



MyWay to a Healthy Weight Program Information

Program Eligibility

- The program is FREE to all benefits-eligible Washington University employees and immediate adult family members
- The participant must have a personal desire to lose weight through achieving healthy eating and physical activity goals while promoting self-esteem and positive body image
- The participant must have a BMI of 27.0 or greater to participate
- The participant's primary care physician must sign a waiver to participate
- Family members are invited to attend sessions alongside the employee

Program Description

- Personalized, flexible, and supportive approach
- Successfully helps adults lose weight and maintain their weight loss
- Recommendations backed by over 30 years of research
- Dedicated Registered Dietitian helps participants create an action plan to achieve healthy eating and physical activity goals

Program Structure

- 12-month program
 - 4 months of individual/family weekly sessions
 - 4 months of weekly group sessions and monthly individual sessions
 - 4 months of monthly group sessions and email support

What will it be like to participate in the MyWay to a Healthy Weight Program?

- The weekly behavioral goals include:
 - Weigh at home twice per week
 - Plan meals and snacks in advance
 - Log all foods and beverages eaten
 - Eat within an individualized calorie range for weight loss
 - Approximately 1,200 - 1,600 calories per day
 - Reduce consumption of unhealthy foods
 - Increase intake of fruits and vegetables
 - Increase physical activity
 - Reduce sedentary time
- Participants will develop skills to navigate healthy eating and physical activity challenges through different seasons, holidays, and high-risk situations
- Healthy habits are encouraged across all areas of life:
 - Creating a healthy home environment
 - Establishing communities of support and accountability
 - Exploring community resources to support healthy behaviors

How to Get Started

- Attend an orientation session and complete the associated paperwork
 - Orientations for new enrollments are held in April, July, and December with sessions beginning the following month
 - Capacity is limited, participation is subject to availability
- Register for an upcoming orientation <https://hr.wustl.edu/items/mywaytohealth/>
- Email MyWaytoHealth@wustl.edu with additional questions