



Infancy Physical Development

This chapter introduces physical development during the infancy phase. You will learn about key explanations and approaches during this age period and develop a better understanding of the infants' and toddlers' physical development and learning.

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

- 1** Understand key physical development during infancy and its consequences for infants' early growth.
- 2** Understand aspects of the brain and its links to motor developments in infants and toddlers.
- 3** Explore cultural differences in motor development during infancy.
- 4** Discuss and link the main ideas around Piagetian concepts to infants' and toddlers' motor development and learning.

KEY TERMS

acuity
brain
continuous development
discontinuous development
fine motor skills
gross motor skills
reflex

