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Take Charge! Live Well!
Staying Heart-Healthy Together

# Today's Session...

- The basics:
  - What is heart disease?
  - o How can I reduce my risk?
- Activities that take care of your heart, and your loved ones'
- Helpful resources



### What is Heart Disease?

# Cardiovascular (Heart) Disease

A wide variation of conditions that make it hard for your heart to perform



### Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors

### Risk factors that you cannot change:

- Gender (male)
- Older age (over age 65)
- Family history of cardiovascular disease
- Being a post-menopausal woman
- Race (High Blood Pressure and Heart Disease)
  - African Americans, Mexican Americans, Native Hawaiians, Native Americans, and some Asian Americans



# **Taking Care of Your Heart**

Reduce

Be mindful of your diet

Practice mindfulness

Avoid substance abuse and smoking

Stay positive

Reach a healthy weight

Get a good night's sleep

Seek support

Plan ahead

# **Physical Activity Guidelines\***

- Adults should move more and sit less throughout the day.
- Some activity is better than none.

For substantial health benefits, adults should do at least:

**150-300 minutes** a week of moderate intensity activity

or:

75-150 minutes of vigorous intensity aerobic activity a week

or a combination of moderate and vigorous activity

Adults should also do muscle strengthening activities of moderate or greater intensity that involve all major muscle groups 2 or more days a week.

Additional health benefits are gained by engaging in physical activity beyond 300 minutes of moderate intensity exercise.

\*Always consult your physician or other health care professional before starting this or any other fitness, nutrition and/or weight management program to determine if it is right for your needs appropriate and safe for you.

# **Screening Recommendations**

### **Preventive Screenings:**

- Blood pressure
- Cholesterol
- Blood glucose
- Body weight
- Behavioral lifestyle factors



# Heart Healthy Activities for You and Your Partner

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# **Move Your Body**

### **Get moving together**

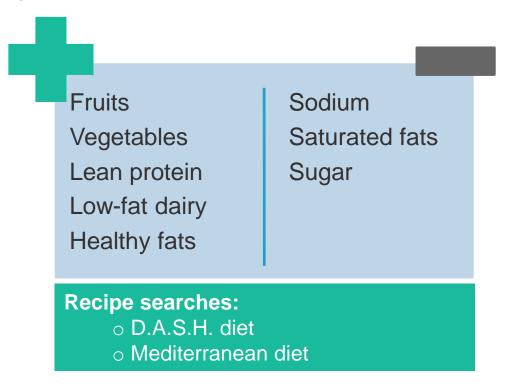
- Try to get moving for 30 minutes per day
  - Breaking it into 10-minute increments is ok!
- Challenge your partner to a steps competition
- Schedule walks to catch up with each other
- Try a seasonal, winter activity with your family
- Warm up with an indoor rock climbing wall
- Give your furry friends some love!



### **Mindful Meals**

### Make a heart healthy meal

- Skip the reservation and pick a heart-healthy recipe to cook at home.
- Take a date to a cooking class
- Reconsider the gift of sweets
  - Save it for later in the freezer
- If you go out, split an entrée



### **Share the Love**

### Gift self-care

- Think about gifts that act as stress relievers
- Schedule a couple's massage
- Give the gift of sleep
- Check out a comedy show

### Write a love note

Practice gratitude: write a note to your loved one



# Give to One Another by Giving Back

### Give back

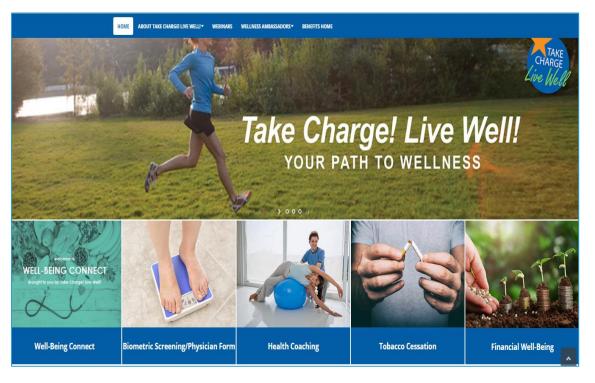
- Volunteer together
- Register for a local heart health walk
- Make a donation in a loved one's name





