



Healthy Kids, Healthy Future

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Across all 50 states and dozens of tribal communities, early education and child care providers in centers and homes have joined the former First Lady's effort to promote children's health by encouraging and supporting healthier physical activity and nutrition practices through 5 goals. Nearly one in three children in the US is obese or overweight, and one study found that obesity in four year-olds is twice as common among American Indian/Alaska Natives than any other ethnic group. Child care providers and families have the power to make a difference.

Here are the 5 simple goals:

1. Physical Activity



Playing with your children can create a lifelong habit of physical activity. Provide 1-2 hours of physical activity throughout the day, including outside play when possible.

2. Screen Time



No screen time for children under 2 years. For children age 2 and older, strive to limit screen time to no more than 30 minutes per week during child care, and work with parents and caregivers to ensure children have no more than 1-2 hours of quality screen time per day (as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics).

3. Food



Helping your children to prepare and eat healthy foods is a gift that will last a lifetime. Serve fruits or vegetables at every meal, eat meals family-style whenever possible, and don't serve fried foods.

4. Beverages



Water quenches their thirst best. Help your children choose water instead of sugared drinks. Provide access to water during meals and throughout the day, and don't serve sugar-sweetened drinks. For children age 2 and older, serve low-fat (1%) or non-fat milk, and no more than one 4- to 6-ounce serving of 100% juice per day.

5. Infant Feeding



For mothers who want to continue breastfeeding, provide their milk to their infants and welcome them to breastfeed during the child care day. Support all new parents' decisions about infant feeding.

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Getting Started with *Healthy Kids, Healthy Future* Is Simple

Follow these easy steps today to support healthy choices for the children you serve in your home or center. Signing up and participating are free.

- STEP 1** **Take the *Healthy Kids, Healthy Future Child Care Quiz*.** Answer the questions to see which Healthy Kids, Healthy Future Child Care goals you are meeting already and which goals you need to work toward.

- STEP 2** **Build Your Action Plan.** Create an Action Plan exclusively for your center or home to help you reach the Healthy Kids, Healthy Future child care goals.

- STEP 3** **Access Free Resources and Ideas.** (The resources have remained the same) Find a variety of helpful, free resources and ideas to help you implement your Action Plan and meet the *Healthy Kids, Healthy Future* Child Care goals including CACFP, Spectrum of Opportunities for Obesity prevention, resources for parents, menus and much more!

- STEP 4** **Celebrate Your Success!** Share your story and tips for success with others by filling out the success story form.



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