

# CHAPTER SUMMARY

## Section 23.1

### **Study of Development**

Development is a unique and complex process that follows general stages and patterns. Various theorists have looked at ways to describe human development. The five development areas are physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and moral. These interrelate to create growth and change. Heredity, environment, technology, and other influences also have an impact on how a person develops.

## Section 23.2

### **Patterns of Development**

Development is marked by certain tasks in a chronological order. It begins with conception and continues to late adulthood. Infancy, toddlerhood, and adolescence have more dramatic, rapid changes. Preschoolers and school-age children learn to function away from home. Adults focus on balancing responsibilities. Some people also have special needs that influence their development.