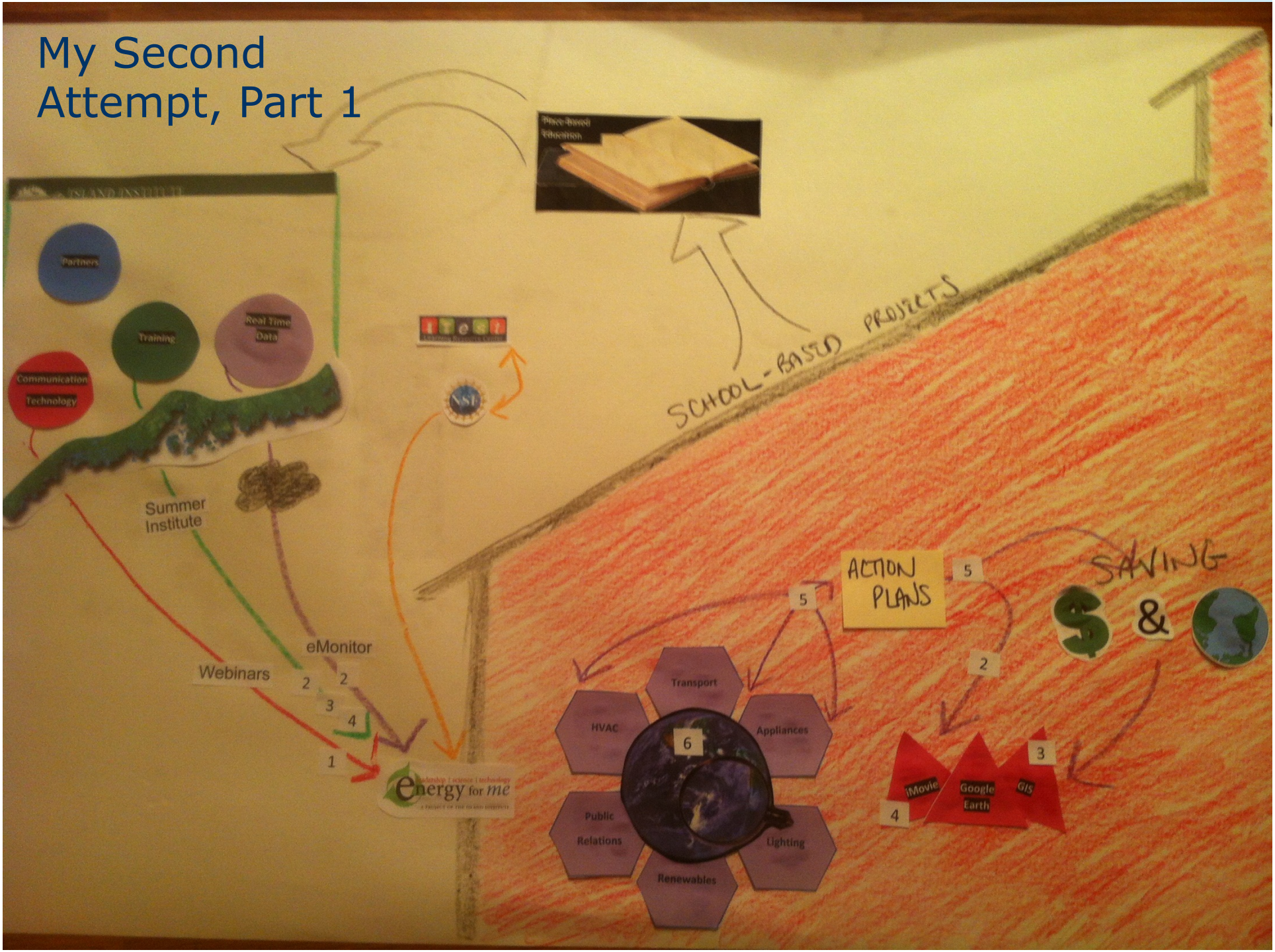

