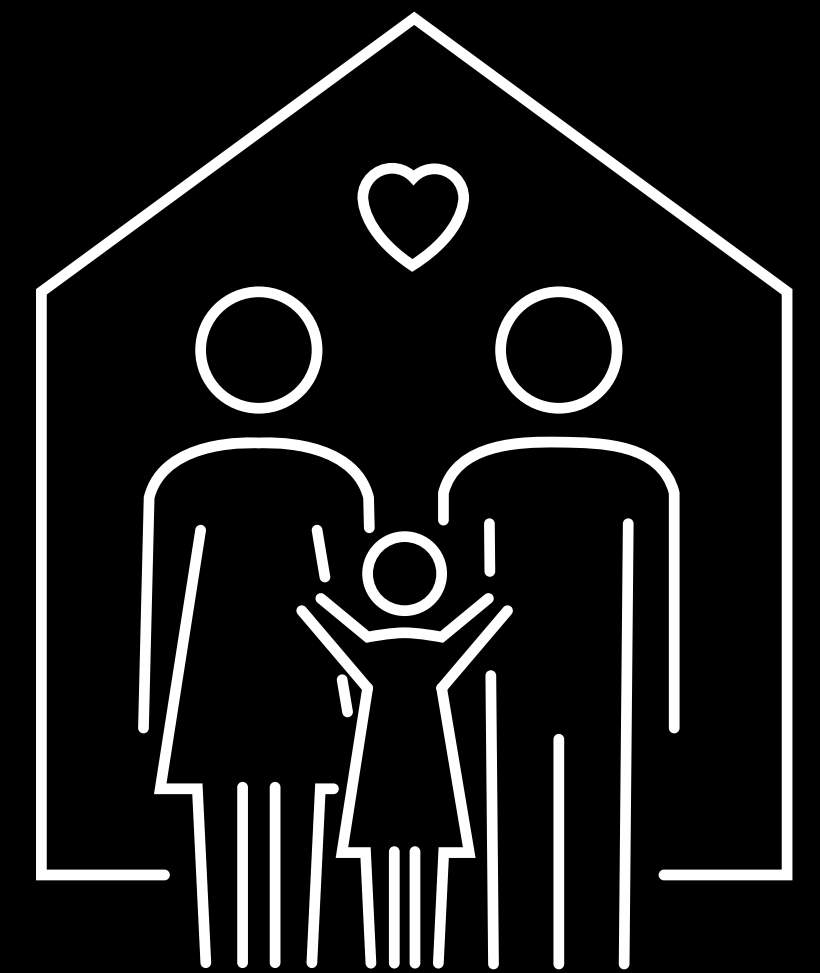
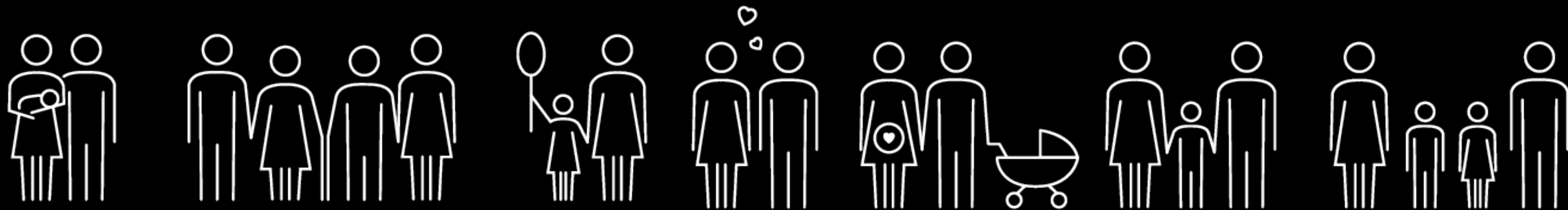


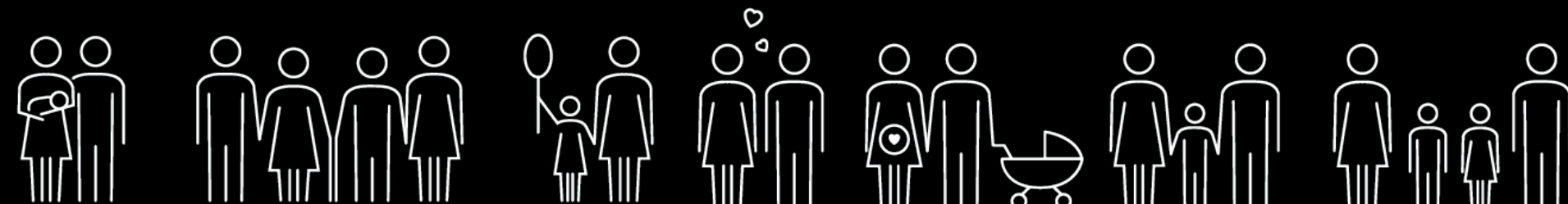
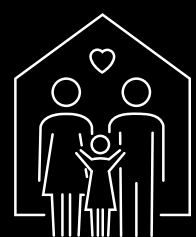
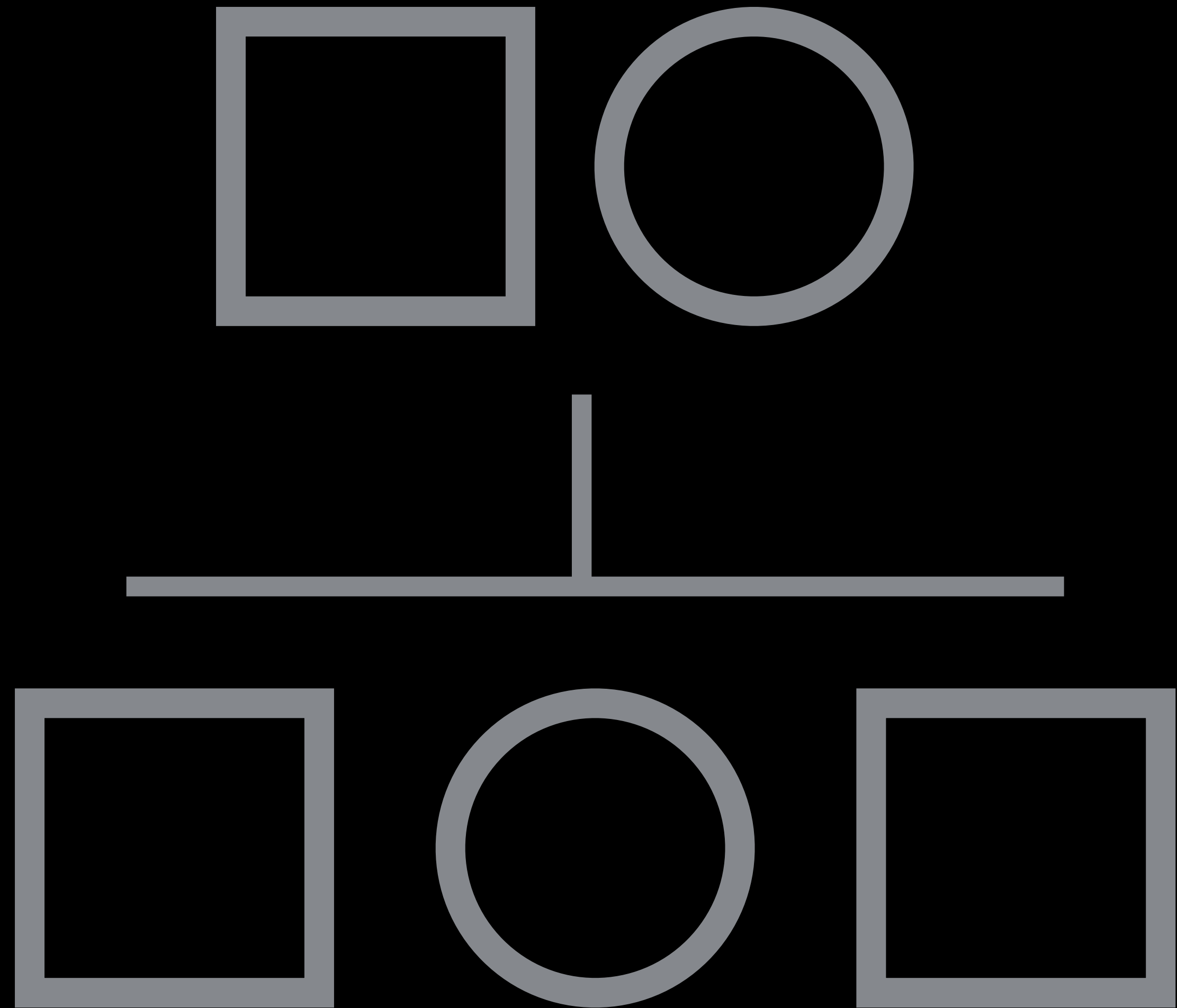
Working with Families Part I:

