Promising Practices in Nutrition Education

Choosing the Right Nutrition Education Curriculum for Your Program
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Introduction

The Washington State Basic Food Nutrition Education Program (BFNEP) created this guide in response to the many requests from local BFNEP contractors looking for research-based curricula to use in nutrition education interventions. Under the SNAP-Ed guidelines, nutrition education interventions are required to meet the 2005 Dietary Guidelines and follow the MyPyramid Plan. In addition, the Guiding Principles recommend conducting interventions with enough intensity and duration to effect dietary behavior change.

The guide contains a collection of research-based curricula cataloged by target audience. It is intended to be a starting place rather than a comprehensive collection. A checklist tool from current nutrition education best practices will help you select additional curricula. We welcome your comments and suggestions as you conduct your own research.

For any questions regarding this guide:

- Contact your local BFNEP contractor, or
- Email gail.brandt@doh.wa.gov, or
- Visit the BFNEP website at: http://www.doh.wa.gov/CFH/bfnep/default.htm
Readers’ Guide

The guide contains a list of recommended nutrition education curricula, organized by target audience.

The tables in this guide include:

- Target audience
- Curriculum title
- Background knowledge of presenter
- Languages available
- Key messages plus the web address for further curriculum information
- Curriculum rating, based on the Assessment Tool for Nutrition Education.

Information about the layout of the table:

1. Each target audience section is organized by age/grade level. Some curricula appear in more than one place since they target more than one target audience.

2. When choosing a curriculum, make sure that it is designed for your target audience and the main focus aligns with your objective(s). At the time of publication all curricula links were working. If you see a link that is not working try pasting the link into your web browser. If that does not work, contact your contract manager.

3. Curricula that are intended to focus on preventing or managing specific diseases are not included. While it is possible to modify these, the decision to select such curricula should be done in consultation with your contract manager.

4. Curricula prices are not included as they may have changed since this guide was compiled. However, they were chosen because they are free, or inexpensive, and likely to be approved for purchase by USDA.

5. Each curriculum is placed in order by a score (10-point scale). Underneath many scores are letters in parenthesis. These letters refer to the criteria not met. The key at the bottom of the table is a quick reference to the criteria. For a full description of the evaluation criteria refer to pages 4-6.
Even with a score of 10, a curriculum may not be the best fit for your project. Some curricula, while not meeting all of the criteria, are still highly recommended and widely used by professionals nation wide. Choose a curriculum based on all aspects of this table and not just the one with the highest score.

Not all curricula have a score because lesson plans (essential for scoring) were not available for review. They are included based on strong recommendations from the research. They are found following the scored curricula in each target audience section.
Assessment Tool for Nutrition Education Curriculum

The criteria for the Nutrition Education Curriculum Assessment Tool were chosen based on the requirements of the Basic Food Nutrition Education Program/SNAP-Ed and its supporting research. Each criterion in the Assessment Tool for Nutrition Education Curriculum has been shown to have a positive impact on the effectiveness of a nutrition education curriculum. This assessment tool adapted key elements from research and other tools that are currently being used. The following is a brief description of key elements and their references followed by the Assessment Tool itself.

Criteria A:
Each curriculum must meet the requirements of the Basic Food Nutrition Education Program (BFNEP)/Snap-Ed guidelines. If not, the curriculum will either need to be modified so that it meets these requirements or cannot be used. Guidelines include:

- Required objective related to increased consumption of fruits and vegetables in amounts consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Project of sufficient duration and intensity to support behavior change – a minimum of three - thirty minute meetings and ideally six-thirty minute meetings.
- Selection of healthy food within a limited budget
- Brand names are limited to those that are necessary for clarity without promotion or obvious bias
- Messages do not disparage specific foods, brands, or food chains

Criteria B:
The curriculum needs to have research supporting its effectiveness. Because “evidence-based” nutrition education curriculum is a new term, it is hard to determine what qualifies for the label. There are few current curricula that have been extensively tested and studied. However, numerous impact reports, articles, and some thorough studies have already been conducted to use as supporting research. A curriculum meets criterion (B) by using the following:

- Developed using a professional theory or model such as the Social Cognitive Theory and Behavior Change Model
- Written about and recommended by a peer-reviewed journal
- Cited as a good curriculum by a qualified source such as experts in the field of nutrition education
- Has statistics or an impact report showing a positive change in knowledge, skills, or behavior
- Materials have been tested on its target audience or a focus group; or developed by credible authors

