

## Chapter 1

# Objectives



- Highlight the importance of theoretical frameworks and how they guide views on the study of child development
- Summarize the major influences behind changes in the study of child development
- Describe the evolution of traditional and contemporary theoretical perspectives on child development
- Explain the relationship between theories on child development and assessment and intervention practices

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# Importance of Theoretical Frameworks



- Give meaning to facts while guiding further observations
- Provide a knowledge base for developmental norms of young children
- Contribute to the improvement of educational and clinical practices

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# **Models of Child Development**



Nativist

Behavioral

Interactionist

Information processing

Connectionist

Social-constructivist

Systems theory