

Narrative Evaluation (NE)

Capturing Complexity through Storied Conversations & Chronology

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The “Hybrid” Process

1. **Appreciative Inquiry:** “What’s working?”
2. Generate a **chronological narrative** of personal experience
3. **Co-construct** outcomes with evaluator

Why Narrative?

Evaluation Challenges	Narrative Solution
Participation	Individual Meaning
Data Collection	Therapeutic Uses
Data Analysis	Therapeutic Uses
Static	Chronology is Dynamic over time
One-time	Continuous Culture of Evaluation

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NE Concepts

- **Context**
- **Continuum**
- **History**
- **Tentativeness**
- **Temporal results**
- **Continuity**
- **Wholeness**
- **Positionality**
Time, Space, Experience
- **Relational**

Vulnerable Populations

- **Individualized**
- **Meaningful**
- **Captures Change**
- **Flexible**
- **Positive**
- **Therapeutic:**
Identity, Memory, Organization, Reflection

Empowerment

- **Participatory**
- **Collaborative**
- **Adaptive**
- **Inclusive**

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