

HEALTH AND WELLNESS AT HOME

Physical Activity

- Create an obstacle course using blocks, chairs, couch cushions, etc.
- Show a numeral and prompt kids to respond with a movement (e.g., hold up a 4 and kids perform four jumping jacks).
- Act out movements during story time.
- Take dance breaks or practice [yoga](#) moves.
- Use floor tape (or head outside and use sidewalk chalk) to create lines for walking, jumping, and balancing- or play hopscotch!
- Play “basketball” with rolled up socks and a laundry basket. Make it harder by moving the basket farther away, or add challenges like standing on one foot, using your opposite hand, etc.
- [Go Noodle](#) and [OPEN PE](#) are great FREE online resources.

Nutrition Education

- Read stories with a food or nutrition theme. The [StartWELL Book List](#) has some great options.
- Combine nutrition ed and math by graphing the different food items you eat in a week, or [practice sorting](#) different foods by shape, color, or size (using printed cutouts or pictures from magazines)
- Share some fun facts about the food on your plate! Talk about the food group, how that food is grown, where it comes from, and why it’s good for you. [MyPlate.gov](#) is a great source for basic nutrition information.
- Cook together! There are lots of ways for kids to help out in the kitchen- from scooping ingredients to mixing batters and stirring salad dressing.



Healthy Eating

- Planning nutritious meals can be challenging, but page two of this [Healthy Eating Guide](#) can help you figure out how to shop for and prepare healthy meals at home.
- The Children and Family Benefits Unit can help connect families to Medicaid and SNAP (food stamps). If you need assistance, call the Healthy CPS Hotline at 773.553.KIDS(5437) to get started!

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