### **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

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## Conflict Management Strategies

#### (Fight)

Coerce

Compete

Compromise

Accommodate

**Avoid** 

(Flight)

#### **Collaborate**

= Co+ labor "Work together"

## The Spiral of Conflict

1. Triggering Event

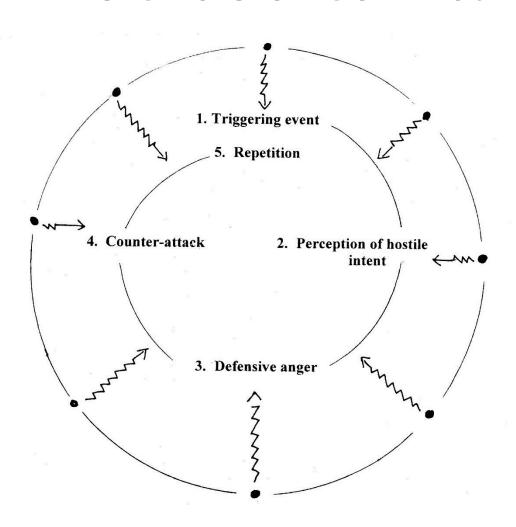
5. Repetition

4. Counterattack

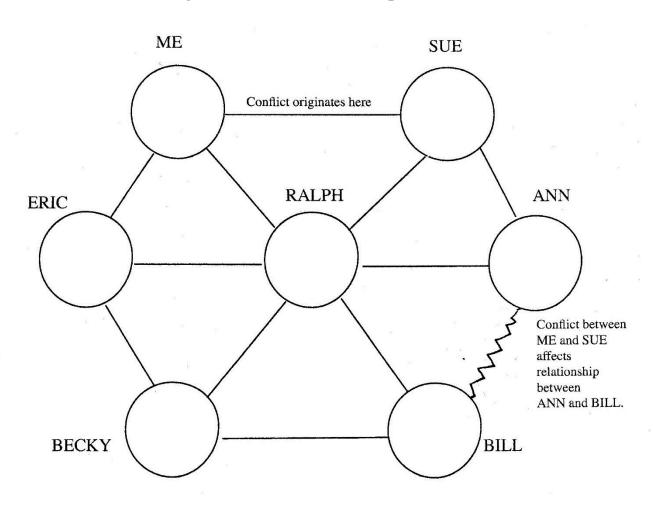
2. Perception of hostile intent

3. Defensive Anger

# Impact on People Outside of The Circle of Conflict



# Bowen System – Theory of Triangulation



## 5 STEP MODEL FOR COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING

- 1. Stop
- 2. Listen
- 3. Assert
- 4. Identify interests
- 5. Problem solve

### Common Listening Blocks

Interrupting
Comparing
Mind-Reading
Rehearsing
Filtering

Judging
Dreaming
Identifying
Advising
Sparring

Being Right
Derailing
Placating
Shared History

### **Basic Listening Skills**

**ATTEND** 

Create a "bubble of attention," a good environment for the speaker

**FOLLOW** 

Encourage speaker to continue: nodding, "uh-huh," open questions

**REFLECT** 

Paraphrase or restate the core of what you've heard; check for accuracy

#### REFLECTING SENTENCE "STARTERS"

"You're saying that..."

"For you, then..."

"As you see it..."

"So..."

"To you it seems..."

"In other words..."