Kids and Teens Healthy Weight Program

A program designed to help children and adolescents manage their weight

The Weill Cornell Kids and Teens Healthy Weight Program, developed by a Pediatric Endocrinologist and Registered Dietitian, is a series of interactive, age-appropriate small group sessions that focus on healthy eating and other important food and nutrition concepts. Family members and caretakers are encouraged to attend with their children. We strive to make classes hands-on and fun!

Topics include healthy cooking demonstrations, developing meal plans, label reading, fitness and physical activity, and how to select nutritious foods. We will have guest speakers, including professional chefs and exercise specialists, who cover the broad spectrum of developing a healthy diet -- essential to growth, development and weight management.

This program is offered by the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology at Weill Cornell Medicine, affiliated with top-ranked NewYork-Presbyterian Phyllis and David Komansky Children’s Hospital.

To Register: Children/teens must have an appointment scheduled with one of our Pediatric Endocrinology physicians for an initial screening visit; they may then register for the Kids and Teens Healthy Weight Program.

Program Directors

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Spring 2019 Program Sessions

Session 1: Staying Fit for the Future
This session teaches children, teens, and families about nutritional requirements, focusing on the role of calories, fat, protein, and carbohydrates in health and weight management. Participants will understand their own personal recommendations while exploring technology, community resources, and the principles of healthy weight management.
DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Session 2: Figuring Out Food Labels
In this session, we will start applying nutrition recommendations to your child/teen’s lifestyle. This interactive session will teach your child how to read labels and make healthier selections while choosing snacks and meals, as well as during supermarket shopping.
DATE: Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Session 3: Healthy Cooking: An Interactive Approach
Our group will start incorporating the skills learned in previous sessions towards healthy cooking. We will discuss the process of meal planning to create meals and snacks that promote a healthy weight. A professional chef will demonstrate cooking tools and techniques to achieve these goals.
DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Session 4: Restaurant Dining and Fast Foods
This session is designed to teach children, teens, and families how to eat healthy while eating out or when selecting fast/convenience foods. We are going to discover the secrets and tricks of making healthier choices while dining out. Bring your favorite takeout restaurant menus!
DATE: Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Session 5: Children and Exercise Recommendations
This session focuses on physical activity recommendations and health benefits. An exercise specialist will discuss and demonstrate age-appropriate exercises. We will help your child/teen develop a realistic, individualized exercise plan.
DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Session 6: Healthy Snacks for Children and Teens
Our healthy snacking session will be sure to give you some new ideas about wonderful snacks to pack or keep around the house. We will taste and prepare healthy snacks that are nutrient-dense and delicious. A professional chef will provide creative snack ideas.
DATE: Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Please note: there is no session on April 24th due to NYC school spring break.

For more information or to register, contact us:
Email: pedsendotele@med.cornell.edu
Call: 646-962-3442 (select option 3) to speak with Katherine Bardhoshi
Register online at:
https://weillcornell.org/kids-and-teens-healthy-weight-program
The registration deadline is March 15th
Space is limited! All sessions are first come, first serve.