## Tips for changing your eating habits

## MY GOAL FOR THIS WEEK

## Circle one or two that

 sound helpful.$\checkmark$ Schedule regular meals and snacks.
$\checkmark$ Use a smaller plate.
V Try to INCREASE:

- Lean protein
- Fruits and vegetables


## Try to EXCHANGE:

- Fast food meals for lunch packed from home
- Sugary beverages, juice, and regular soda for water
- Snack chips for carrot sticks or an apple
- Desserts and other sweets for one snack-sized piece of chocolate
- Butter and meat fats for extra virgin olive oil

Keep junk food out of the house

- Keep track of your progress on a food diary or smart phone app (e.g.,



## My plan for healthy eating

Healthy eating has many benefits such as:

- Lower risk of disease
- Easier to manage your weight
- More energy
- Improved mood


Why is it important to you to make healthier choices regarding food?

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3. $\qquad$

What makes it hard for you to make healthy choices?

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2. $\qquad$
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There are many ways to change your eating habits. Thinking about how you structure food on your plate can be helpful:


Check some foods that you could try in each of these categories.

## Protein

Lean meat (beef, pork)$\square$ Chicken or turkeyBeans and peas$\square$ Canned tuna,Nuts and seedsEggsFish and seafood
Fruits (fresh, frozen, or canned)
$\square$ Apples
PearsBananasGrapesOrangesMelons $\square$ PeachesPeaches

## Vegetables (fresh, frozen, or canned)

Leafy greensCarrotsOnionsPeppersBroccoliCauliflowerTomatoes
## Grains or Starches

Bread$\square$ PotatoesOatmeal
PastaTortillas

Plan one meal using this blank plate:


Don't skip meals! Skipping meals can leave you low on energy and make healthy choices more difficult. Plan to eat at least three meals per day.

What is one change you will make in the next couple weeks?
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What do you need to do to be successful? For example, I am going to eat one less fast food meal and bring a lunch from home.
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Who can help you eat healthy foods?

