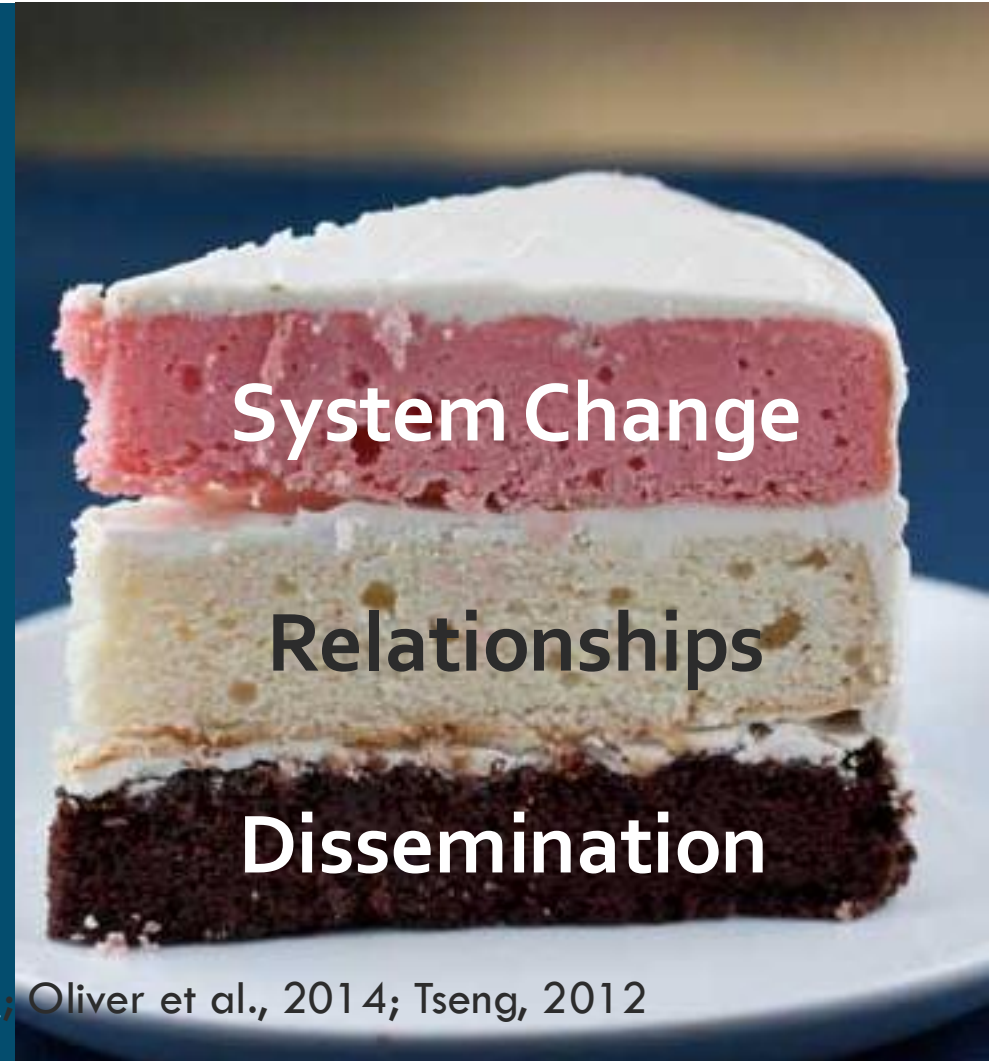


RESEARCH-TO-POLICY COLLABORATION

USING RESEARCH IN POLICY

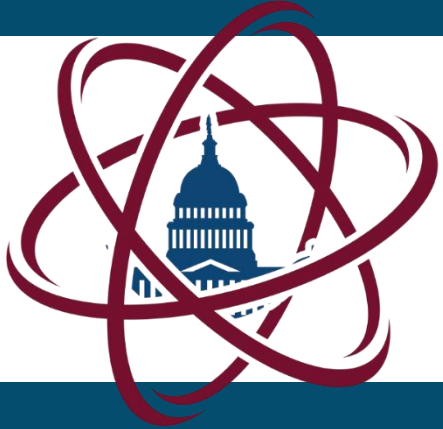
- Dissemination – necessary but insufficient
- Interactions are essential
- Fast moving policy windows
- Timely and relevant research
- Collaboration



POLICYMAKING PROCESS

- Non Linear
- Opportunistic: Windows of opportunity
- The agenda changes rapidly
- Rapid Response





Research-to-Policy — Collaboration —

Partnerships between research and congressional offices

Researchers:

