AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM

- Over 39 peer-reviewed publications have documented positive outcomes following the program.
- Developed by leading child health and weight management specialists using the best available evidencebased clinical and government guidelines.

PROGRAM SESSION STRUCTURE:

Sessions 1–20: (two days per week):

*Child AND Adult measurements are collected at session 20.

Time	Attendees	Activity
60 min.	• Adult • Child • Both Leaders	Facilitated activities and group discussion
30 min.	• Child • Activity Leader	Moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity
30 min.	• Adult • Content Leader	Facilitated activities and group discussion
30 min.	• Adult • Child • Both Leaders	Moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity

Sessions 21–25: (one day per week):

Time	Attendees	Activity
15 min.	• Adult • Child • Both Leaders	Collect Parent/ Caregiver AND Child measurements: height and weight
45 min.	• Adult • Child • Both Leaders	Facilitated activities and group discussion
60 min.	• Adult • Child • Both Leaders	Moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity

PROGRAM REFERRAL

Provide a referral for your patient to participate in Healthy Weight and Your Child today.

PATIENT'S NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:



- cleared to participate in program
- Not cleared to participate in program

HealthCare Provider:

PHONE #: ______/ _/___ Provider Signature Date _____/ _/___ Parent/Guardian Signature Date

*I authorize the use and disclosure of both my and my child's health information for the purpose of this program.

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A FAMILY-BASED LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAM:

- In-person sessions for child and adult
- Physical activity
- Healthy eating
- Portion control
- Grocery Store tour
- Food label reading
- Internal and external triggers

TO QUALIFY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM:

- Child must be 7-13 years old
- Child must carry excess weight, with a body mass index of the 95th percentile or higher
- Child must receive clearance from a healthcare provider or school nurse to participate in physical activity
- Adult MUST attend all sessions with child

ACHIEVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT TOGETHER

Reclaim your family's health through healthier eating habits and an active lifestyle.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Healthy Weight and Your Child is a 25 session evidence-based program for children with obesity. The program includes a Family Information Session followed by 25 sessions delivered over four months. The family-based weight-management program focuses on nutrition education and physical activity to encourage healthier eating habits and an active lifestyle to reach a healthy weight.



Healthy Weight and Your Child's curriculum is adapted from the most widely disseminated and extensively evaluated child weight management program in the world. Studies have shown that the program is cost-efficient and effective in reducing a child's body mass index and waist circumference, reducing sedentary behaviors, increasing physical activity and improving selfesteem.

The program is designed with the whole family in mind, engaging a child and adult in education, healthy eating and physical activity to elicit positive change and help families learn skills to live a healthier lifestyle long-term. Evidence shows that child weight-management programs are more effective when the whole family is involved and committed to adopting healthier habits.

Healthy Weight and Your Child is delivered by two trained leaders: A Content Leader and an Activity Leader. Both leaders play an equally significant role in facilitating the program. The Content Leader delivers the education and nutrition portions of the program. The Activity Leader, trained to deliver evidence-based games and exercises safely for children with obesity, delivers the physical activity portion of the curriculum and supports the delivery of the content portion of the class.