Criteria C:
The curriculum uses a variety of teaching methods. Research has shown that the more teaching methods used in a presentation, (visual, audio, hands-on, taste and smell) the more likely a person is to remember and apply what was learned.
Criteria D:
All materials, including recipes must support key current Dietary Guidelines for Americans:
- Eat fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and nonfat and low-fat milk and milk products everyday
- Be physically active everyday as part of a healthy lifestyle
- Balance calorie intake from foods and beverages with calories expended
This is also a requirement of the BFNEP and SNAP-Ed guidelines. It is recognized as a separate criterion to emphasize that all recipes need to follow the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans as well as the curriculum.

Criteria E:
Objectives are clearly stated. An objective is the purpose of the lesson. Implementing a lesson plan is effective with a clear objective because it identifies what the instructor trying to get across to participants. Having clearly stated objectives within each lesson is a very important component of a curriculum.

Criteria F:
Each lesson should include a lesson overview that gives a quick summary of what is about to be presented.

Criteria G:
Detailed instructions are given on how to present materials. Not only is it important to know what is going to be presented, but how to present the material in the most effective way. Having information on how to present the material is very useful for an instructor who does not have a lot of experience teaching. A curriculum meets this criterion if it gives any information on how to make the implementation process easier or gives tips and suggestions for the person presenting the material.

Criteria H:
Materials are well organized and easy to read. Successful curricula need to be clear for a person to read and organized where the sequence of information flows smoothly and is easy to follow. A curriculum meets this criterion if the headings and subheading explain text and divide material into meaningful “chunks”, and the font size is no smaller than 12 point for both the instructional guides and handouts.

Criteria I:
An evaluation tool is included. This makes it easier for the presenter to evaluate the program. Evaluating a curriculum allows the presenter to see if selected interventions are making an impact. Having the evaluation tool included as a part of lesson plan helps ensure that evaluation will be done.
Criteria J:
Each curriculum should have instructional resources for the educator. Not everyone has a background in nutrition and is going to know all of the material being presented. Listing places a person can go to find further information is very useful. A curriculum meets this criterion if it gives books or websites where current nutrition information can be found, or provides enough background information so that the lesson can be implemented by someone with no previous nutrition knowledge.

Page 29 contains the research that supports this information.
Assessment Tool for Nutrition Education Curriculum

There are 10 criteria listed below, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J. One point is awarded for every criterion that is met by the curriculum. There can be a high score of 10 (all criteria met) or a low score of 0 (no criteria met). The number of criteria met will determine the score.  

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<td>B</td>
<td>There is research supporting the curriculum</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Curriculum uses a variety of teaching methods</td>
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<td>All materials, including recipes, support the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Objectives are clearly stated</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>At the beginning of each lesson there are instructions explaining what is being presented</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>Detailed instructions are given on how to present material</td>
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<td>H</td>
<td>The sequence of information flows smoothly and is easy to follow</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>An evaluation tool is included in the curriculum</td>
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<td>J</td>
<td>Instructional resources are included in the curriculum</td>
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<td><strong>Score</strong></td>
<td>Total number of criteria met</td>
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1 The author did not attempt to weight the criteria or list in order of priority.
Checklist for an Effective Nutrition Education Curriculum

The checklist is an organized way to keep a file of information on nutrition education curricula. This checklist includes:

- criteria from the Assessment Tool for Nutrition Education Curriculum
- year developed
- time frame and script, if available
- cost
- space for comments about each question

The Checklist for an Effective Nutrition Education Curriculum is self-explanatory. After selecting a curriculum, review each criterion individually and check YES or NO.

On the back page there is an area where you can rate the curriculum using the Assessment Tool for Nutrition Education Curriculum. The criteria from the assessment tool is included in the checklist and found in the same order. The checklist has additional items for consideration but not included in the assessment tool. These items are useful but not essential to the effectiveness of a curriculum.