Understanding and Assessing Families



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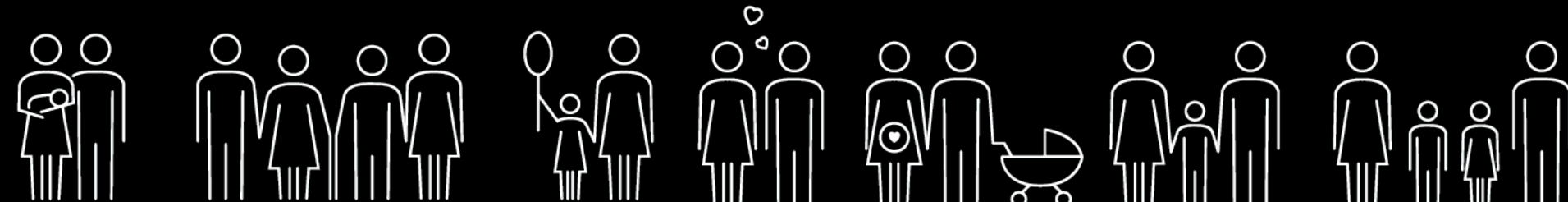
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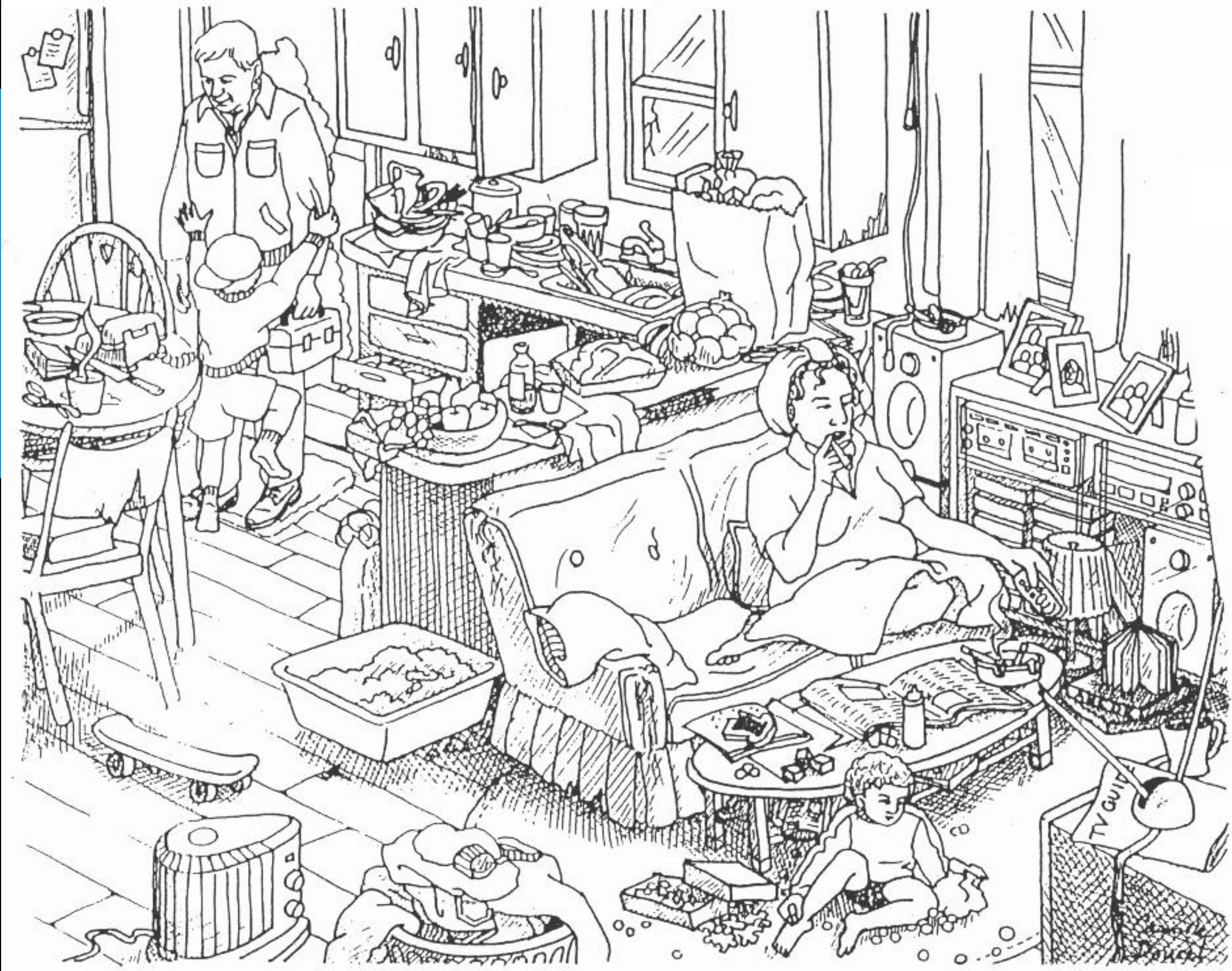


Agenda

Strengths perspective and families

Engagement and assessment with families



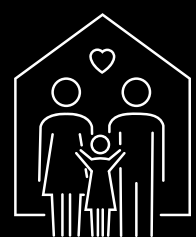


Identifying Family Strengths

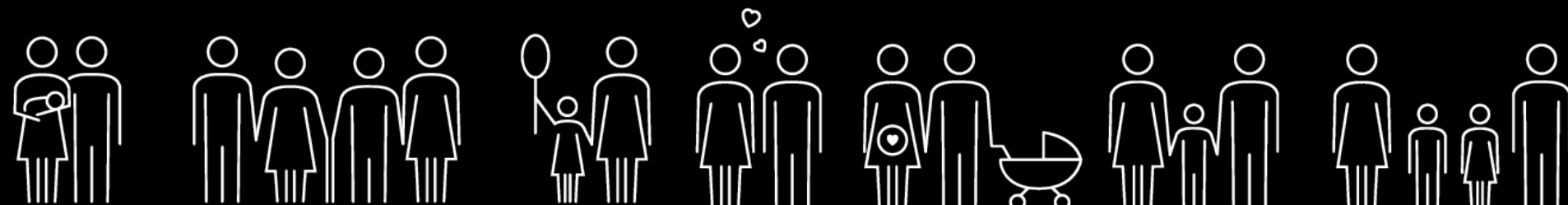
Note 12 to 15 positive aspects of the household pictured

(National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, 2007)

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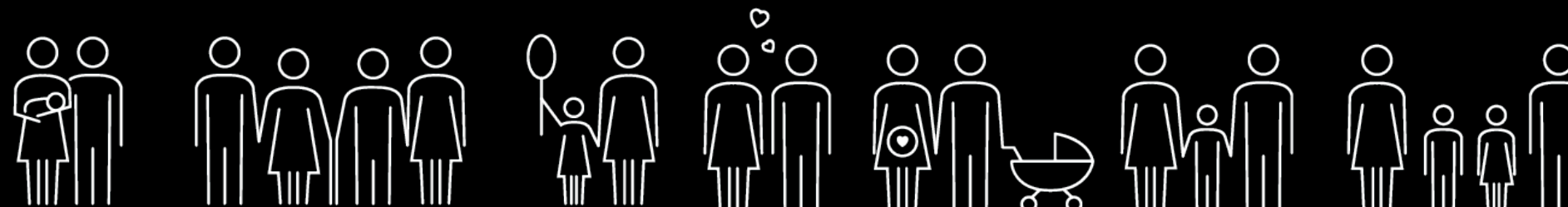
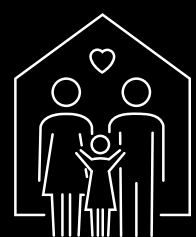


