

Bright Futures Patient Handout

7 and 8 Year Visits

Doing Well at School

- Try your best at school. Doing well in school is important to how you feel about yourself.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Join clubs and teams you like.
- Tell kids who pick on you or try to hurt you to stop it. Then walk away.
- Tell adults you trust about bullies.

Playing It Safe

- Don't open the door to anyone you don't know.
- Have friends over only when your parents say it's OK.
- Wear your helmet for biking, skating, and skateboarding.
- Ask a grown-up for help if you are scared or worried.
- It is OK to ask to go home and be with your Mom or Dad.
- Keep your private parts, the parts of your body covered by a bathing suit, covered.
- Tell your parent or another grown-up right away if an older child or grown-up shows you their private parts, asks you to show them yours, or touches your private parts.
- Always sit in your booster seat and ride in the back seat of the car.

Eating Well, Being Active

- Eat breakfast every day.
- Aim for eating 5 fruits and vegetables every day.
- Only drink 1 cup of 100% fruit juice a day.
- Limit high-fat foods and drinks such as candies, snacks, fast food, and soft drinks.
- Eat healthful snacks like fruit, cheese, and yogurt.
- Eating healthy is important to help you do well in school and sports.
- Eat with your family often.
- Drink at least 2 cups of milk daily.
- Match every 30 minutes of TV or computer time with 30 minutes of active play.

Healthy Teeth

- Brush your teeth at least twice each day, morning and night.
- Floss your teeth every day.
- Wear your mouth guard when playing sports.

Handling Feelings

- Talk about feeling mad or sad with someone who listens well.
- Talk about your worries. It helps.
- Ask your parent or other trusted adult about changes in your body.
- Even embarrassing questions are important. It's OK to talk about your body and how it's changing.

SCHOOL

SAFETY

NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

ORAL HEALTH

DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH





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Here are some suggestions from Bright Futures experts that may be of value to your family.

Staying Healthy

NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- Eat together often as a family.
- Start every day with breakfast.
- Buy fat-free milk and low-fat dairy foods, and encourage 3 servings each day.
- Limit soft drinks, juice, candy, chips, and high-fat food.
- Include 5 servings of vegetables and fruits at meals and for snacks daily.
- Limit TV and computer time to 2 hours a day.
- Do not have a TV or computer in your child's bedroom.
- Encourage your child to play actively for at least 1 hour daily.

SAFETY

- Watch your child's computer use.
 - Know who she talks to online.
 - Install a safety filter.
- Know your child's friends and their families.
- Teach your child plans for emergencies such as a fire.
 - Teach your child how and when to dial 911.
- Teach your child how to be safe with other adults.
 - No one should ask for a secret to be kept from parents.
 - No one should ask to see private parts.
 - No adult should ask for help with his private parts.

Safety

SAFETY

- Your child should always ride in the back seat and use a booster seat until the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt fit.
- Teach your child to swim and watch her in the water.
- Use sunscreen when outside.
- Provide a good-fitting helmet and safety gear for biking, skating, in-line skating, skiing, snowboarding, and horseback riding.
- Keep your house and cars smoke free.
- Never have a gun in the home. If you must have a gun, store it unloaded and locked with the ammunition locked separately from the gun.

DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH

Your Growing Child

- Give your child chores to do and expect them to be done.
- Hug, praise, and take pride in your child for good behavior and doing well in school.
- Be a good role model.
- Don't hit or allow others to hit.
- Help your child to do things for himself.
- Teach your child to help others.
- Discuss rules and consequences with your child.
- Be aware of puberty and body changes in your child.
- Answer your child's questions simply.
- Talk about what worries your child.

School

SCHOOL

- Attend back-to-school night, parent-teacher events, and as many other school events as possible.
- Talk with your child and child's teacher about bullies.
- Talk to your child's teacher if you think your child might need extra help or tutoring.
- Your child's teacher can help with evaluations for special help, if your child is not doing well.

Healthy Teeth

ORAL HEALTH

- Help your child brush teeth twice a day.
 - After breakfast
 - Before bed
- Use a pea-sized amount of toothpaste with fluoride.
- Help your child floss her teeth once a day.
- Your child should visit the dentist at least twice a year.
- Encourage your child to always wear a mouth guard to protect teeth while playing sports.

Poison Help: 1-800-222-1222

Child safety seat inspection:
1-866-SEATCHECK; seatcheck.org



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