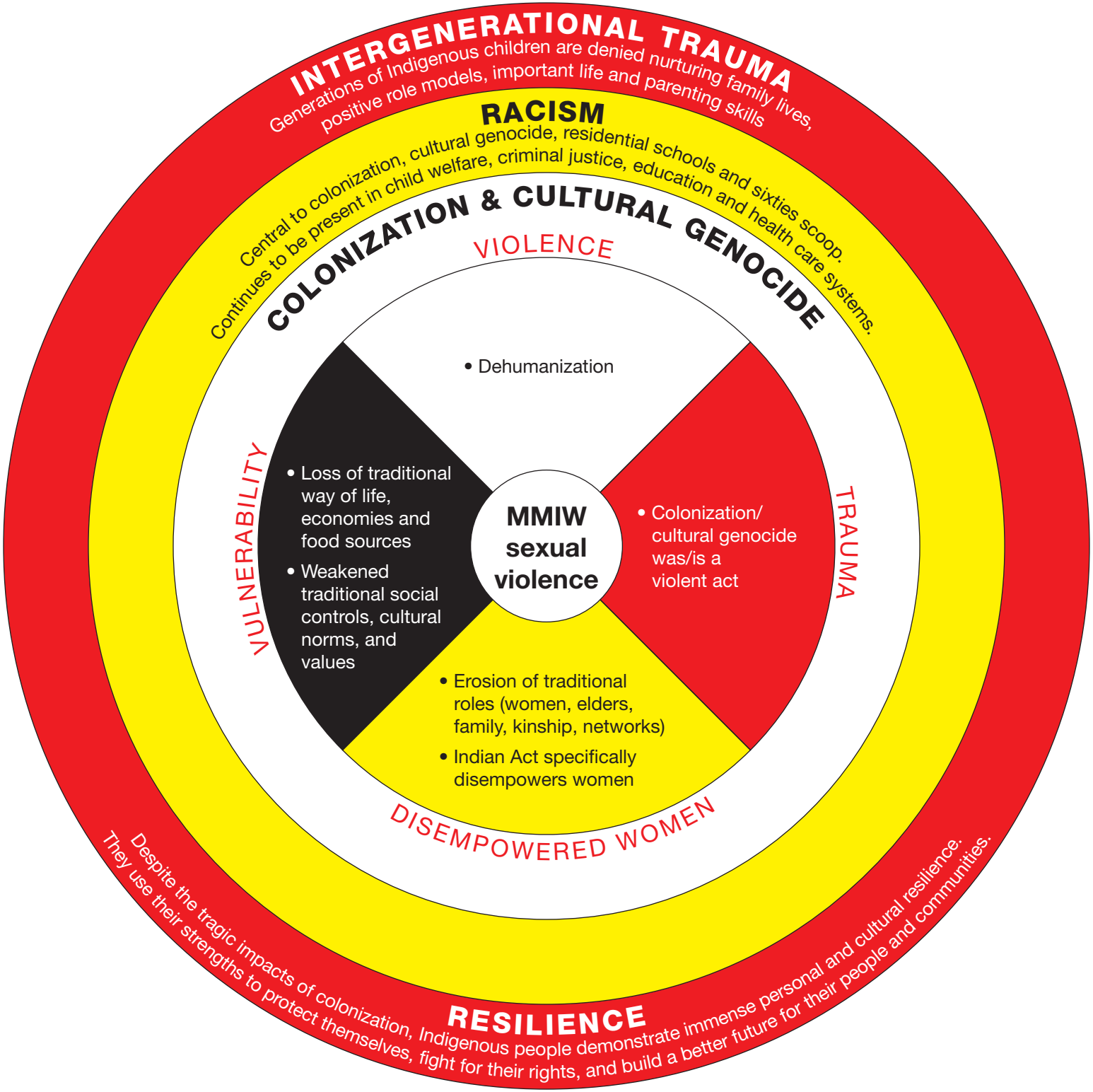
INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA
Generations of Indigenous children are denied nurturing family lives, positive role models, important life and parenting skills
RACISM
Central to colonization, cultural genocide, residential schools and sixties scoop. Continues to be present in child welfare, criminal justice, education and health care systems.
COLONIZATION & CULTURAL GENOCIDE
VIOLENCE
• Dehumanization
VULNERABILITY
• Loss of traditional way of life, economies and food sources
• Weakened traditional social controls, cultural norms, and values
MMIW sexual violence
TRAUMA
• Colonization/ cultural genocide was/is a violent act
• Erosion of traditional roles (women, elders, family, kinship, networks)
• Indian Act specifically disempowers women
DISEMPOWERED WOMEN
RESILIENCE
Despite the tragic impacts of colonization, Indigenous people demonstrate immense personal and cultural resilience. They use their strengths to protect themselves, fight for their rights, and build a better future for their people and communities.