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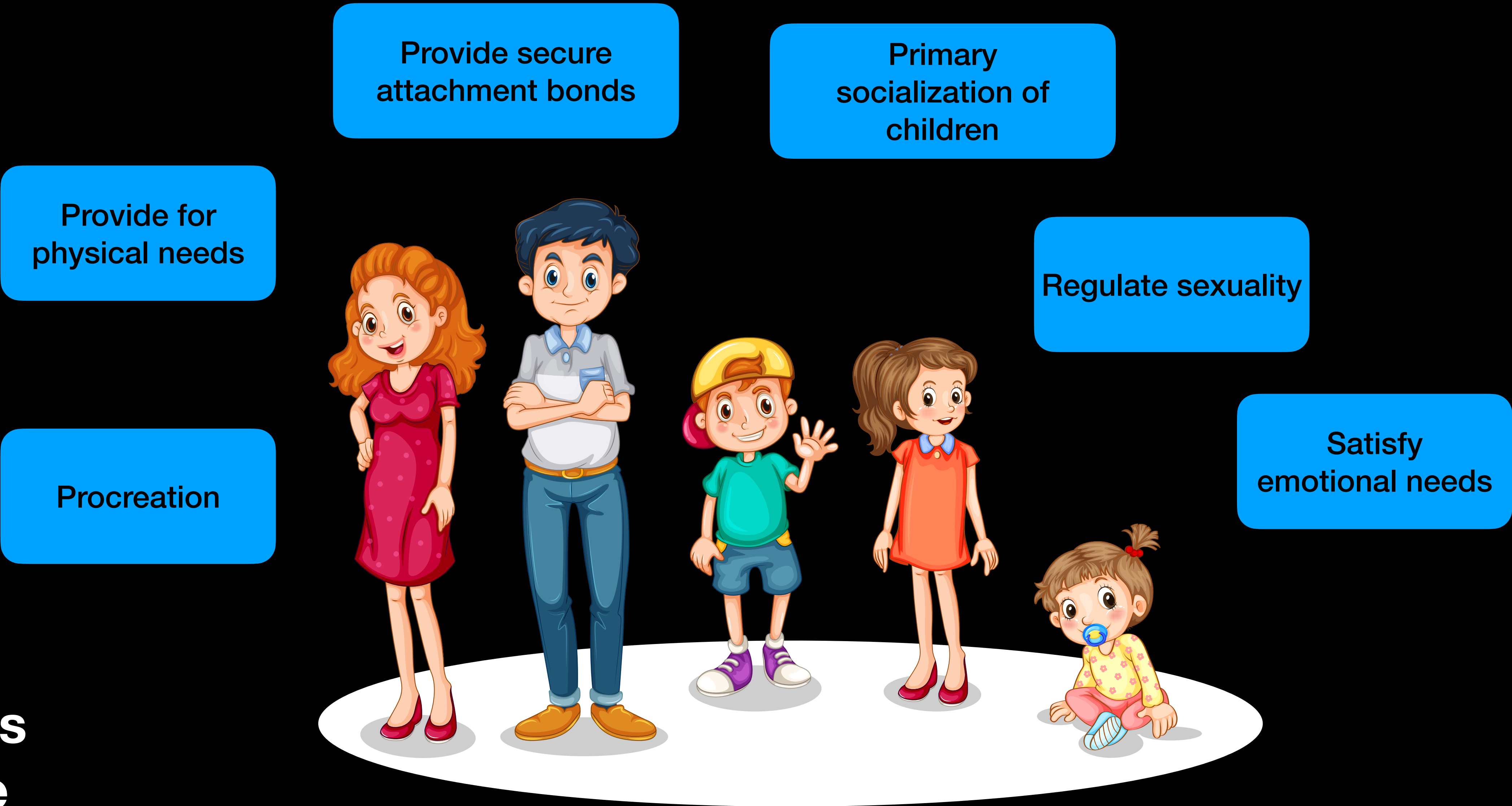


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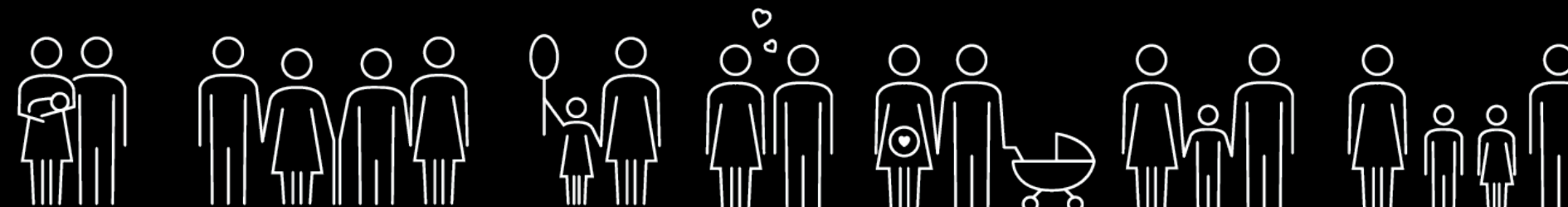
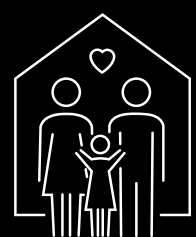
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(Kirst-Ashman & Hull, 2015)

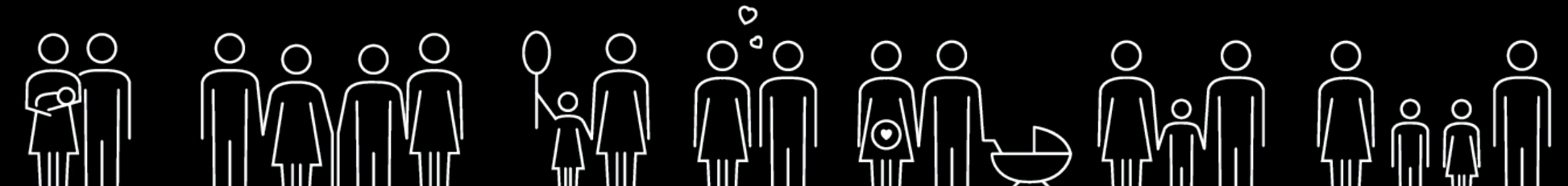
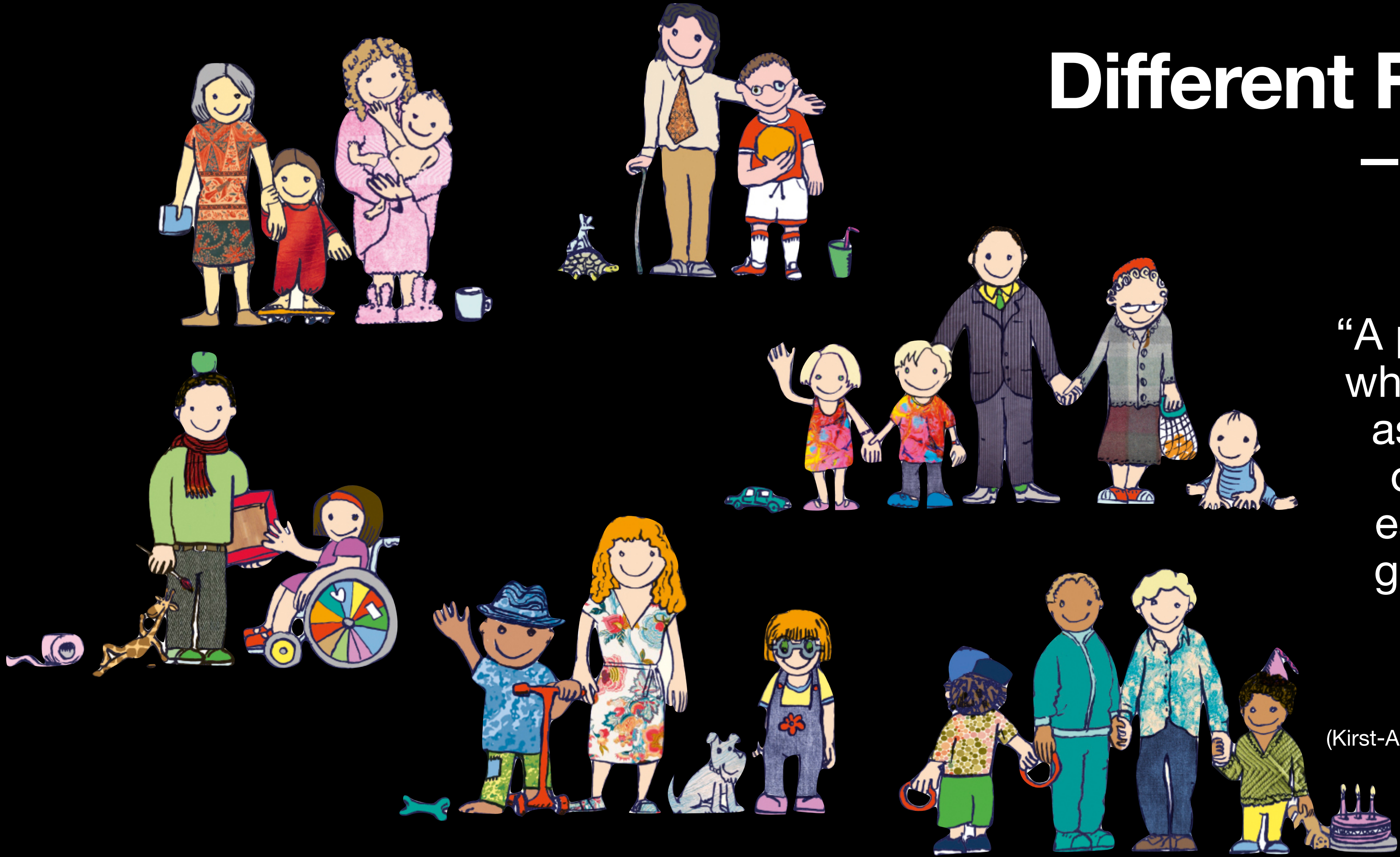