Not all curricula provide information on the background a presenter should have in order to implement the curriculum effectively. In this case, look at several different parts of the curriculum before making this decision. Consider the following:

- instructional resources included or links added
- format, sequence, and flow makes the curriculum easy to follow

Information for all items on checklists was not available for each curriculum. For example, if there was no reference providing the reading level of a curriculum, it was left blank. Tools are available to assess reading level.
# Checklist for an Effective Nutrition Education Curriculum

**Curriculum Title:**
**Target Audience:**
**Year Curriculum Developed:**
**Reading Level:**

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<td>- Message does not disparage specific foods, brands, or food chains</td>
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<td><strong>B.</strong> There is research supporting the curriculum</td>
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<td>Source/reference article:</td>
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<td><strong>C.</strong> Uses a variety of teaching methods (check all that apply)</td>
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<td><strong>D.</strong> All materials (including recipes) support key 2005 Dietary</td>
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<td>Guidelines</td>
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| H. | Materials are well organized and easy to read  
  - A detailed script of what to say and do throughout lesson is included  
  - A time frame is included on how long the lesson or each section of the lesson should be  
  - The sequence of information flows smoothly and is easy to follow (Headings and subheadings explain text and divide material into meaningful “chunks”) |
| I. | An evaluation tool is included |
| J. | Instructional resources are included (helpful for presenters with little background and knowledge of nutrition) |

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**Rating:**  
**Comments:**
Checklist for an Effective Nutrition Education Curriculum

Curriculum Title: Loving Your Family Feeding Their Future  
Target Audience: Women with children 2-18  
Year curriculum developed: 2007  
Reading Level: 5th grade

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| A. Applicable to the main focuses of the SNAP-Ed guidelines  
  - Selection of healthy foods within a limited budget  
  - Brand names are limited to those that are necessary for clarity without promotion or obvious bias  
  - Message does not disparage specific foods, brands, or food chains | X | | Key messages: Helping low-income families make healthy food choices and increase their physical activity |
| B. There is research supporting the curriculum | X | | Source/reference article:  
  - Widely used  
  - USDA news release  
  - Theme selected by focus groups  
  - Developed by FNS  
  - USDA Progress Report |
| C. Uses a variety of teaching methods (check that apply) | X | | _X_ Reading  
  X Listening  
  X Visual Aids  
  _X_ Writing  
  _X_ Participatory Discussions  
  _X_ Psychomotor Skills |
| D. All materials (including recipes) follow 2005 Dietary Guidelines  
  - Eat fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and nonfat and low-fat milk and milk products everyday  
  - Be physically active everyday as part of a healthy lifestyle  
  - Balances calorie intake from foods and beverages with calories expended | X | | |
| E. Objectives are clearly stated and make sense | X | | |
**F.** Detailed instructions are given at the beginning of each lesson, explaining *what* is being presented  
X  Great session overview

**G.** Detailed instructions are given on *how* to present material (teaching tips)  
X  Educators handbook which is to be read 1st gives info on how to present to target audience and tips given throughout lessons

**H.** Materials are well organized and easy to read  
- A detailed script of what to say and do throughout lesson is included  
- A time frame is included on how long the lesson or each section of the lesson should be.  
- The sequence of information flows smoothly and is easy to follow. (Headings and subheadings explain text and divide material into meaningful “chunks”)  
X  Includes session time frame and is broken down by sections  
Very clear, headings in different colors, good font size

**I.** An evaluation tool is included  
X  No tool is included; however, curriculum does include how to evaluate the interventions and encourages comparison in customer feedback from lesson 1 to 4.

**J.** Instructional resources are included (helpful for presenters with little background and knowledge of nutrition)  
X  Includes educator’s handbook, online training for educator and extra resources

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| Cost: Free?  
- Downloadable print materials? -  
Where can this material be found? | X  |
| Cost for printing:  
| Format/Type of delivery (check all that apply) |
| X Curriculum  
X Activities  
X Handouts/Fact sheets  
X Brochure  
X Poster  
X Recipe Cards |
| Background of presenter:  
Lot of material provided for the educator? | Languages Available:  
English and Spanish |
## Nutrition Education Curricula Used for Intervention

