Think Smart about Drink Choices



Water

- Drink eight, 8-ounce glasses of water each day.
- Drink more water when it is very warm or you are more physically active.
- Keep a water bottle handy in the car, at home, work or school.

 Drink water before, during and after physical activity.

Milk

- Ages 1-2, drink two cups per day of whole milk.
- Ages 2-8, drink two cups per day of fat-free or low-fat milk.
- Age 9 and older, drink three cups per day of fat-free or low-fat milk.

Juice

- Ages 1-6, limit juice to four to six ounces per day.
- Ages 7-18 and adults, limit juice to no more than ½ the recommended servings of fruit per day.
- Eat whole fruits, fresh, frozen, canned or dried, rather than juices to make sure you get enough fiber.

Benefits of Water

- Regulates body temperature
- · Lubricates joints
- Lessens the burden on the kidneys and liver by flushing out waste products
- Carries nutrients and oxygen to the cells
- Prevents constipation
- Dissolves nutrients to make them accessible to the body
- Protects organs and tissues

Soft Drinks

- Drink smaller portions.
- Drink diet soft drinks or tea sweetened with low-calorie sweeteners.
- Limit sugar-sweetened drinks sports drinks, Kool-aid®, sodas, etc.
- Avoid energy drinks and caffeine.

Sports Drinks

- Not recommended for most children
- Drink limited amounts for prolonged vigorous exercise. Drinking water before, during and after exercise is usually sufficient.

7 Unhealthy Eating Habits for Children

- 1. Grazing throughout the day instead of eating planned meals and snacks
- 2. Skipping meals
- 3. Super-sizing portions
- 4. Drinking soda or juice with meals instead of water or a high calcium beverage
- 5. Serving meals buffet style instead of serving controlled portion meals
- 6. Eating beyond fullness
- 7. Not using the 'Choose My Plate' guide to balance meals



These behavior tips also may help:

- Serve as a good role model for your child by eating healthy foods, including vegetables.
- Encourage more chewing to help your child register fullness.
- When your child complains of hunger after eating, divert their attention with an activity or wait 15 minutes and then, if still hungry, offer a nutritious snack.
- Implement 'The Age Bite Rule' for trying new foods or vegetables – a bite of vegetables or new food for each year in your child's age as the minimum goal.
- Allow seconds on vegetables only.
- Become an active family, limiting screen time (computer, video games and TV) to two hours per day.

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Ways to Help Your Child Avoid Unhealthy Eating Habits

- **Provide** healthy foods.
- **Encourage** eating of breakfast.
- **Review** lunch menus with your child's day care or caretakers.
- **Get** your child to help in the kitchen; even young children can help with simple tasks.
- **Serve** appropriate portions to your entire family.
- **Identify** and limit treats such as sweets and soft drinks.
- **Discourage** the use of food as a reward; try stickers instead.

- Use tools to combat hunger, including delay tactics such as offering fruit or vegetables when your child is hungry or a beverage instead of food.
- **Slow** down the pace of eating.
- Read food labels.
- **Teach** balanced eating to all family members.
- **Establish** eating-out rules such as no soft drinks or fried foods.



A Rainbow of Healthy Eating



White

Banana Brown Pear Date

Cauliflower Garlic

Ginger

Jerusalem Artichoke

Jicama Kohlrabi Mushroom Onion Parsnip Potato Shallot Turnip White Corn White Nectarine

White Peach

Benefits: Improves immune health, decreases risk of breast, colon & prostate cancer, balances hormones

Red

Beet **Blood Orange** Cherry Cranberry

Guava

Pink Grapefruit Papaya

Pomegranate Radicchio Radish

Raspberry Red Apple

Red Bell Pepper Red Chili Pepper

Red Grape **Red Onion**

Red Pear Red Potato Rhubarb

Strawberry Tomato

Watermelon

Benefits: Fights free radicals, reduces LDL cholesterol, supports joint health, decreases blood pressure

Orange & Yellow

Apricot

Butternut Squash Cantaloupe

Cape Gooseberry

Carrot

Golden Kiwifruit

Grapefruit Lemon

Mango

Nectarine

Orange Papaya

Peach

Persimmon

Pineapple Pumpkin

Rutabaga

Sweet Corn

Sweet Potato

Tangerine

Yellow Apple

Yellow Beet

Yellow Fig Yellow Pear

Yellow Pepper

Yellow Potato

Yellow Summer Squash

Yellow Tomato

Yellow Watermelon Yellow Winter Squash

Benefits: Reduces LDL cholesterol, fights free radicals, promotes collagen, supports bone and joint health

Green

Artichoke Arugula Asparagus

Avocado Broccoflower

Broccoli

Broccoli Rabe Brussels Sprout

Celery

Chayote Squash Chinese Cabbage

Cucumber

Endive

Green Apple

Green Bean

Green Cabbage Green Grape

Green Onion

Green Pear

Green Pepper

Honeydew

Kiwifruit

Leafy Greens

Leek Lettuce

Lime

Okra

Peas

Snow Pea

Spinach

Sugar Snap Pea

Watercress

Zucchini

Benefits: Increases cancer prevention,

boosts immune system, supports healthy vision, reduces LDL cholesterol

Blue & Purple

Blackberry

Black Currant Black Salsify

Blueberry

Dried Plum

Eggplant Elderberry

Grape

Plum

Pomegranate

Prune

Purple Asparagus Purple Belgian Endive

Purple Cabbage

Purple Carrot

Purple Fig

Purple Grape

Purple Pepper

Purple Potato

Raisin

Benefits: Fights inflammation, improves mineral absorption, healthy digestion, reduces LDL cholesterol









Eating Healthy on a Budget



Make a List and Stick to It

Plan your meals for the week. Look in your pantry and refrigerator to see what items you already have. Make a list of what you need to buy before you head to the store. While you shop, don't add items not on your shopping list. The longer you're at the grocery store, the more money you will spend.

