# Learning Objectives

## Chapter 14

After reading this chapter, students should be able to:

1. Explain why the family plays a central role in the development of delinquent behavior, according to the major delinquency theories.
2. Discuss the effects of family structure on delinquency, including broken homes, mother's employment outside the home, teenage motherhood, and family size.
3. Discuss the effects of parental and sibling crime/deviance on delinquency.
4. Discuss factors related to the quality of family relationships and how they relate to delinquency, especially child-parent attachment, family conflict, and child abuse.
5. Identify steps that parents can take to socialize their children against delinquency.
6. Describe the major parenting styles and how they relate to delinquency.
7. Explain why some parents engage in poor parenting practices.