### **Resources for Heart Health**

### Start at ohio.gov/tclw

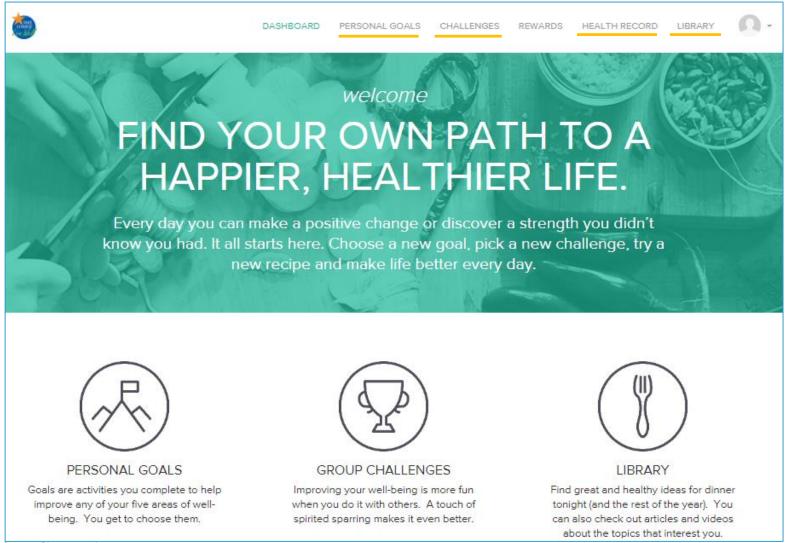


Learn more about your health by getting a biometric screening, to learn your:

- Weight
- BMI
- HDL and LDL levels
- Cholesterol levels
- Blood Pressure
- Schedule an appointment with your doctor
- Enroll in Well-Being Coaching: 1-866-556-2288

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# Sign into Well-Being Connect to:

- Review your biometric results (Health Record)
- Find articles on stress management and heart health (Library)
- Keep on track with your goals (Personal Goals and Challenges)

# **Health Coaching**

### What is it?

- Working with a health coach provides personalized support to help set goals, lower your risks, manage your conditions, and change behaviors
- No pre-existing conditions necessary to participate for wellness coaching
- Each coaching program will be created and personalized to your unique needs and goals

To get started, call 1-866-556-2288 and select Option 2

# The Ohio Employee Assistance Program



### **Mission**

To assist employees and their dependents in resolving personal and work-related problems by providing quality services, support and solutions that enhance the emotional, behavioral health and overall productivity of employees in a confidential and professional manner.

### **Information & Assistance:**

1-800-221-6327 (6EAP) or 614-644-8545 (Franklin County only) ohio.gov/eap OEAP@das.ohio.gov

### **Optum Behavioral Solutions:**

1-800-852-1091

### **Additional Resources**

- American Heart Association
  - o www.heart.org
- Ohio Employee Assistance Program
  - o www.ohio.gov/eap
  - o 1-800-221-6327
- Optum Behavioral Health
  - 0 877-229-3440
  - o www.liveandworkwell.com
- · Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
  - http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/awar eness/stress.html

- Harvard Health
  - http://www.helpguide.org/articles/stress/stre
     ss-management.htm
  - https://www.health.harvard.edu/hearthealth/mindfulness-can-improve-hearthealth
- Mental Health America (Formerly the National Mental Health Association)
  - o <a href="http://www.nmha.org">http://www.nmha.org</a>
- American Psychological Association (APA)
  - o <a href="http://www.apa.org">http://www.apa.org</a>
  - http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/200
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