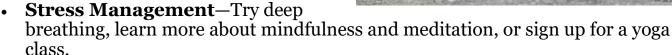
Healthy Habits for the New Year

Why do healthy habits matter?

Good physical and mental health improves our overall quality of life. Positive health behaviors make a big difference and the new year is a great time to think about new healthy habits!

Which healthy habits are most important?

- Healthy Eating Eat fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and healthy proteins. Limit your sugar intake and pay special attention to portion sizes.
- Physical Activity Moving is important, even in small ways. You can walk, dance, garden, bike... simply find something you like!
- **Quitting Tobacco** Quitting tobacco is hard, but you can do it. Get free counseling and support by calling 1-800-QUIT NOW.





How can I make new healthy habits stick?

Try using "SMART" skills to help change habits for good!

- **S**et goals that are realistic and specific to stay motivated.
- **M**onitor progress over time by tracking your new habit.
- <u>Arrange</u> your world for success. Change your environment to make the healthier choice the easy choice.
- **R**ecruit a support team. Your team might include coworkers, friends, or family members who will support your healthier habit.
- <u>Treat yourself.</u> Find ways to reward yourself in a healthy way. Tie a reward to a specific goal to help with motivation.

For more information: Visit www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/factsheets/promoting-health-for-adults.htm