Different Families

— Same Love

“A primary group whose members assume certain obligations for each other and generally share common residences.”

(Kirst-Ashman & Hull, 2015, p. 331)

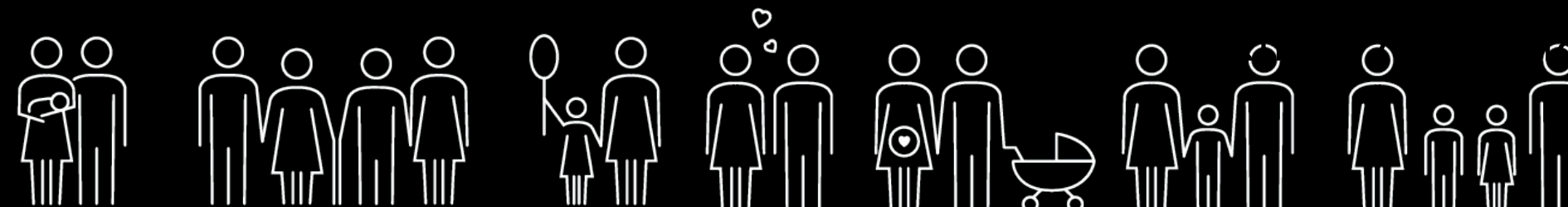
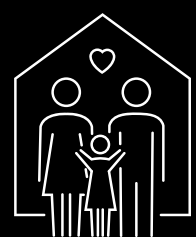


Family Systems Framework Assessment

Dimensions

- Homeostasis
- Boundaries and Boundary Maintenance
- External Family Boundaries
- Enmeshment and Disengagement
- Family Decision Making, Hierarchy, and Power
- Family Roles
- Communication Patterns in Families
- Family Life Cycle
- Family Rules
- Social Environment
- Family Adaptive Capacity (Stressors and Strengths)

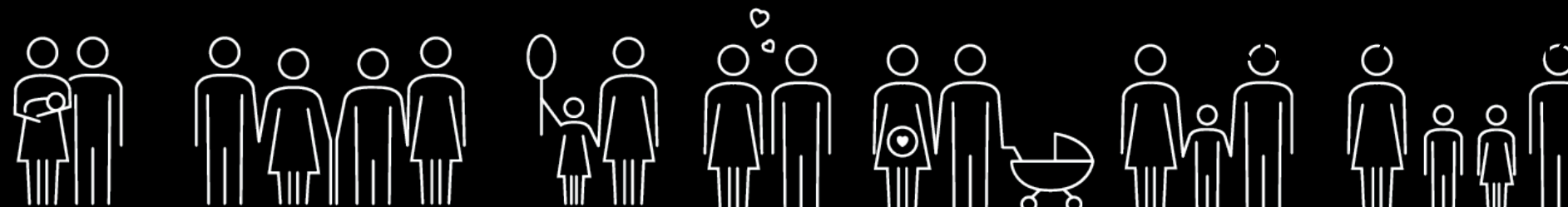
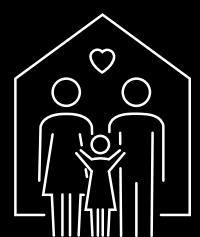
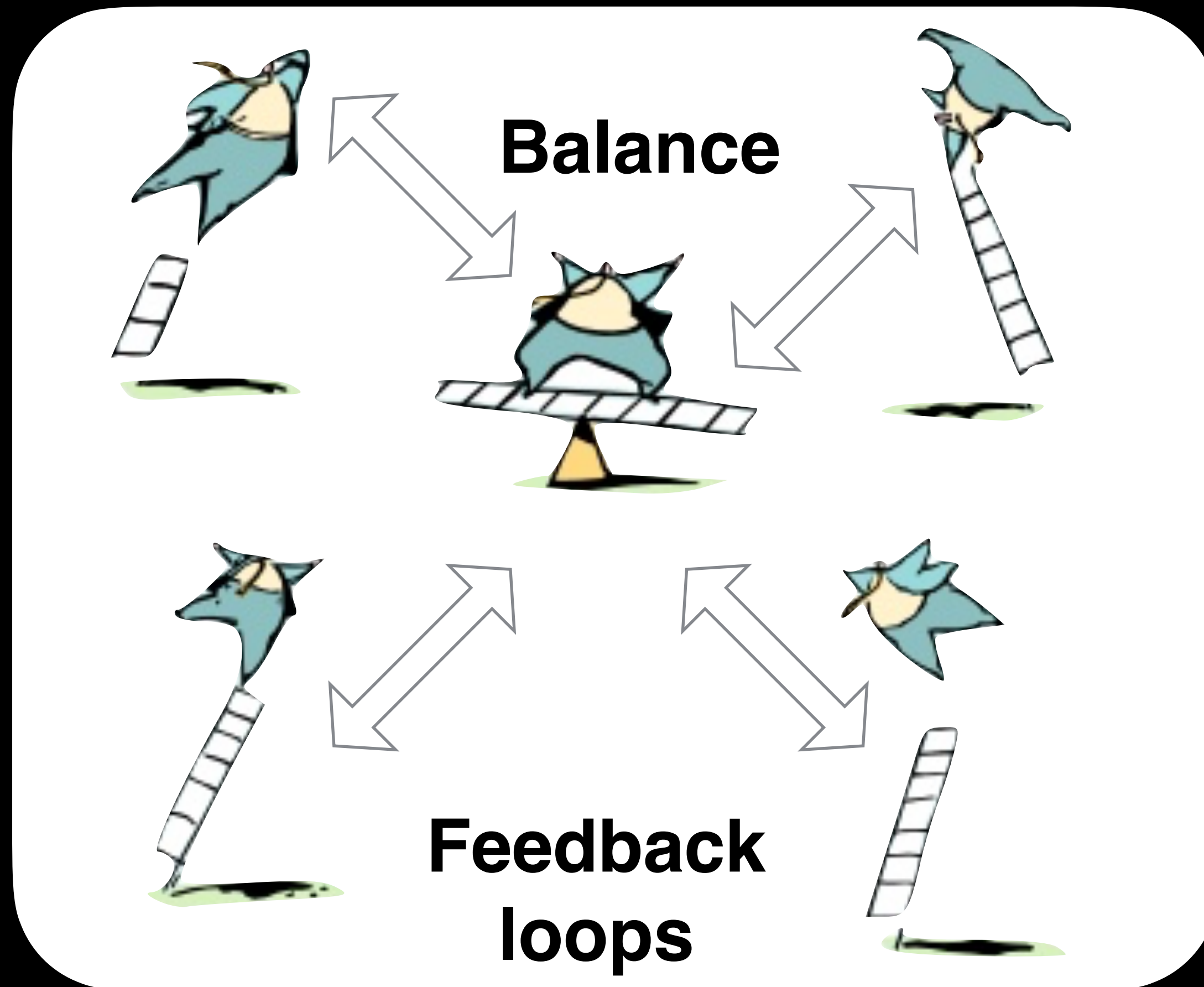
(Hepworth et al., 2022)