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<tr>
<td>K-3</td>
<td>Fruits and Veggies More Matters Resource Manual</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>English</td>
<td>Lessons designed to increase fruit and vegetable consumption. Learners taught about meal planning, MyPyramid, and lessons include taste testing activities. <a href="http://www.doh.state.fl.us/family/WIC/pages/nutrition/fruits_and_veggies.htm">www.doh.state.fl.us/family/WIC/pages/nutrition/fruits_and_veggies.htm</a></td>
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<td>Pre - K</td>
<td>Color Me Healthy</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>English and some Spanish</td>
<td>Using color, music, and exploration of the senses, Color Me Healthy teaches children healthy foods and physical activity is fun. <a href="http://www.colormehealthy.com/">http://www.colormehealthy.com/</a></td>
<td>9 (I)</td>
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<tr>
<td>K-2</td>
<td>Start Smart Eating and Reading</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>English Spanish newsletter</td>
<td>Emphasizes importance of grains, fruit, vegetables, milk and breakfast through reading and “no-cook” snack tasting. <a href="http://www.oregondairycouncil.org/resources/free_downloads/#startsmart">http://www.oregondairycouncil.org/resources/free_downloads/#startsmart</a></td>
<td>9 (I)</td>
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<td>K-1</td>
<td>Pick a Better Snack and ACT</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>English Spanish: Bingo Cards</td>
<td>Key messages: focus on fruits, vary your veggies, increase physical activity, and MyPyramid. <a href="http://www.idph.state.ia.us/pickabettersnack/pabs_lessons.asp#sept">http://www.idph.state.ia.us/pickabettersnack/pabs_lessons.asp#sept</a></td>
<td>9 (I)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pre - K</td>
<td>Super Star Nutrition for Kids</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese</td>
<td>Basic nutrition lessons, activity sheets with 12 messages for each month, including nutrition basics, cooking, food shopping, physical activity, food safety and menus. <a href="http://www.ode.state.or.us/services/nutrition/cacfp/tn/">http://www.ode.state.or.us/services/nutrition/cacfp/tn/</a></td>
<td>9 Take out 5-A-Day logo (A)</td>
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E - Clear objectives  F - Instructions-what presented  G - Instructions-how
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<td>Deal Me In... Food &amp; Fitness</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>English</td>
<td>Introduce and reinforces healthy eating and physical activity messages within an after-school program. <a href="http://www.dairycouncilofca.org/Educators/ClassroomPrograms/">Website</a></td>
<td>8 (E, I)</td>
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<td>K-3</td>
<td>Take Time! Physical Activity in Schools</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>English</td>
<td>Short sessions involving physical activity and some nutrition. No fruit and vegetable focus. Needs to be paired with other nutrition curriculum. <a href="http://www.maine-nutrition.org">Website</a></td>
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<td>Pre-K, K-2</td>
<td>The Organwise Guys: Sir Rebrum Kit</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>English</td>
<td>Children learn hand washing, food safety, making healthy choices, and fruits and vegetables. <a href="http://www.organwiseguys.com/">Website</a></td>
<td>7 (A, F, J)</td>
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<td>K</td>
<td>CATCH Go For Health Series (Jump Into Health, Kindergarten Curriculum)</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>English</td>
<td>Ten session curriculum to introduce children to “Everyday Foods” and “Sometimes Foods”. Children learn benefits of fruits and vegetables, fiber, and doing more physical activity. <a href="http://www.catchinfo.org/getinfoproducts.asp">Website</a></td>
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<td>Pre - K</td>
<td>Healthy Start</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>English Spanish Creole</td>
<td>Focuses on dietary quality with emphasis on fruits and vegetables. Centers on the child, environment, and family. <a href="http://www.healthy-start.com/">Website</a></td>
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<td>Show Me Nutrition</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>English</td>
<td>Includes a book of activities on healthy eating, physical activity, a food-tasting, and a chance to practice healthy habits like hand washing. <a href="http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shownutrition/">Website</a></td>
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<td>Building a Healthy Me!</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>English and Spanish</td>
<td>Six lessons teach fundamental nutrition concepts introducing students to a range of healthy food choices. <a href="http://www.dairycouncilofca.org/Educators/">http://www.dairycouncilofca.org/Educators/</a></td>
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<td>Food $ense CHANGE</td>
<td>Low - Medium</td>
<td>English</td>
<td>Twenty lessons include cooking and gardening for low income audiences. <a href="http://king.wsu.edu/nutrition/changepdfs.htm">http://king.wsu.edu/nutrition/changepdfs.htm</a></td>
