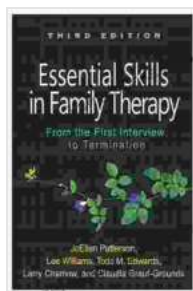


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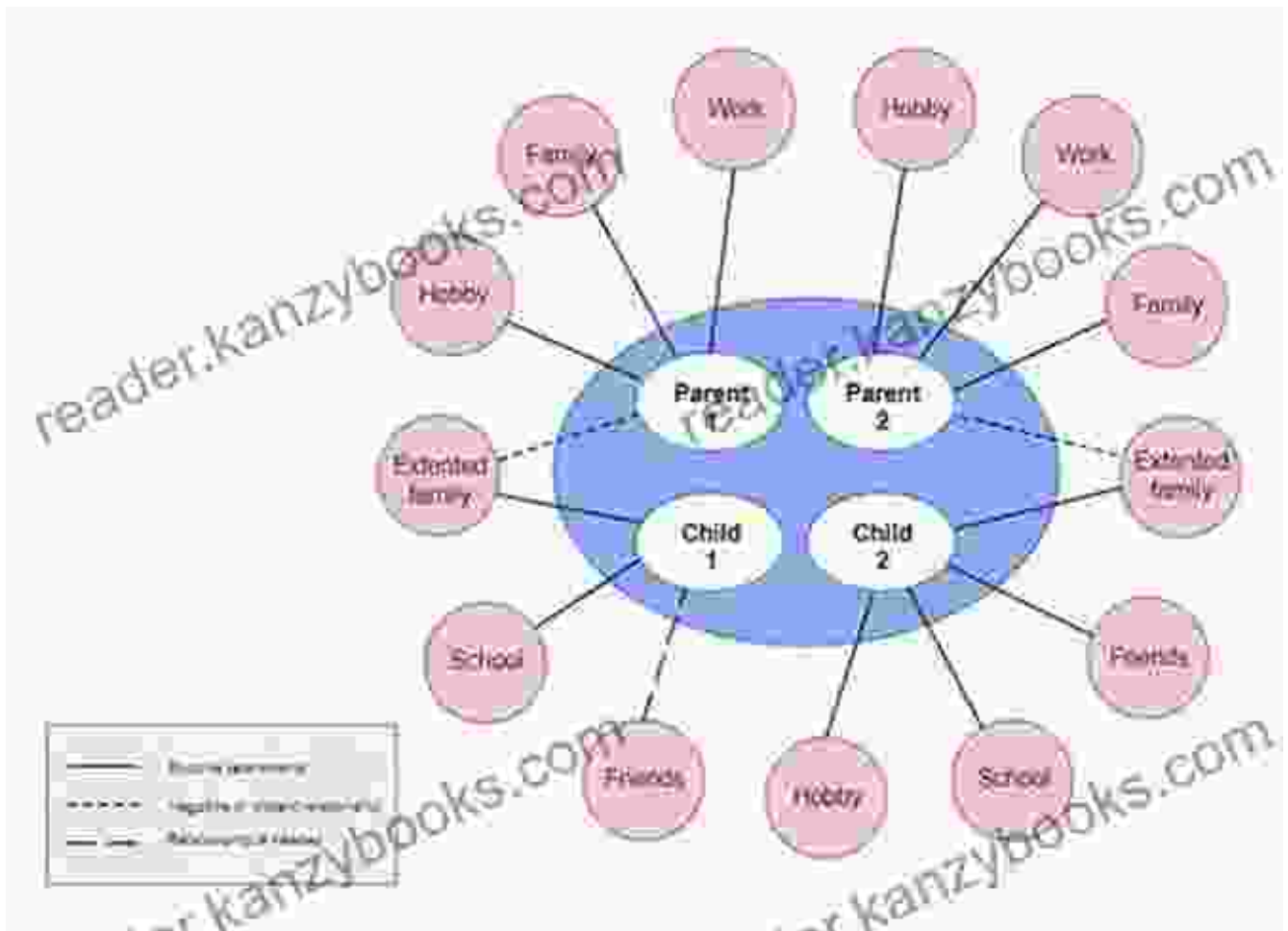
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[Image alt="Genogram and Ecomap for Family Assessment"]