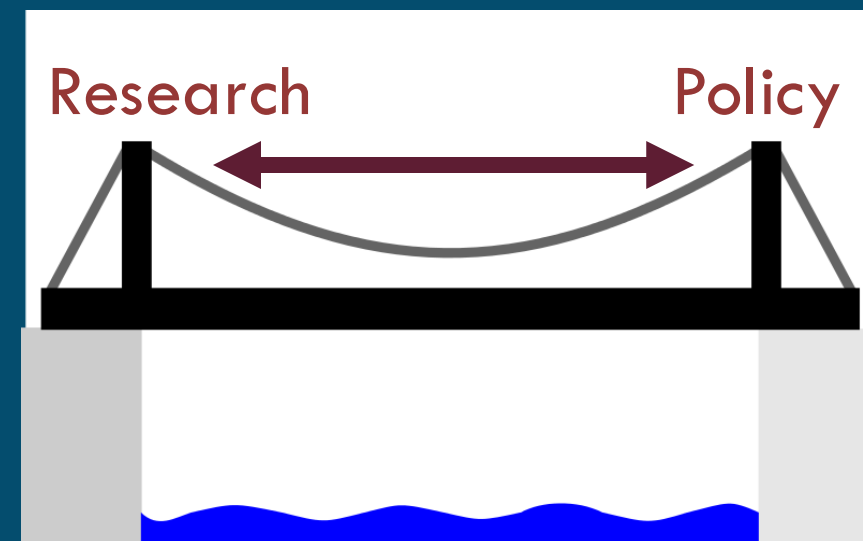
- Capacity development (e.g., hands-on support)
- Brokering engagement

Policymakers:

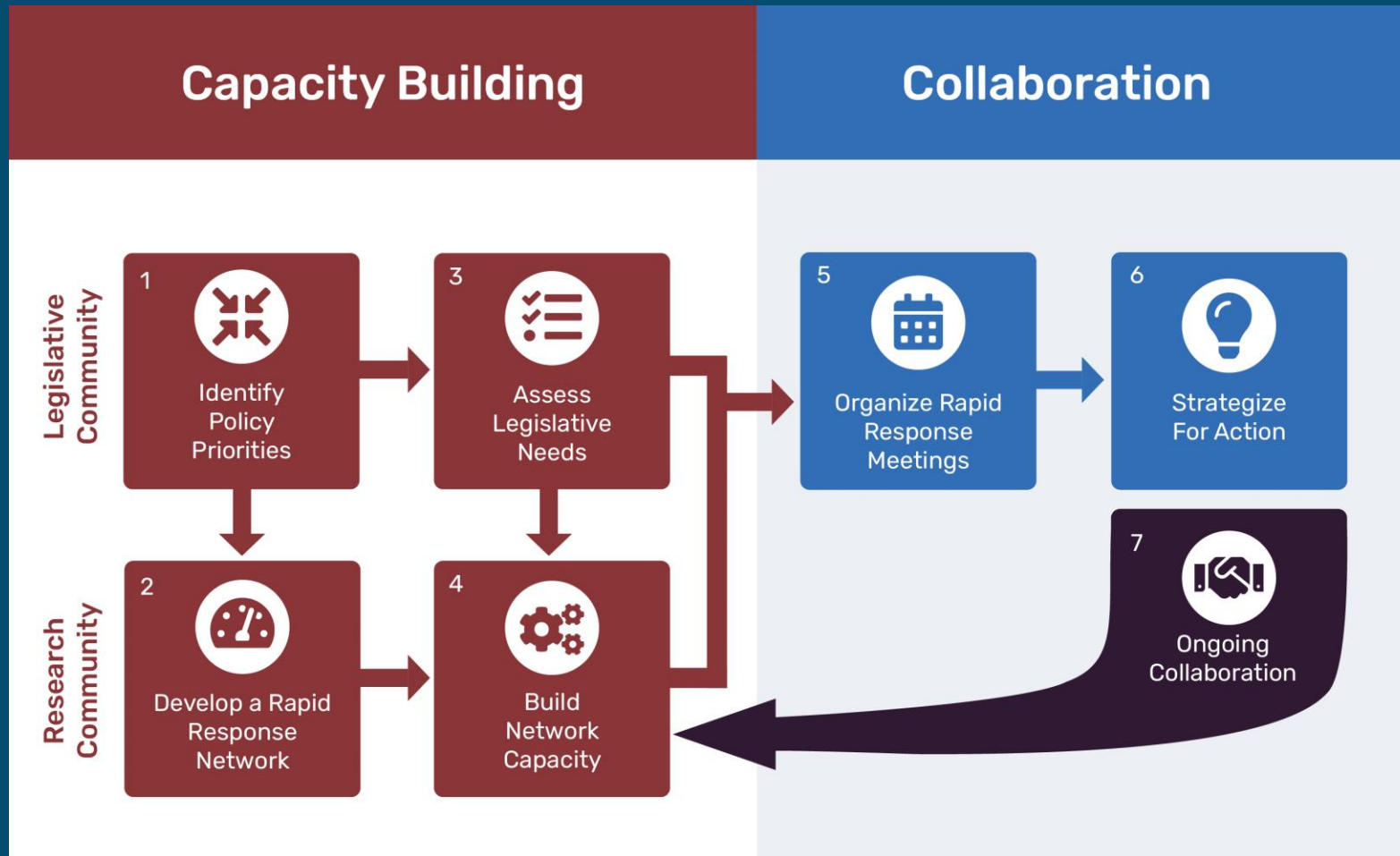
- Respond to needs
- Timely and relevant research

