

Five-Two-One-Almost None

Nemours Health and Prevention Services is committed to helping people understand the causes and implications of being at an unhealthy weight. *5-2-1-Almost None* is our way to promote a healthier lifestyle for children and families. It's as simple as following these suggestions and tips for healthier eating and physical activity:



FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Five stands for five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day. Fruits and vegetables are packed with disease-fighting nutrients and give you energy, naturally.

- Serve at least one fruit or vegetable at every meal and snack. Try all the different colors.
- Dip veggies in low fat dressing. Tuck them in whole wheat pitas. Toss some on your pizza.
- Try and try again. It may take children several tastings (10 or more) before they begin to enjoy certain foods.



HOURS OF SCREEN TIME

Two stands for no more than two hours per day in front of a screen (TV, video games, and recreational computer time). A number of studies show a correlation between watching television and obesity.

- Be a role model — limit your own screen time. Play, take a walk, or cook with your kids instead.
- Keep the TV in a central location and out of your child's bedroom.
- Turn off the TV during dinner and take time to talk about your day.



HOUR OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

One means at least one hour of physical activity per day. Physical activity, especially when it gets the heart pumping faster, is vital to maintaining a healthy weight and overall good health. Kids who are raised in active families tend to stay active as adults.

- Plan one physical activity for the family each weekend. Let each child take turns choosing the activity.
- There are lots of ways to be active — walking, dancing, gardening, and raking leaves can all get your heart pumping.
- 10 minutes here, 10 minutes there — and before you know it, you've been moving your body for an hour.



SUGARY DRINKS

Almost none refers to almost no sugary beverages — no more than two servings per week of soft drinks, sports drinks, and fruit drinks that are not 100% fruit juice. Over the last few decades, soda consumption has doubled for girls, tripled for boys.

- Choose water. Add a lemon or lime wedge or a splash of juice for flavor.
- Drink water, milk, and juice yourself. Your children learn by watching you.
- Avoid bringing sodas and sports drinks home. If it's there, the kids will drink it.

About NHPS

Nemours Health and Prevention Services (NHPS), a non-profit organization based in Newark, Delaware, works with families and community partners to help children grow up healthy. Our goal is to drive long-term changes in policies and practices that promote child health and to leverage community strengths and resources to have the greatest impact on the most children. One of our initial areas of emphasis is childhood obesity prevention through promotion of healthy lifestyles, the centerpiece of which is the *5-2-1-Almost None* campaign.

NHPS is the newest division of Nemours, one of the nation's largest pediatric health systems, operating the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children and outpatient facilities throughout the Delaware Valley and northern and central Florida. NHPS expands Nemours' reach beyond clinical care to consider the health of the whole child within his or her family and community.