Pay Attention to the Price Per Unit

Locate the unit price on the shelf directly below the product. If it is not listed on the shelf, simply divide the price by the number of ounces or pounds. Use this to determine which product is the most economical.

Get the Best Price

Check the newspaper, online and at the store for sales and coupons. Look for sales on meat and seafood since these are often the most expensive items on your list. Sometimes coupons and sales promote pricier items that you don't usually buy.

Be Smart about Produce

Buying fruit and vegetables in season can lower costs. Compare fresh, frozen and canned products in order to select the best option. Check out the local farmers market; fresh produce may be less expensive there.

Choose the Store or Generic Brands

Brand-name items are often more expensive than the store or generic brands and usually have the same ingredients at a fraction of the price.

Buy in Bulk

It is usually cheaper to buy in bulk. Family packs of meals, chicken, frozen vegetables and potatoes are smart choices. Check your freezer space before you shop to be sure you have room to store everything.

Convenience Costs

Pre-packaged meals like frozen dinners, pre-cut vegetables and instant items will cost more to purchase than if you cook them yourself.

Try Cheaper Choices

Buy items like beans for an inexpensive protein option.
Try adding a bean-based meal

twice a week to save money. For cheaper vegetable options, try carrots, greens or potatoes. For cheaper fruit options, try apples and bananas.

Cook Once or Twice for the Whole Week

Prepare large batches and freeze in individual containers. Use them throughout the week and you won't need to eat out as often.

Eat Before you Shop

If you go to the store hungry, you are more likely to buy unhealthy items you do not need. Be sure to eat a healthy snack before you shop.



A Guide to Eating Out with Children



- 1. Establish eating out rules to reduce calories and fat.
- **2.** Limit the following foods:
 - Fried foods, such as chicken nuggets, French fries and fried fish; with few exceptions, if it's crunchy, it's fried
 - Extra meat toppings on pizza
 - Cream sauces, cheese sauces, gravies and salad dressings
 - Beverages with sugar, such as soda, juice and iced tea
 - Bread, crackers, Chinese noodles
 - Fancy desserts
- **3.** Substitute the following foods:
 - Milk for soft drinks
 - Plain hamburgers for cheeseburgers
 - Cheese or veggie pizza for meat pizza
 - Light/fat-free salad dressing or vinegar/lemon for creamy salad dressing
 - Grilled meats for fried meats
 - Fish with lemon for fried fish or fatty meats
 - Baked potato or veggies for French fries
- 4. Refuse the bread basket
- 5. Drink water or eat raw veggies to curb appetite
- **6.** Order pasta dishes with tomato sauce or non-creamy sauces
- **7.** Order salads with small portions of meat and cheese; avoid bacon bits and olives
- **8.** Take home oversized portions in a doggie bag
- 9. Order a vegetable



Best Food for Kids

- Yogurt
- Baked or pan broiled sweet potatoes
- Broccoli
- Wheat bread and whole-grain cereal
- · Milk

Worst Foods for Kids

- Prepackaged lunches
- Instant-flavored noodles
- Hot dogs
- Fruit leather
- Doughnuts
- Soda

Healthy Eating Environments

- Encourage children to eat only in approved areas – no eating in the car or in his or her bedroom.
- Turn the TV off and have a conversation at dinner while eating together.
- Develop rules for snacks such as must ask permission or select from an approved box of snacks.
- Prevent grazing throughout the day by having structured eating in approved places.
- Develop a reasonable meal schedule. Late night dinner times can contribute to overeating.



Check the Nutrition Label

A healthy snack meets these guidelines:

- Less than 10 grams of sugar per serving
- More than 4 grams of fiber per serving
- Less than 5 grams of fat per serving

Nutrition Facts Serving Size 1 cup (228g) Serving Per Container 2 **Amount Per Serving** Calories 110 Calories from Fat 50 % Daily Value* **Total Fat 5g** 10% Saturated Fat 5g 15% Tans Fat 3g Cholesterol 10mg 10% Sodium 210mg 40% Total Carbohydrate 21g **30%** 2% Dietary Flber 7g 0% Sugars 10g Proteins 5g 0% Vitamin A Vitamin A 4% Vitamin C Vitamin C 2% Calcium Calcium 20% 4% Iron Iron * Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your Daily Values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs: Calories: 2,000 2,500 Less than 65g Total Fat 80g Saturated Fat Less than 20g 25g Cholesterol Less than 300mg 300mg Sodium Less than 2,400mg 2,400mg Total Carbohydrate 300a 375a Dietary Fiber 25g 30g

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables are Always the Best Option

Use fruits and vegetables your children love for snacks. Expose them to new choices. It can take up to 12 times of offering a new food before a child will try it, so be patient. Keep flavor, color and texture in mind. Bring children shopping and involve them in the preparation process.

Try some of these for snacks:

· Baby Carrots

· Bananas

- Celery
- · Craisins & Raisins
- · Bell Pepper Strips · Cucumber
- · Blueberries · Cucumber
- · Broccoli · Dates
- · Cantaloupe · Fresh Pitted Cherries
- · Cauliflower · Kiwi

- · Mango
- ·Pineapple
- · Radishes
- · Raspberries
- · Raw Squash & Zucchini
- · Strawberries
- · Tomatoes
- · Watermelon

Variety is the Key to Success

Have your children make smoothies by blending together some of their favorite berries or other fruits with skim milk or make fruit kabobs with a variety of fruits. A snack serving is 4-6 ounces.





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