



Well-being for a Healthier Body and Mind



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Objectives

Define "well-being"

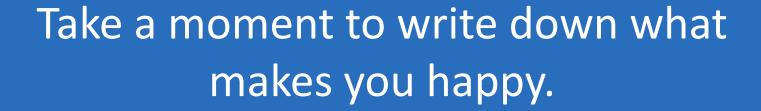
Review characteristics of happy people

Learn about mindfulness and its benefits

Explore healthy habits that may contribute to happiness



Poll Question: What Makes You Happy?



*Note this is present tense. What makes you happy now.



Poll Question: What Would Make You Happy?



*Note this question causes you to think in the future. What would make you happy that you do not have now?



What is Well-being?

State of being . . .

- Comfortable
- Happy
- Healthy



Poll Question: What Have You Seen in Happy People?

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What are some personality traits, characteristics or behaviors you have seen in people who seem truly happy?

Characteristics of Happy People



Are optimistic

Like and take care of themselves

Have friendships and close relationships

Surround themselves with positive people

Feel they have control over their lives and choices

Have curiosity, are creative and never stop learning

Help others

Feel they are a part of something larger than themselves

Have balanced lives

Mindfulness

- Mindfulness means becoming more aware of what's going on – right here, right now (Watt, 2012).
- Paying attention to how your body is reacting to situations and feelings in the moment, without judging or evaluating.
- Learning to confront pleasant and unpleasant feelings in the present to reduce stress and increase feelings of well-being.



Physical Health Contributes To Well-being

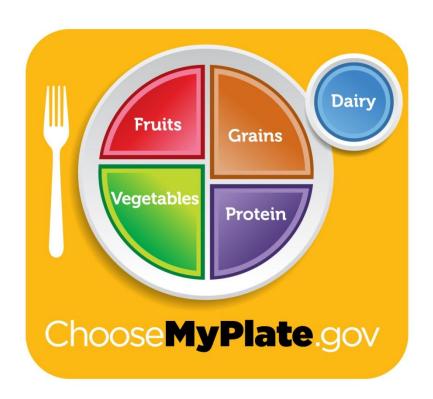
Preventable diseases*

- Heart disease
- Cancer
- High blood pressure
- Type II diabetes

*Obesity, lack of exercise, and cigarette smoking contribute to all of the above

Nutrition May Contribute to Well-being

- Find a diet that works for you
- Read food labels
- Control portion size
- Know what is healthy for you
- Prioritize healthy meal planning



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Exercise May Contribute to Well-being

Regular exercise can. . .

- strengthen your heart
- support bone health
- lift your mood
- slow progression of Alzheimer's
- help you lose/maintain weight
- facilitate better sleep
- aid movement
- improve thinking
- relieve stress



Suggestions to Improve Health for Well-being



- ✓ If you use tobacco products, quit!
- ✓ Practice good nutrition
- ✓ Have regular medical check-ups
- Exercise
- ✓ Manage your stress daily
- ✓ Mirror traits of happy people
- ✓ Seek assistance and support
- ✓ Remember your EAP
- ✓ Write an action plan today!



Locating Additional Information About Health

- http://www.magellanhealth.com/member
- https://www.choosemyplate.gov/
- http://www.webmd.com/
- http://www.fitness.gov/



Free Apps for Health and Fitness



- Pact
- Human
- Loselt
- Noom Weight Loss Coach
- HealthyOut
- Zipongo
- MyFitnessPal for your cell phone

Poll Question: What is Your Takeaway Goal?

Name at least one thing you can commit to doing now or the very near future to

improve your health and wellness.

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Thank you!

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