Homeostasis

“Families may try to maintain the status quo in response to family transitions in the life cycle or stressors associated with abrupt change to the family system itself (e.g., death, divorce, a new addition to the family, an abrupt move), or environmental events such as immigration or move to a new location, or changes in daily routines”

(Hepworth et al., 2022, p. 196)



Boundaries & Boundary Maintenance

Disengagement

diffused boundaries

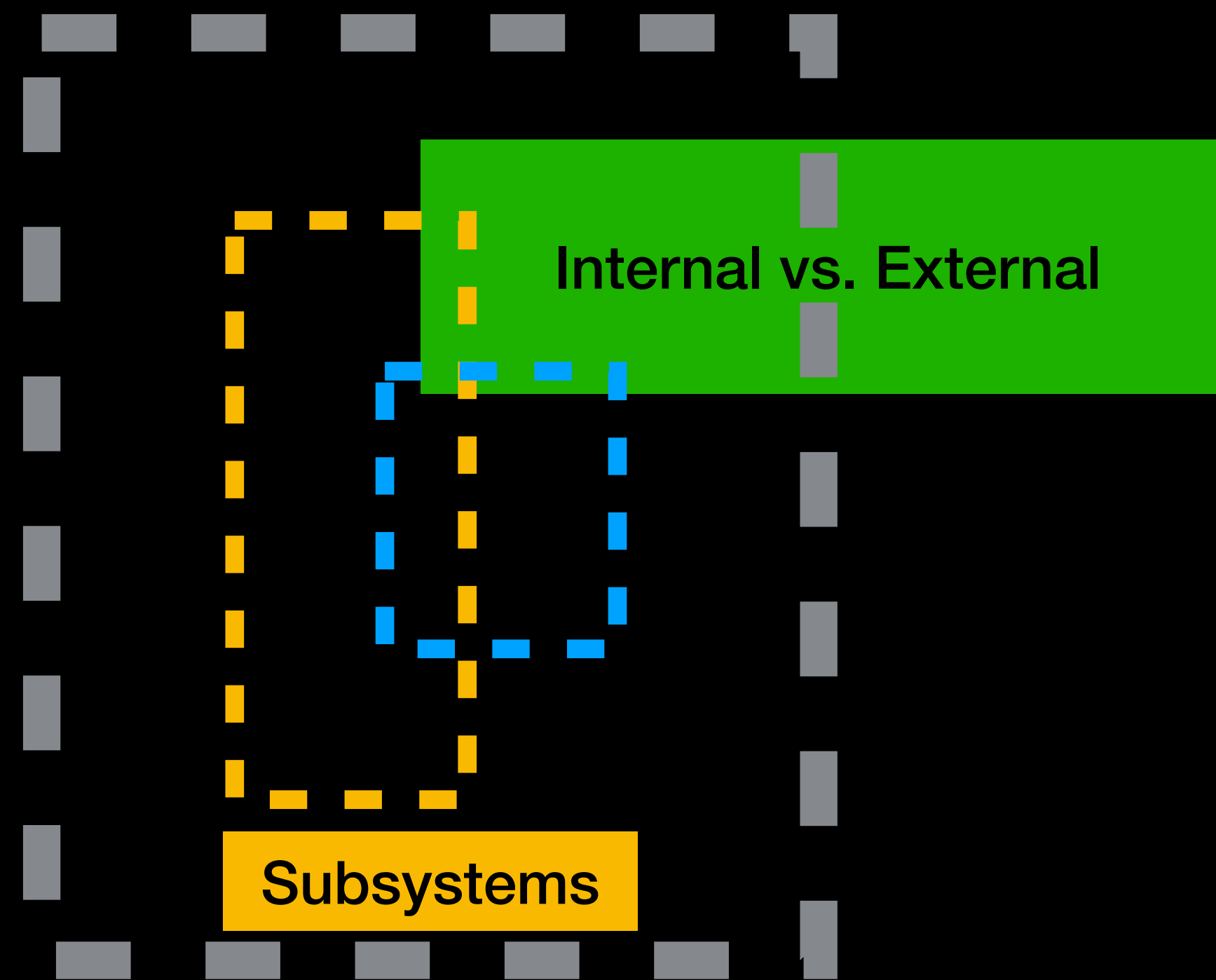


Enmeshment

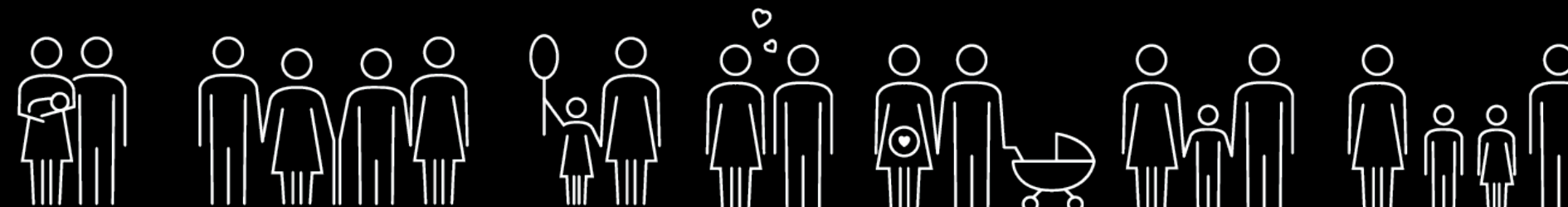
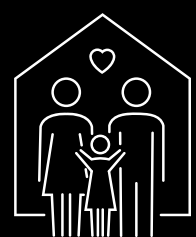
inappropriately rigid

Unique

families unique style,
cultural preferences,
strengths, and needs



(Kirst-Ashman & Hull, 2015)



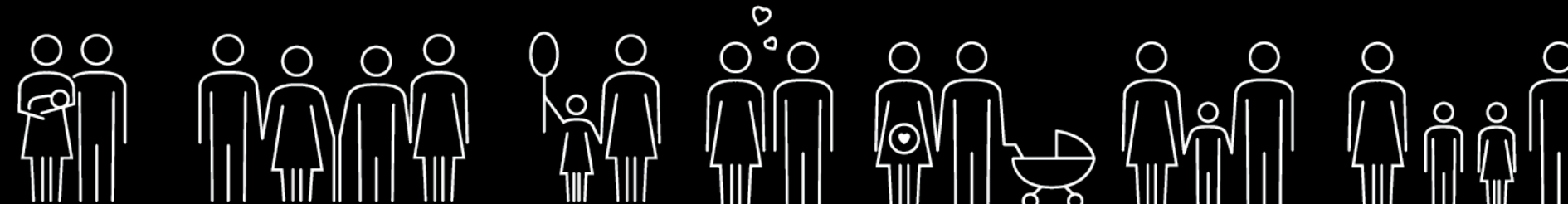
Family Decision Making, Hierarchy, and Power

- Historic / Context
- Reason for distribution
- Covert power
- Power flexibility
- Family perspective

