

# CHAPTER SUMMARY

## Section 25.1

### **Preparing for Parenthood**

The rewards of parenting are significant, but require hard work and sacrifice. Parents have great responsibilities, including playing different roles and finding financial resources. The decision to have a child should be based on sound reasoning. Prospective parents should consider their emotional, financial, and personal readiness.

## Section 25.2

### **Teen Parenthood**

Teen pregnancy poses health risks to both the mother and the child. Teen parents face many challenges, including education, financial, and emotional and social stress. Both the father and the mother are legally and financially responsible for their child. Options for teen parents include marriage, adoption, and single parenting.