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## **WHAT IS A FAMILY**

One can't completely define a family but I will like to refer to a family as a specific group of people that may be made up of partners, children, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents that are either related by blood, adoption, and or marriage. A family can also be look to as a minor community of people who are linked together one way or another.

There are two types of family mainly known which both the nuclear and extended family are. The nuclear family is a type of family which consist of only the father, mother, and children, the nuclear family has mainly to do with the closest family members. The extended family on the other hand has to do with the entire family I say "entire" relating to not only the father, mother, and children but as well the aunts, uncles, grandparents, great grandparents etc. when we look into the extended family that is when we refer to a family as a community.

## **FUNCTIONS OF A FAMILY**

There are a lot of functions of the family I would like to mention them

**Procreation and Rearing of Children:** Family provides the legitimate basis for production of children. It institutionalizes the process of procreation. By performing this function of procreation family contributes to the continuity of family and ultimately human race. Hence perpetuation of human race or society is the most important function of family

**Socialization:** Family plays an important role in the socialization process. It is one of the primary agents of socialization. Living in a family human baby learns

norms, values, morals and ideals of society. He learns culture and acquires character through the process of socialization. His personality develops in the course of his living in family. From family he learns what is right and wrong and what is good or bad. Through socialization he became a social man and acquires good character.

**To respect cultural beliefs:** Family also performs several cultural functions as well. It preserves different cultural traits. Man learns and acquires culture from family and transmits it to succeeding generations. That is why family is considered as center of culture.

**To be a source of comfort:** no one really plays the role of being the comforter than the members of the family the members of family are the only people that will always be there for you no matter the situation they are there to support you through both thick and thin.

## **THE AFRICAN TRADITIONAL FAMILY**

The African traditional family consists mainly of the father, mother, children, grandparents etc. But as they are arranged they all have different roles to play in the family in the average African traditional family we have:

Father : this is usually a male figure that provides for his immediate family that is he pays the school fees and provides food and shelter for his family he as well as the mother have the most important role which is reproducing children. The father is normally seen as the head of the family.

Mother: the mother is usually a female figure who reproduces, nurtures and takes care of the children alongside the father, and one of her main roles is to keep the family happy and together.

The children: the main role of the children is to study and grow up to take care of their parents as well as bringing forth more children to continue their generation this is the way of the African traditional family.

### **MY NUCLEAR FAMILY**

My nuclear family as I explained which my close family members consist of my father my mother and all four of us the children and we are the EBOIGBE'S

### **MY FAMILY TREE**

My family tree consists of;

#### **MY PATERNAL TREE**

Grandfather-----Alu Eboigbe

Grandmother-----Ejemen Alu Eboigbe

Father -----Paul Eboigbe

My father has three sisters and a brother who are;

Aunties----- (1) Christiana Marcus

(2) Omoset Okafor

(3)Enuwamagbe

Uncle----- Victor Eboigbe

## MY MATERNAL TREE

Grandfather-----Patrick Ahabue

Grandmother----- Fumilayo Bello

Mother----- Augustina Paul Eboigbe

My mother has 2 sisters

Aunties----- (1) Agatha Amakhor

(2) Doris Osamwonyi