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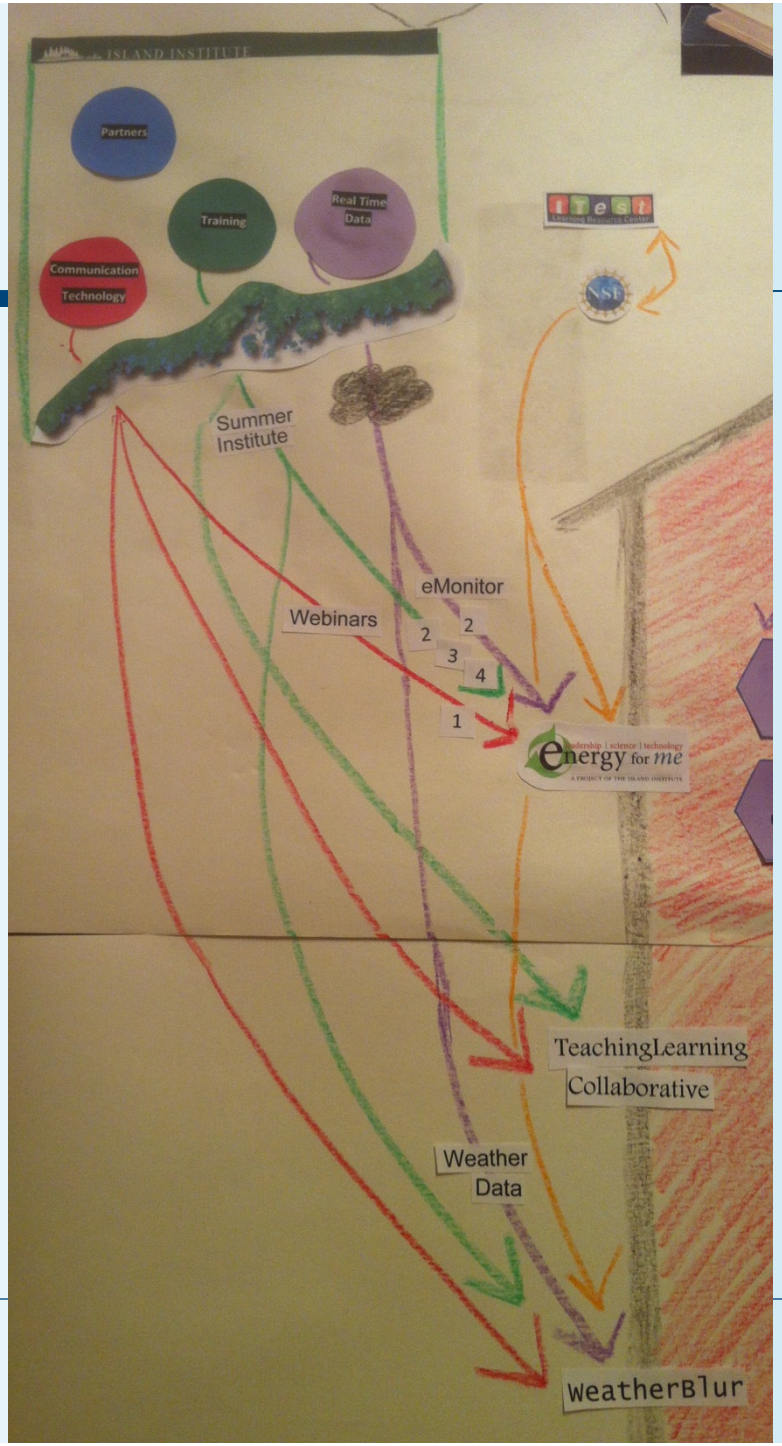

