Family as Client
NSC 385
Objectives

• Define the family as the client.
• Define and describe the use of family systems theory
• Explain the impact of culture, violence and addiction on family systems.
Family
Approaches to Family Nursing

Family as Client
Family as Context
Family as a System
Family in Society
Family Systems Theory

*Individuals cannot be understood in isolation from one another*

- Key concepts:
  - Interconnected
  - Holism
  - Boundaries
  - Homeostasis
  - Subsystems
    - Family roles
    - Family rules
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<tr>
<th>Family Type</th>
<th>Configuration</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nuclear dyad</td>
<td>Married couple, no children</td>
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<td>Nuclear</td>
<td>Husband, wife, children (may not be legally married)</td>
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<td>Binuclear</td>
<td>2 post-divorce families with children from both</td>
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<td>Extended</td>
<td>Nuclear family plus blood relatives</td>
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<td>Blended</td>
<td>1 parent &amp; child(ren)</td>
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<td>Single Parent</td>
<td>Group of men, women &amp; children</td>
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<td>Commune</td>
<td>Man and woman (unmarried) sharing a household</td>
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<td>Cohabitation (domestic partners)</td>
<td>Unmarried man and woman sharing a household</td>
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<td>Homosexual</td>
<td>Same-gender couple</td>
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<td>Single person (adult)</td>
<td>1 person household</td>
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Family Nursing Process

- Assessment
- Analysis (diagnosis)
- Planning
- Intervention
- Evaluation
- Reflection
Assessment tools for Families

Genogram

Genogram Symbols

- Male
- Female
- Gender unknown
- Adopted
- Foster child
- Pregnant
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Single
- Death
- Twins
- Identical twins

EcoMap

The Brady Bunch Ecomap

Culture

• Awareness
• Diversity
• Sensitivity

Culture is the way you think act and interact.

The victims

• 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence (DV)
• Women experience more than 4 Million physical assaults and rates by a partner
• Men are victims in nearly 3 million physical assaults
• Women (20-24) have the highest risk
• 1 in 3 women who is a victim of homicide is murdered by her current or former partner

The Families

• Each year >3 million children witness DV in their homes
• Children living in a home with DV suffer abuse/neglect at high rates (30%–60%)

References