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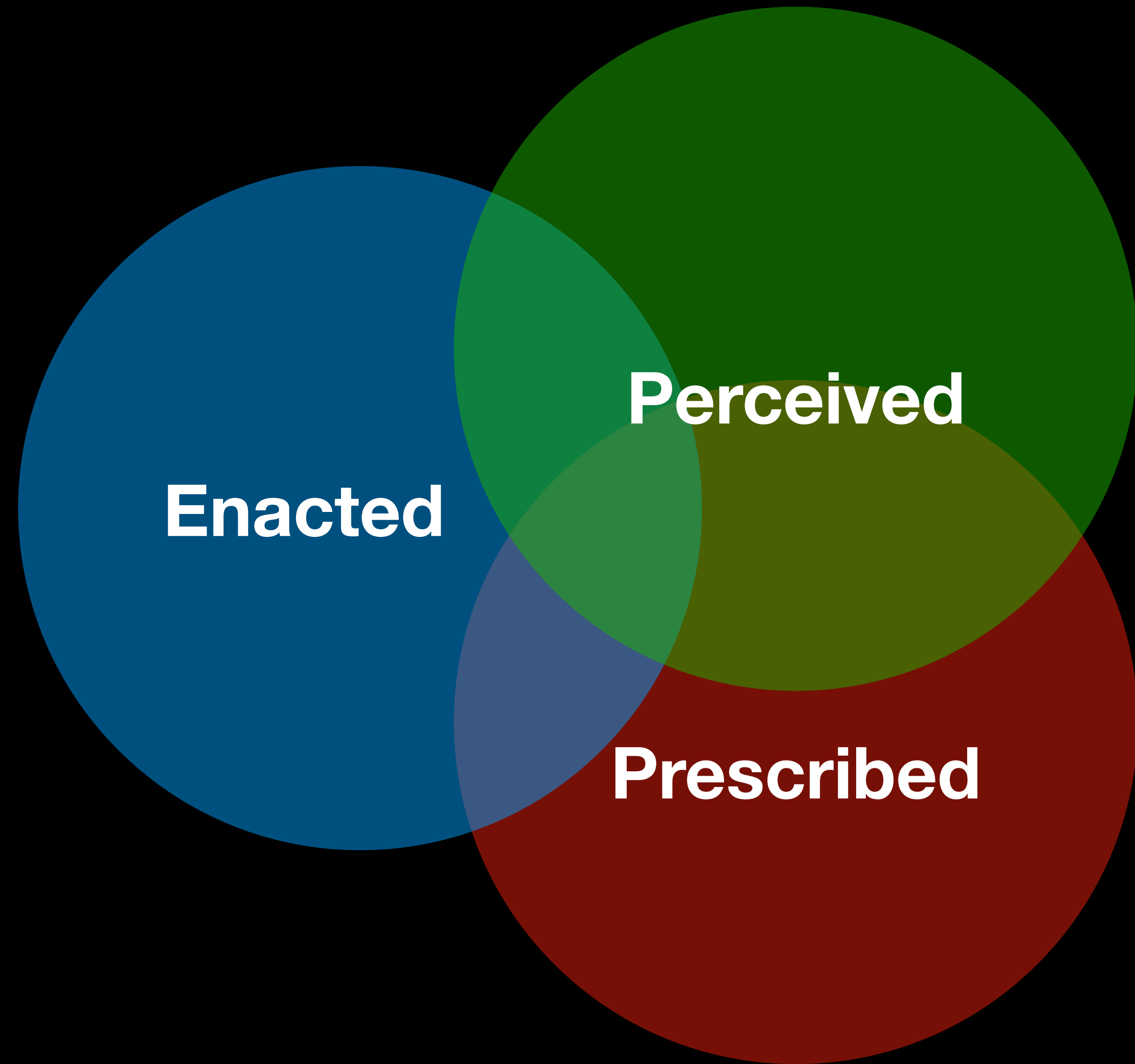


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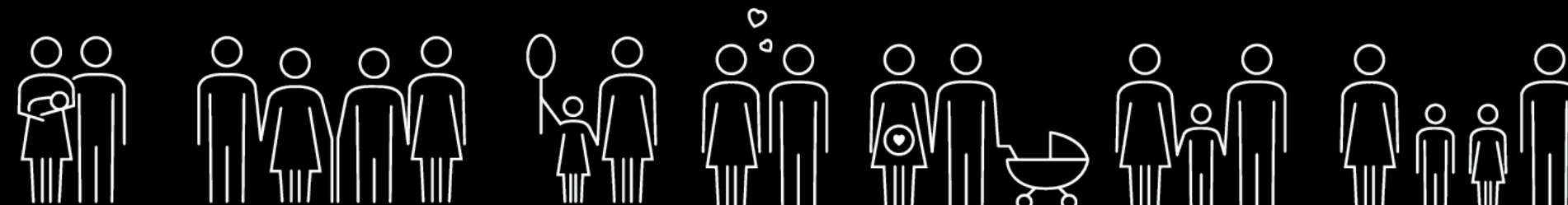
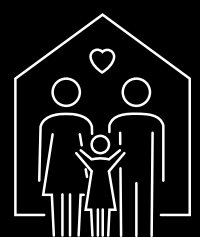


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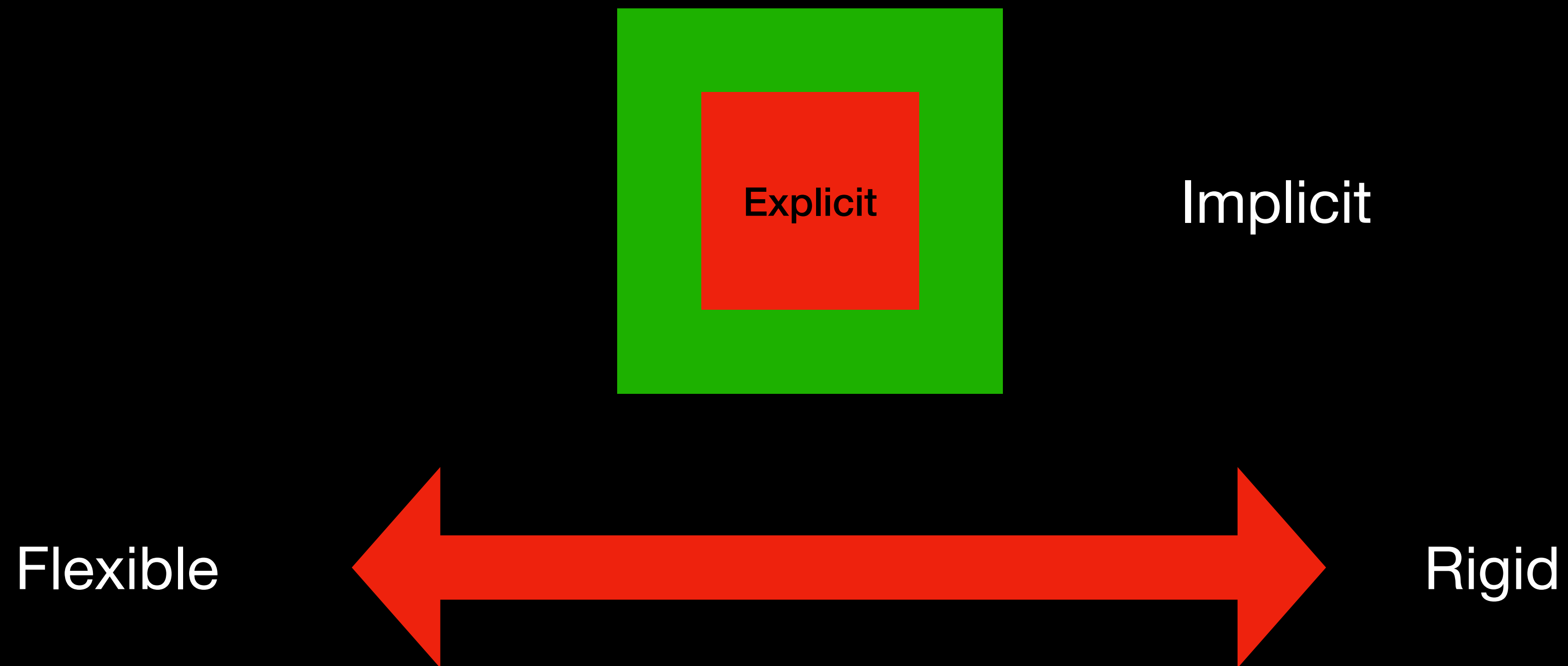
Family Roles