Ongoing Collaboration:

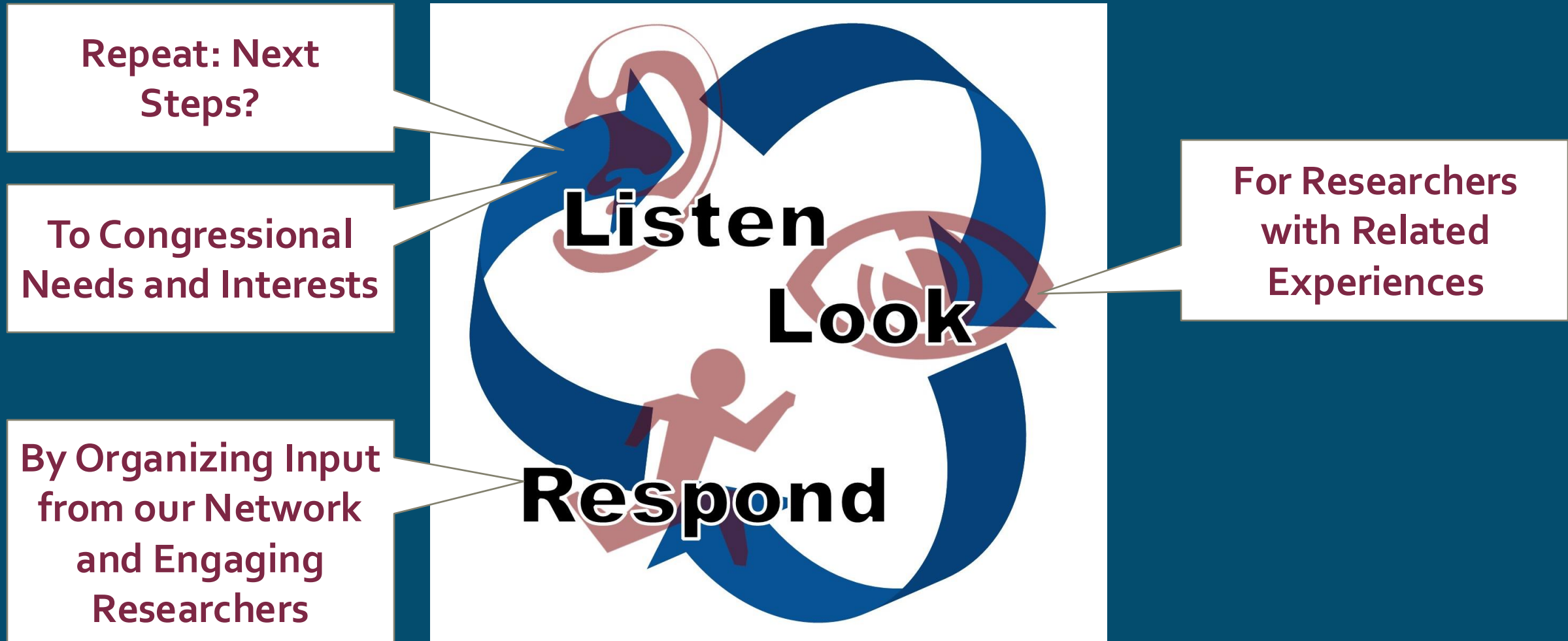
- Developing trust and understanding
- Bi-directional information flow



RPC APPROACH



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BUILDING RESEARCHER CAPACITY

- Rapid Response Network
- Confidence and skills
 - Building trusting relationships (e.g., cultural competency)
 - Avenues for collaboration
- Communication – unlearning science talk
- Knowledge brokering
 - Understand end-users' goals, problem definition, & culture
 - Research translation & access



POLICY ENGAGEMENT CAPACITY

- **Identify legislators** “active” on family issues
- **Needs Assessments**
- **Broker connections** with researchers

Responding to Requests for Research

- Soliciting expertise and referrals
- Opportunities for connecting directly with offices

RAPID RESPONSE MEETINGS

Matches for meetings are based on:

- Availability
- Related experiences
- Participation in RPC

Preparation

Purpose

- Introduction for rapport
- Listening and understanding
- Sharing related experiences
- Planning next steps

Roles

- Honest broker NOT lobbyist
- Mutual expertise

ONGOING COLLABORATION

The real work happens after meetings

- Working meetings → discussion & outlining next steps
- Follow-up is CRITICAL to building working relationships

Stay visible

- Legislative pen pal – send *regular* updates
- Related activities (e.g., op-eds, briefings)
- Offer to help

AVOIDING LOBBYING

Recommendations

1. Focus on the issues and evidence
2. Make ranging, specific recommendations
3. Describe legislation objectively
(not your opinion)
4. Describe how evidence does or does not align with
specific legislation
5. Do NOT ask for support or opposition on specific
legislation



Honest
Broker

HOW TO JOIN THE RAPID RESPONSE NETWORK

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**Get
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