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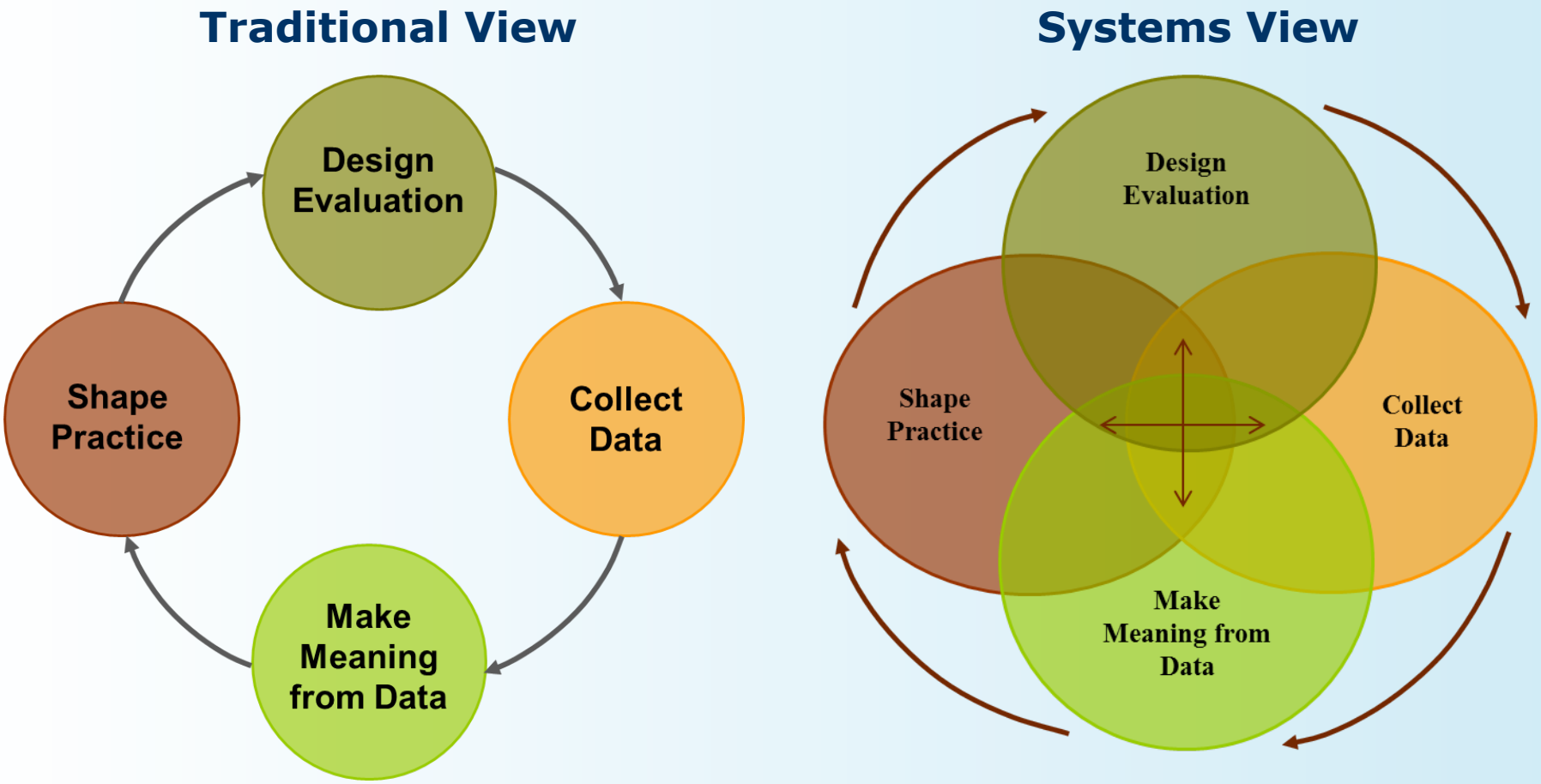
Traditional and Systems View of Evaluation



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Changes noted in my role as the result of applying systems ideas:

- The **boundaries** between myself as the external evaluator and the client are more fuzzy.
- The **relationship** has expanded to include a different type of consultation than I typically provide to clients.

Stages of Change

- Baseline Understanding
- Trying Out Interventions
- Tipping Point
- Sustainable Adaptive Balancing

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