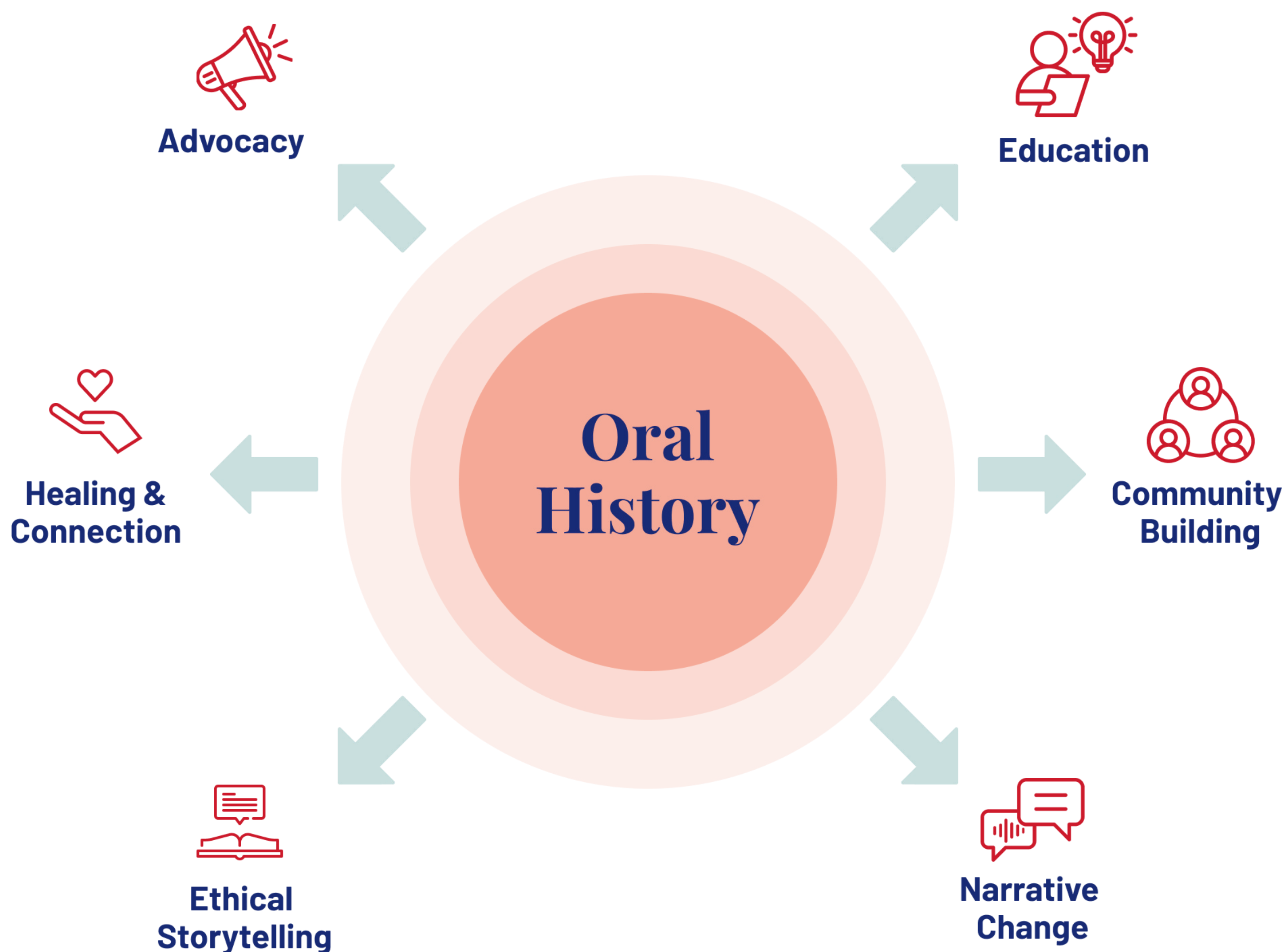


Storytelling for Justice: The Power of Oral History

Oral history has a wide range of applications and benefits. It's a tool to build community, heal and support storytellers themselves, and advance justice through education, advocacy, and narrative change.

Oral history is about the human impacts of policy and how people's experiences are documented and understood. These projects can disrupt harmful stereotypes sustained by mainstream media and politicians, and instead allow narrators to share their stories—in their own words—with complexity, dignity, and agency. This impacts how we make sense of the world and what we imagine is possible.

"We're not alone. I believe that telling one's story is a way to healing, Sharing my own story has changed my life." -Soledad Castillo, Narrator



Recent Project Examples:

- **Advocacy:** Supporting an immigrant justice organization with first-person storytelling for campaigns related to Temporary Protected Status, sanctuary cities, and climate migration
- **Education:** Creating lesson plans centering AAPI and Latinx oral histories for NYC's department of education
- **Community Building:** Working with a local nonprofit to develop an intergenerational and place-based Koreatown Storytelling Project
- **Narrative Change:** Convening a coalition of housing justice groups to align storytelling efforts combating stigma around unhoused people
- **Ethical Storytelling:** Training an Indigenous justice group to record stories from elders at an upcoming community event
- **Healing & Connection:** Facilitating oral history activities with a low-income senior housing nonprofit and local youth



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