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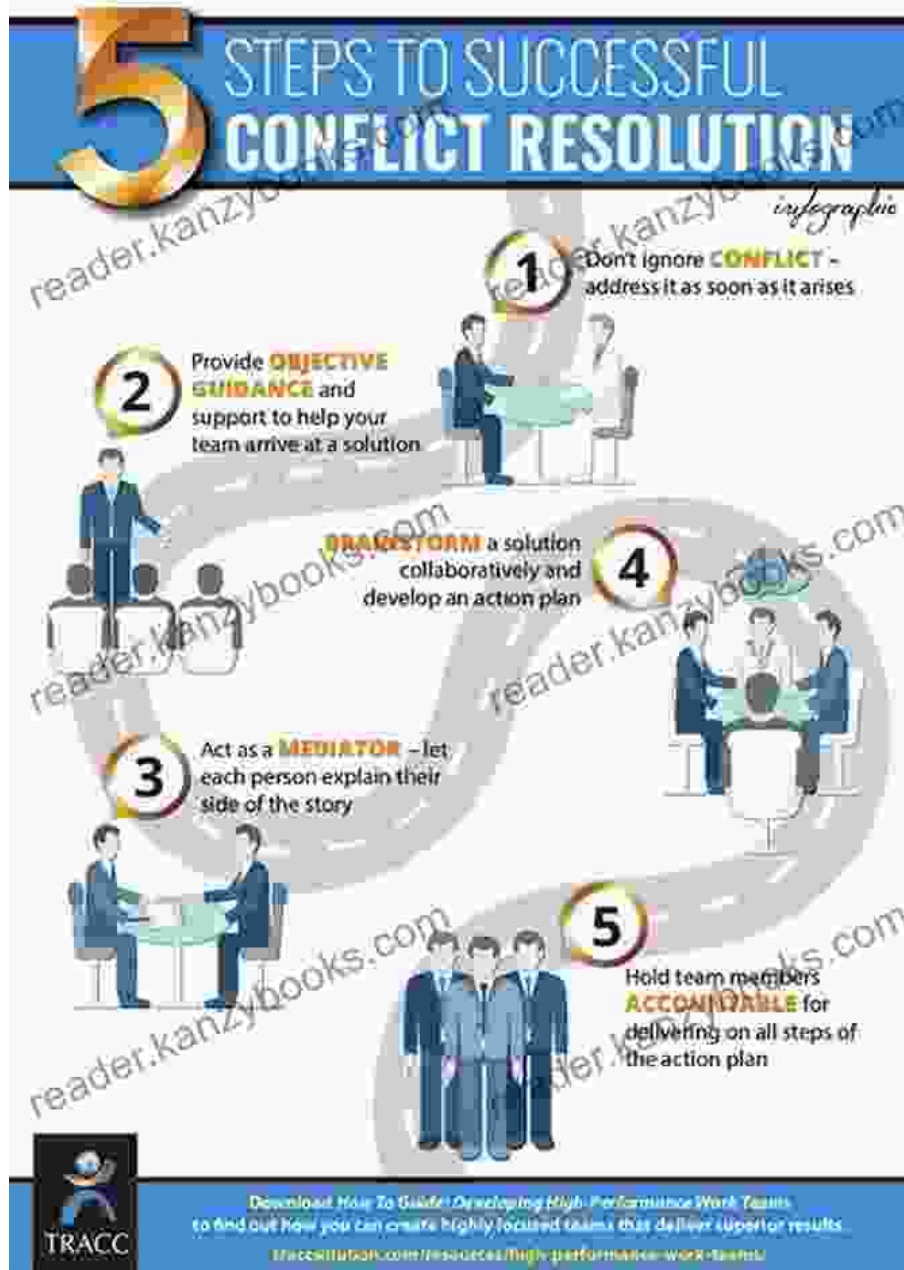


Figure 2: Effective Communication and Conflict Resolution

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FAMILY THERAPY


Focus on patterns that develop in families in order to defuse anxiety.

COMMON REASONS

- 1) Problems in school, substance abuse, or an eating disorder.
- 2) Major trauma
- 3) Unexpected or traumatic loss of a family member.
- 4) Adjustment to a new family member in the home.
- 5) Domestic Violence
- 6) Divorce
- 7) Parental Conflict

CONCEPTS

- 1) Fusion
- 2) Differentiation
- 3) Triangles
- 4) Nuclear Family Emotional System
- 5) Sibling Positions
- 6) Family Projection
- 7) Emotional Fusion
- 8) Transmission



GOALS OF FAMILY THERAPY:

- Facilitating awareness of how the emotional systems functions
- Increasing levels of differentiation where the focus is on making changes for the self rather than on trying to change others.

BOWEN'S KEY TECHNIQUES:

- ◆ Talk to the therapist, not to each other.
 - to keep emotional reactivity and anxiety in the sessions lower.
- ◆ Person to person relationship.
 - allows them to share their personal thoughts and feelings directly with the therapist.
- ◆ Asking frequent factual questions.
 - serves to focus on thinking and intellectual processes.
- ◆ Emotional Neutrality
 - therapist remains emotionally neutral to avoid taking sides.
- ◆ Genograms
 - used to organize family information.
- ◆ Detriangling
 - process of remaining objective.

THERAPIST'S ROLE:

- Connect with a family without becoming emotionally reactive
- Differentiated
- Calm and interested.

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Figure 4: Mindfulness and Systemic Approaches for Family Healing

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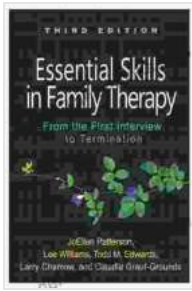
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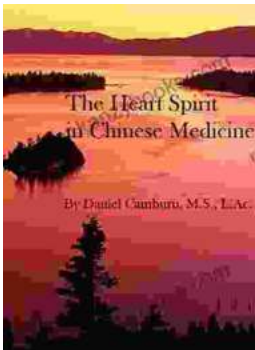
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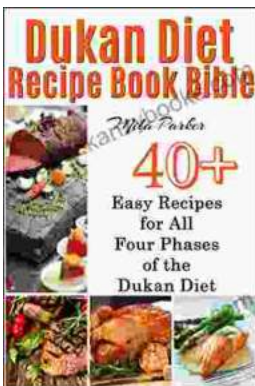
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