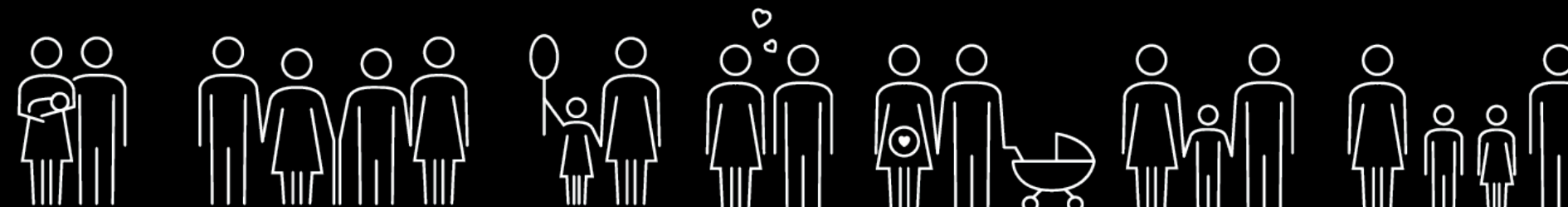
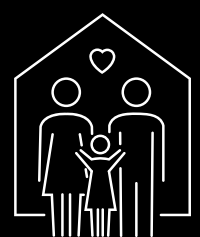
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Family Rules

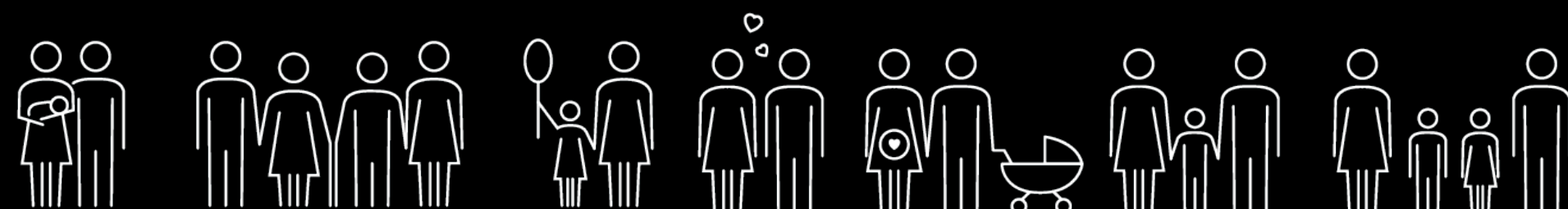


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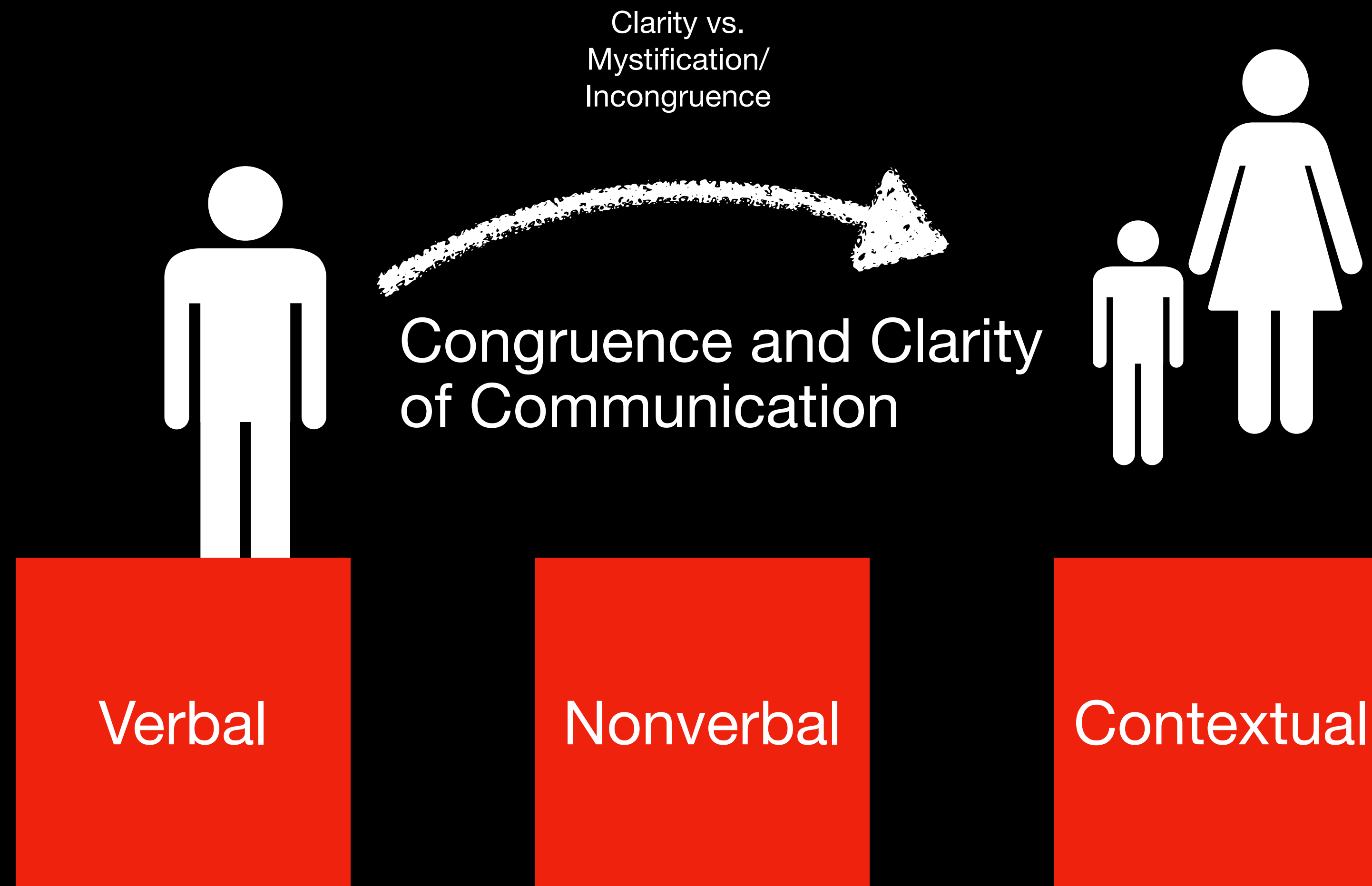


What About Your Family?

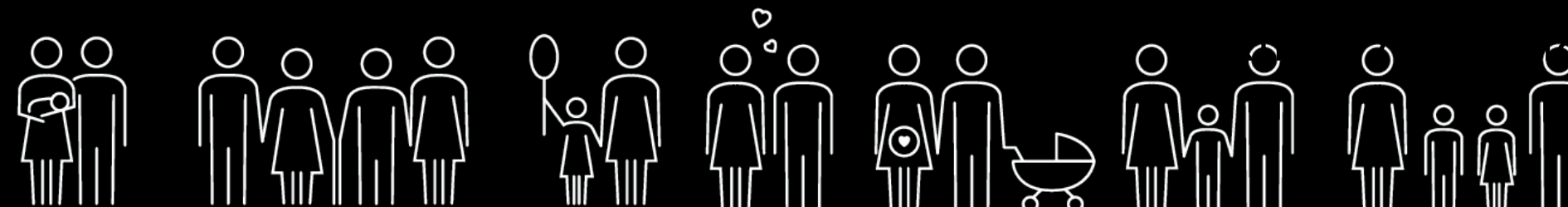
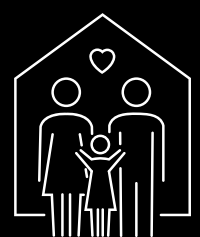
Members
Roles
Norms
Values
Rules



Communication Styles of Family Members



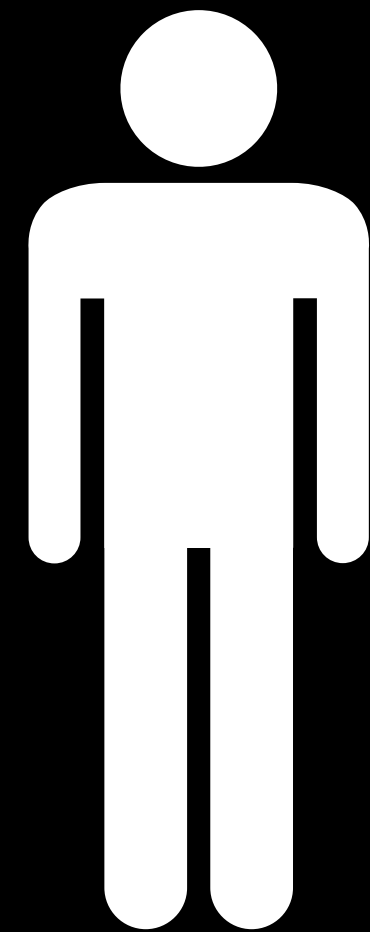
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Communication Styles of Family Members

Sender Skills

Using "I messages"
verses "You..."

