

## **Chapter 21 Family Challenges**

### **Section 21.1 Family Stresses**

- 1.** Children may be more vulnerable to stress because they may not understand why events occur and they usually lack effective coping skills.
- 2.** A child can draw on the strength and experience of other people in similar situations and have a group with whom they can freely share feelings.
- 3.** Journal entries will vary, but you should state any fears concerning going to a new school and any feelings of stress this situation might cause.
- 4.** Posters will vary but should explain that bullying can include written, verbal, or physical harassment or intimidation in any form and causes harm to both the recipient and the person doing the bullying. It should also offer suggestions for dealing with bullying.

### **Section 21.2 Children with Special Needs**

- 1.** It allows children with disabilities to learn in a more normal setting than if they are separated from other children and helps them improve their communication and social skills. It helps children without disabilities to develop empathy for others.
- 2.** Both may face difficulties in traditional classrooms, feel isolated and misunderstood, and may require special programs to reach their fullest potential.
- 3.** You should have written a short essay based on a book or article about an autistic savant. The report should discuss the unusual ability the person possesses.
- 4.** Skits will vary but should demonstrate how to help a new student who was either blind or deaf feel included in the class.

### **Section 21.3 Child Abuse and Neglect**

- 1.** Answers may include any five: frequent absences from school, stealing food or money, poor personal hygiene, lack of proper clothing, learning problems that cannot be explained, lack of adult supervision, withdrawal from others, no desire to go home after school, fearfulness, and changes in school performance or behavior.
- 2.** When parents abuse drugs or alcohol, they typically neglect their children's needs, are emotionally unavailable, and may use money for drugs rather than food and other basic items.
- 3.** Mandated reporters are required by law to report evidence of maltreatment of children.
- 4.** Brochures will vary based on community resources. You should have researched how to contact the organizations and what services they offer.
- 5.** Reports will vary but should offer details as to why you think one report is more persuasive than the other.