A Community Nutrition Education Program



### Eating and Exercising for Good Health

# Problems working exercise into your day?

• I don't have time to exercise for 30 minutes a day. Do as much as you can. Every step counts. If you're just starting out, start with 10 minutes a day and add more little by little. Work up to 10 minutes at a time, three times a day. Identify times when you could exercise. Walk the dog. Park away from the store. Exercise while you watch TV.

### • I'm too tired after work.

Plan to do something active before work or during the day.

#### • I don't have the right clothes.

Wear anything that's comfortable as long as you have shoes that fit well and socks that don't irritate your skin.

#### • It's too hot outside.

If it's too hot, too cold or too humid, walk inside a school or a shopping center.

## • I can't afford to join a fitness center or buy equipment.

Do something that doesn't require fancy equipment, such as walking or using cans of food for weights.

#### • Exercise is boring.

Find something you enjoy doing. Try different activities on different days.

#### • It's not safe to walk in my neighborhood.

Find an indoor activity, such as an exercise class at a community center or church. Invite friends to exercise. Go to the track at a nearby school.

### Get Fit with 3 Types of Exercise:

### Aerobic:

to work up a sweat **Anaerobic:** to build strength **Flexibility:** so you can keep moving



### Have some fun.

- Take kids to a park to play.
- Visit a farm to pick your own fruits and vegetables at a "U Pick 'Em."
- Show your kids the dances you did when you were a kid. Do you know how to do the Twist, the Pony, the Mashed Potato and the Swim?
- Walk every chance you get.

### Tips from Louisiana Mothers –

Encourage your children to join sports activities and clubs. It will help them become active for life.

Try this wholesome dish to cool down after you exercise. It's a great way to prolong the life of ripe fruit:

### Frozen Fruit Fun

Serves 6-8

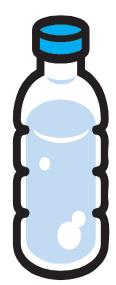
- 2 cups of strawberries
- 1 can (8 oz) crushed pineapple with juice
- 4 bananas, sliced
- 1 cup orange juice
- 6-8 cupcake liners
- 1. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Use any combination of fruits and juice.
- 2. Place cupcake liners into a muffin tin. Fill each with the fruit mixture.
- 3. Place in freezer. Serve. Best when partially defrosted.

### Drink more water.

When you and your family exercise, don't forget to drink plenty of water. Remind your kids to drink water, too.

- 2 cups or more before exercising.
- 1/2 cup every 15 minutes while exercising
- 2 cups of cold water after exercising

If it's a hot day you may feel thirsty enough to drink even more.



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