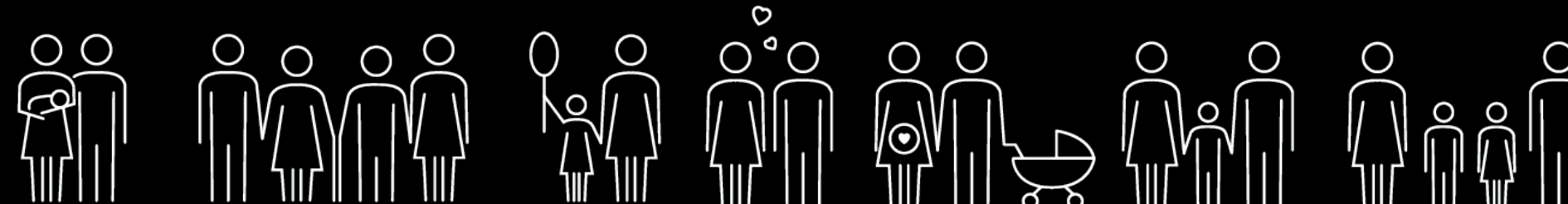


Congruence and Clarity
of Communication



Receiver Skills

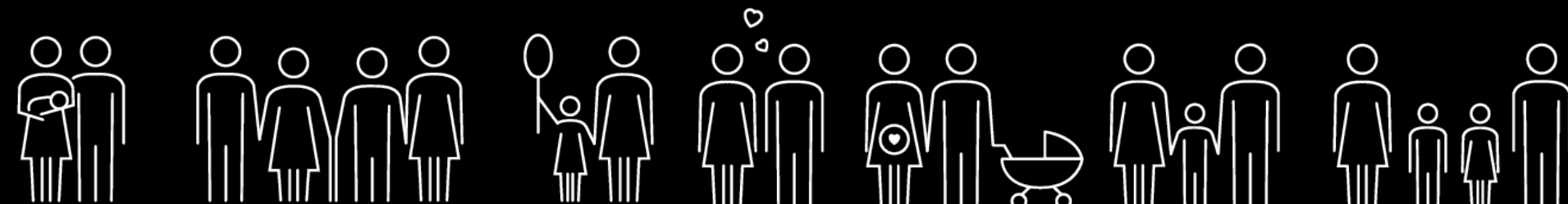
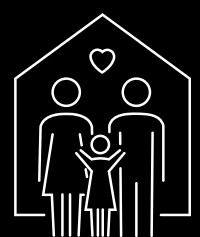
- Physical attending
- Paraphrasing
- Responses that elicit clarification
- Brief responses



Communication Styles of Family Members

Insoo Kim Berg Solution-Focused Family Therapy Video

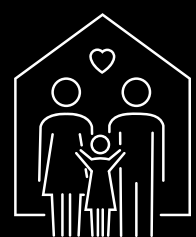
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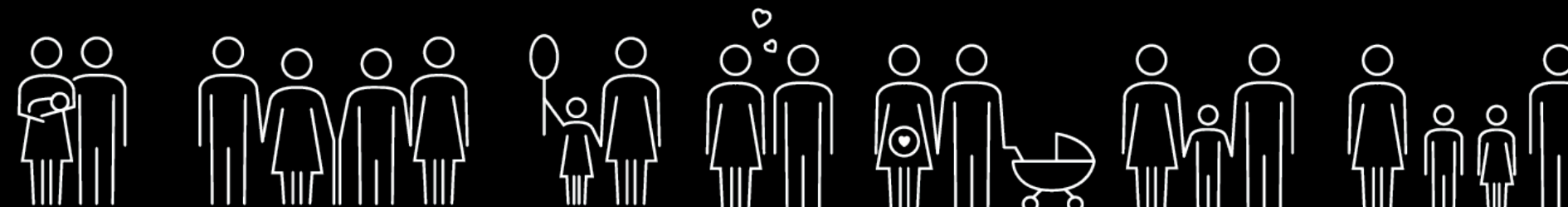
Family Life Cycle

1. Unattached young adult
2. New couple
3. Family with young children
4. Family with adolescents
5. Family that is launching children
6. Family in later life

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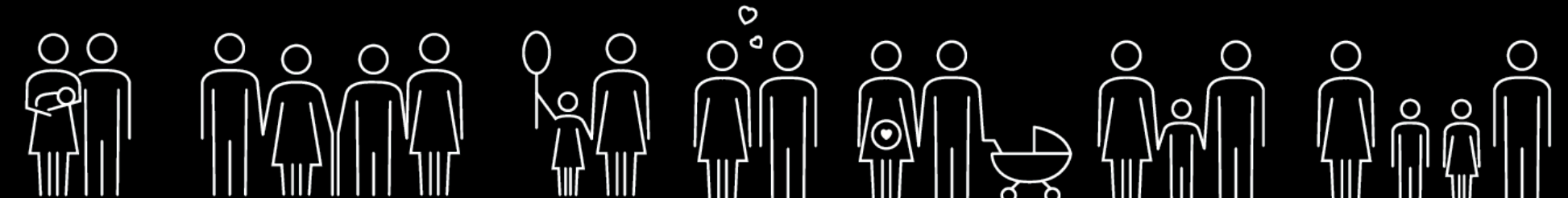


Social Environment

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Family Adaptive Capacity

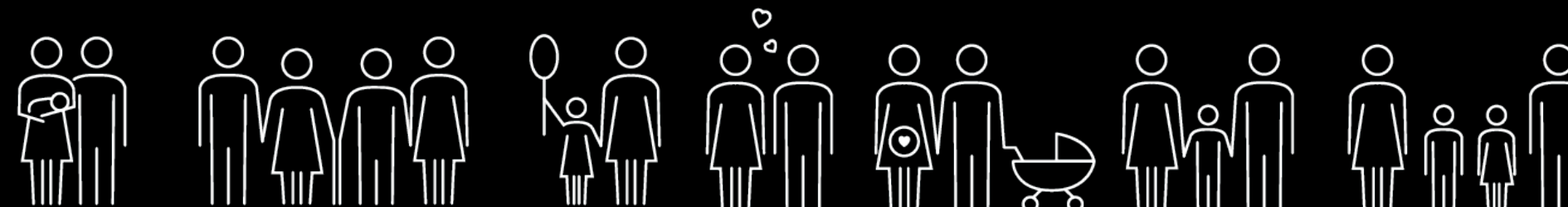
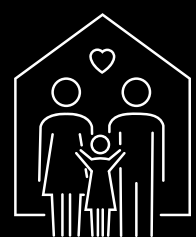
Family Stressors

Family Strengths & Resilience

Family Cycle
Frequency and Duration
Magnitude and Number

Social support
Internal cohesion and commitment
Creativity and flexibility
Appraisal, insight, and meaning
Initiative and achievement
Boundary setting

(Kirst-Ashman & Hull, 2015)



Case Situations

- For the first situation talk about it and what you would look for
- For the second situation, role play it.

