

# Getting high quality zzz's

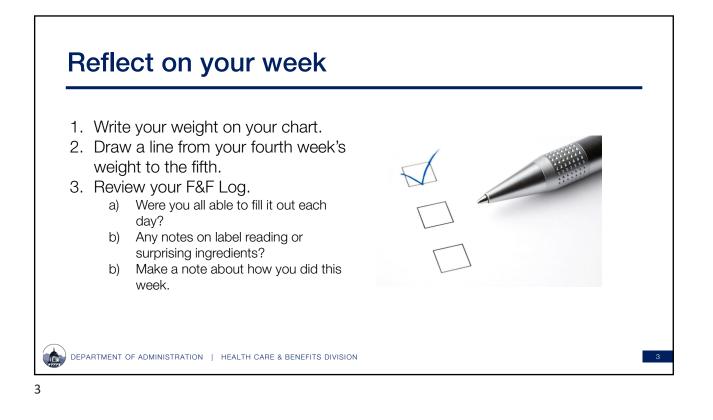
Live Life Well

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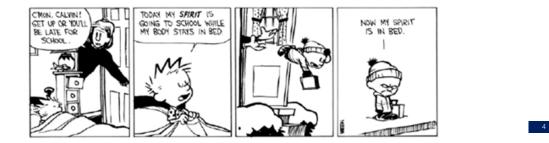






#### What is "good sleep?"

- Our bodies need restful sleep each day.
- Each person is different, but a good way to tell is if you wake up without an alarm, if you can get out of bed without a (huge) struggle, and if you feel alert and rested most of the day.
  - On average, people need between 7-8.5 hours of sleep EVERY 24 hours.
- Think consistency each day. Your wake time is just as important as your bedtime. Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day.





#### Sleep well to lose weight

- Sleep regulates hormones linked to metabolism and appetite.
- People who average 5 hours of sleep/night are 50% more likely to be obese than those who sleep 7 to 9 hours.



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## Sleep well for your health



- Sleep is when your immune system does it's job.
- Sleep less than 6 or more than 9 hours/night is associated with increased risk of diabetes.
- Lack of sleep is connected to mood and depression. It also impacts your ability to deal with stress.
- · Sleep is connected to a host of other conditions, including cardiovascular disease.

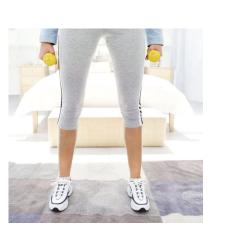
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# Sleep well to work and play better

- When you are well-rested, you are more likely to be more physically active.
- Sleep deprivation impacts your coordination, agility, mood, and energy. Sleep affects your ability to make physical gains in endurance, cardiovascular ability, and strength.
- Your ability to problem-solve, take on challenges and work productively is intrinsically connected to sleep.

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## **Sleep strategies**

- Dim the lights within an hour of bedtime. Turn off electronic devices or use "blue light" function.
- If you are not asleep after 20 minutes, then get out of bed. Do something relaxing.
- *Begin a routine that helps you relax* each night before bed (warm bath, tea, reading, relaxation exercises).
- Replace your mattress every 5-7 years. Check your alignment in bed, and replace pillows as often as needed.

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#### More sleep strategies

- *Get up at the same time every morning*—even weekends and holidays. Go to bed at the same time each night.
- Avoid taking naps if you can. If you must nap <1 hour prior to 3 pm.
- Keep a regular schedule leave 8 hours each day for sleep and rest.
- Don't read, write, eat, watch TV, talk on the phone, or play cards in bed.
- Make the room dark.
- Use white noise to muffle sudden noises that can disturb sleep.
  *"Relax Melodies" app is free and you can set it to help you fall asleep and even to wake if you like.*DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION | HEALTH CARE & BENEFITS DIVISION

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#### And more sleep strategies

- Do not have any caffeine after lunch.
- Do not have a beer, wine, or any other alcohol within 6 hours of your bedtime.
- Do not have a cigarette or any other source of nicotine before bedtime.
- Do not go to bed hungry, but don't eat a big meal near bedtime either.
- Avoid sleeping pills or use them cautiously. Try Magnesium.

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## **Getting to Know Yourself**



Consider noting how you've slept in your daily log.

Some apps and devices have a sleep tracker that can help immensely.



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# Concentrate on Goal 3

- What is your "healthy habit" goal?
- How does sleep fit in with all three of your goals?
- Is sleep something that you would like to prioritize?
- Change your goals as needed!

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# This Week:

- DO what you've decided that you will to meet your goals.
- PRINT another week for the food and fitness log.
- RECORD your food, fitness and weight in your log.
- BRING your binder and log to our next webinar.

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