The Basic Genogram Symbols

- Two people who are married are connected by lines that go down and across, with the husband on the left and the wife on the right.
- Couples that are not married are depicted with a dotted line.
- Children are drawn left to right, going from the oldest to the youngest.

Symbols Denoting Drug, Alcohol, and/or Mental Problems

- Drug or Alcohol Abuse
- Suspected Abuse
- In Recovery from Drug or Alcohol Abuse
- Serious mental or Physical problem
- Drug/Alcohol Abuse & Physical or Mental problem

Symbols Denoting Interactional Patterns between People

- Close
- Distant
- Close-Hostile
- Focused On
- Fused
- Hostile
- Fused-Hostile
- Cutoff
- Sexual Abuse
- Physical Abuse