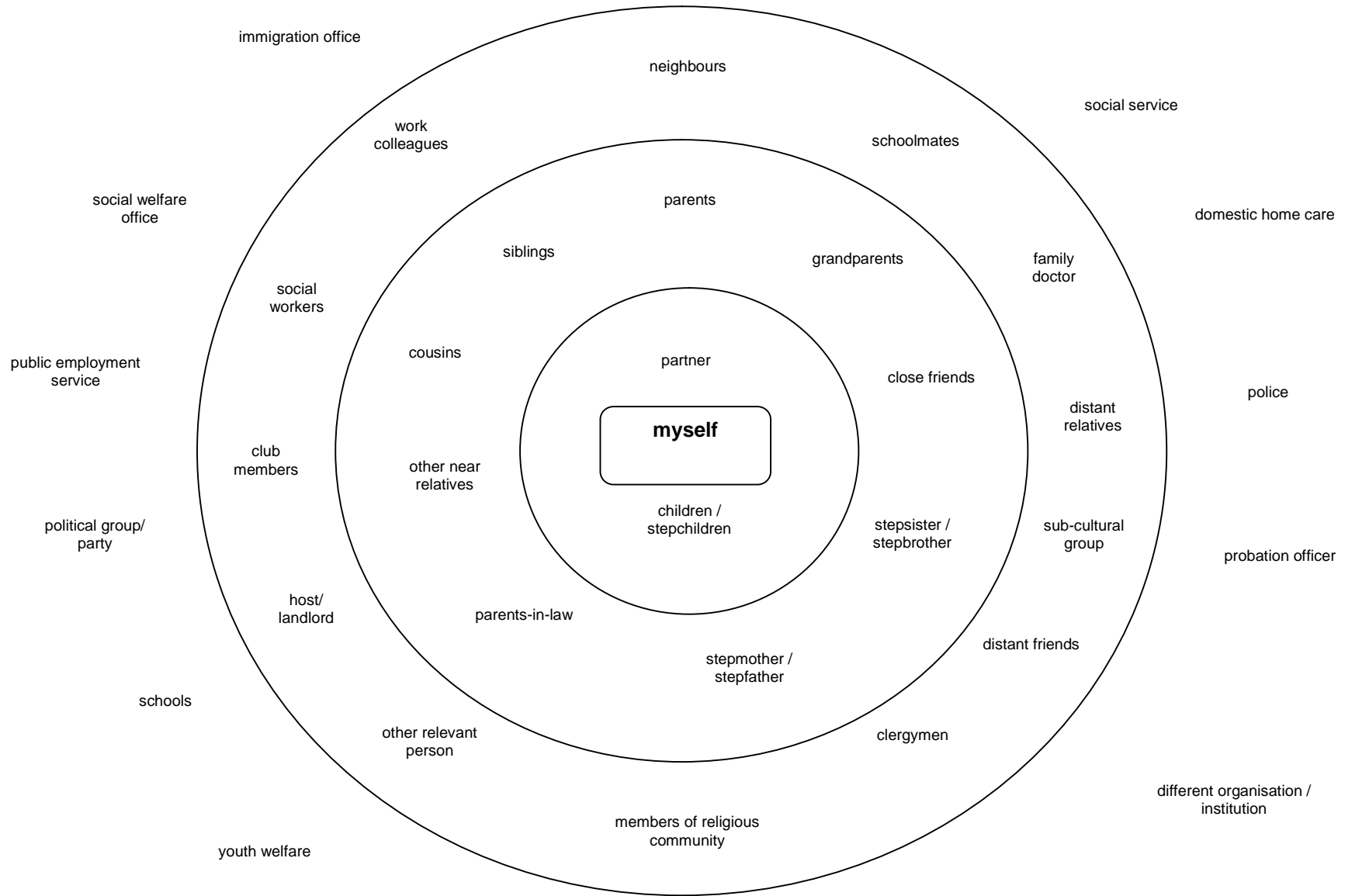


Ecomap

for: _____



Instruction - Ecomap

Aim

- Visualisation and evaluation (e.g. positive, negative) of social contacts in the context of the whole of society.

Scope of application in connection with the “Intense-Assessment”

- Continuation and deepening tool to “Social relationships“
- Used for clients who require an extensive amount of support and for whom a Case Management support is planned

Handling

The formation of groups prevents one from going into too much detail. The focus is on a societal and graded system of resources. Due to the many opportunities, the ecomap provides a quick outline of the respective situation.

This form can easily be dealt with by the key worker within the scope of a session: Instructions are:

1. “Encircle all terms that are part of your current environment. “
2. “Draw lines, starting at you, to each circle that represents a positive and powerful relation for you.”
3. “Draw dashed lines, starting at you, to each circle that represents a negative and troublesome relation for you.”
4. “Draw wiggly lines to all circles that you need but that are currently not at your disposal.”
5. “Now, look at your picture. How would you describe it in summary? What conclusions can you draw from it?”

Interpretation

Answering the following questions serves to assist in the interpretation:

- Are the required supports available?
- Where do contacts of clients accumulate (e.g. in the nearer environment; institutionally arranged contacts)?
- Of what kind are the relationships of the clients towards the single contacts?
- Do relationships of dependence exist (e.g. depending on institutionally arranged contacts)?
- What are the opportunities and obstacles for building up functional relations to the environment?
- What resources and dangers become apparent from the ecomap?

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