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<td>Fifteen session curriculum targeting change in environmental, personal, and behavioral factors influencing health behaviors. <a href="http://www.catchinfo.org/getinfoproducts.asp">http://www.catchinfo.org/getinfoproducts.asp</a></td>
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<td>English Spanish: Bingo Cards</td>
<td>Key messages are: Focus on fruits, vary your veggies, increase physical activity, and participants learn about MyPyramid. <a href="http://www.idph.state.ia.us/pickabettersnack/pabs_lessons.asp#sept">http://www.idph.state.ia.us/pickabettersnack/pabs_lessons.asp#sept</a></td>
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<td>Teaches healthy lifestyles, nutrition, food safety, food preparation skills, importance of physical activity, and MyPyramid. <a href="http://nutrition.wsu.edu/edresources.htm">http://nutrition.wsu.edu/edresources.htm</a></td>
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<td>Twenty-four sessions including measuring for fat and sodium; keeping food diaries; and being physically active. Reinforcing activities include selecting and preparing healthy snacks. <a href="http://www.catchinfo.org/getinfoproducts.asp">http://www.catchinfo.org/getinfoproducts.asp</a></td>
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<td>Lessons on how to apply basic nutrition principles to food choices, plan healthy meals using MyPyramid, and choose healthy foods for breakfast. <a href="http://www.extension.umn.edu/nutrition/sgeorder.html">http://www.extension.umn.edu/nutrition/sgeorder.html</a></td>
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<td>Empowering Youth with Nutrition and Physical Activity</td>
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<td>Afterschool program with current nutrition and physical activity information to enhance leader knowledge; fun, hands-on activities that teach nutrition concepts; ideas to include nutrition education and physical activity into youth programs and events. <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/TN/library.html">http://www.fns.usda.gov/TN/library.html</a></td>
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<td>WIN Kids – Win the Rockies</td>
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<td>Thirteen lessons focused on fruits and vegetables. (5-a-day needs to be taken removed from fruit and veggie lesson). <a href="http://www.uwyo.edu/WinTheRockies_EDUR/WINkidsLessons.asp">Website</a></td>
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<td>Eight lessons to help middle school students make healthier food and activity choices through assessment and planning. <a href="http://www.dairycouncilofca.org/Educators/ClassroomPrograms/EYO.aspx">Website</a></td>
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<td>Teaches pregnant and parenting teens how to make the healthy choices for their bodies and babies. <a href="http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/nestlefoodnut/n00715.htm">http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/nestlefoodnut/n00715.htm</a></td>
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<td>Encourages FDPIR clients to eat more fruits and vegetables. Learn how to select, prepare, store, and cook fruits and vegetables. Includes food demonstration and taste testing. <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/bfnep/resource_links.htm#contractor_Developed_Materials">www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/bfnep/resource_links.htm#contractor_Developed_Materials</a></td>
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<td>Ten sessions for achieving goals for health behavior changes in the areas of food, physical activity, and body image. <a href="http://www.uwyo.edu/WinTheRockies/EDUR/ANewYou.asp">http://www.uwyo.edu/WinTheRockies/EDUR/ANewYou.asp</a></td>
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<td>Raising Healthy Eaters</td>
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<td>Helps parents and adult caregivers encourage children to develop healthy eating habits. <a href="http://learningstore.uwex.edu">http://learningstore.uwex.edu</a></td>
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<td>Family Centered Education Curriculum</td>
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<td>Lesson plans to promote healthy family meals, healthy snacks, and a variety of fruits and vegetables. <a href="http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Pages/WICNEFamilyCenteredEducation.aspx">http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Pages/WICNEFamilyCenteredEducation.aspx</a></td>
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<td>Five lessons on improving nutritional health for older adults using MyPyramid to review nutrient needs. <a href="http://ifasbooks.ufl.edu/merchant2/merchant.mv?Screen=PROD&amp;Store_Code=IFASBOOKS&amp;PRODUCT_Code=ST306">Website</a></td>
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<td>Three lessons focusing on “Boning up on calcium”, “Eating for a Healthy Heart”, Shopping and Cooking for 1 or 2, plus materials and recipes appropriate for sensory needs of seniors. <a href="http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/nutrition/DJ8020.html">Website</a></td>
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<td>Encourages seniors to increase intake of fruit and vegetables and physical activity. Emphasizes health benefits and provides menus and recipes, plus physical activities and fun games. <a href="www.livewellagewell.info/study/materials.htm">Website</a></td>
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