Week 1: Get Healthier

1) Set one or two reachable health goals for yourself. For example: getting 7 hours of sleep every night, getting 30 minutes of exercise at least 4 times a week, limiting unhealthy foods to the weekend, etc. We will revisit this at the end of this program. 2) In addition, you have been given a pedometer for you to record your movement throughout the day. A goal of 10,000 steps/day is common. This is about 5 miles. Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record your step average ((Day1 Steps + Day2 Steps + Day3 Steps +Day4 Steps)/4 days = Your Steps-per-day Average). 3) Finally, ask two people (1 in this program, 1 not in this program) to be your support system for this health program. Each week, you will share and discuss with them your health goals, weekly take-home activities and anything else that might come up.

- 1. How can a healthy lifestyle help *your* health?
- 2. What are some of your more healthy routines (be specific):
- 3. What are some of your less healthy routines (be specific):
- 4. How can you change some of these less healthy routines (be specific: by how much, how often, where):
- Set 2 health goals for yourself. Be as specific as possible, realistic, and set long and short-term goals.
 a. What is your 1st health goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.
 - b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?
 - c. Why is this important to you?
 - d. What is your 2nd health goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.
 - e. Where do you want to be in 1 month?
 - f. Why is this important to you?
- 6. Which two people will be your support system?
 - a. In your team:
 - b. Outside of your team:
- 7. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 - a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day

- d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
- e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 8. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 9. Set a long-term step goal for the program: _______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 10. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 2: Sleep

1) This week your goal is to get 4 nights of 7-8 hours of good quality sleep. Select 2 sleeping habits to help you get a good night's sleep. Remember: The time you go to sleep is not when you get into bed, but the approximate time that you *actually* fall asleep. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record your step average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

Date	Fell asleep at	Woke up at	Total time sleeping

- 1. What 2 sleeping habits did you use to help you establish a bedtime routine?
- 2. How can getting 7-8 hours of sleep each night help *your* health?
- Set a goal to continue getting enough good quality sleep more frequently.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- 4. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 - a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 5. Did you meet your last week's short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 6. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______ steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 7. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 3: Calories

1) Track your calorie intake for 4 days (Make at least one of these days a Saturday or a Sunday.). Break down meals into their basic ingredients (for example, a sandwich could be broken down into: 2 slices of bread, 1 slice of cheese, 1 oz. of turkey, 1tbsp of mayo, and vegetables). 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record the average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

YOUR RMR: _____

Day/Date: Breakfast	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

Dinner	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

Day/Date:

Breakfast	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

Dinner	Se	erv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:			

Day/Date:

Breakfast	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:	-	•

Dinner	Serv	Cal
Total Calories:		

Lunch	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

Snacks	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

TOTAL DAILY CALORIES: _____

Lunch	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

Snacks	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

TOTAL DAILY CALORIES: _____

Lunch	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

Snacks	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

TOTAL DAILY CALORIES:

Day/Date:

Breakfast	Serv	Cal
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Dinner	Serv	Cal

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Snacks	Serv	Cal
Total Meal Calories:		

TOTAL DAILY CALORIES: _____

- 1. How can tracking your calorie intake help *your* health?
- 2. How do your total daily calories compare to your Resting Metabolic Rate (RMR)?
- 3. What was your highest calorie meal? How could you cut out some of these calories in the future?
- 4. Set a goal to continue improving your eating habits in terms of calories.a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- 5. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 - a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 6. Did you meet your short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 7. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 8. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 4: Liquids and Calories

1) Set a goal to drink 5 or more 16oz glasses of water per day. Replace a high calorie beverage that you regularly drink with a healthier, lower calorie drink for 3 days. Record how many calories this saved you over the week. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record the average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

WATER	WATER						
Date							
Glasses of Water							

CALO	CALORIE REPLACEMENT DRINKS				
Date	High Calorie Drink (e.g. soda=227 calories)	Low Calorie Drink (unsweetened tea=0 calories)	Calories Cut (227–0=227)		
		TOTAL CALORIES CUT	•		

- 1. How can reducing your liquid calories help *your* health?
- 2. Did you cut a substantial amount of calories by drinking lower calorie drinks for 3 days?
- Set a goal to continue drinking water and reduce your drink calorie intake.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- 4. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 - a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
 - 5. Did you meet your short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?

- 6. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 7. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 5: Basic nutrition

1) Read the nutrition labels of the 5 foods you eat most. Are these foods healthy? Find healthier foods to replace less healthy foods. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record the average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). Write your responses on this week's Take-Home Activity Tracking Sheet. 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

Food (e.g. hamburger)			
Ingredients (e.g. beef, tomato, mayo, bun)			
Serving Size (e.g. 1)		 	
Calories (calories from fat) (e.g. 350 (135))			
Fat (g) (e.g. 15g)			
Cholesterol (mg) (e.g. 76mg)			
Sodium (mg) (e.g. 77mg)			
Carbohydrate (g) (e.g. 22g)			
Fiber (g) (e.g. 4g)			
Protein (g) (e.g. 23g)			
Vitamins/ Minerals (e.g. iron 4%)			

1. How can knowing the nutrition in your foods help *your* health?

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- 2. Which of these foods are healthier?
- 3. Which of these foods are less healthy?
- 4. Are there healthier foods could you use to replace these less healthy foods?
- 5. Set a goal to continue improving your eating habits.a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 7. Did you meet your short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 8. Set a short-term step goal for next week: _______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 9. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 6: Snacks

1) For 4 days this week, replace one of your typical, less healthy snacks with a healthier food. In addition, add an extra serving of fruits and/or vegetables to one of your meals. For example, if you already have fruits and vegetables with your dinner, then add a serving to your breakfast. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record the average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

Date	To-Go-Snack	Replacement Snack	Meal - Extra Serving of Fruits/Vegetables

- 1. How can eating healthier snacks help your health?
- Set a goal to continue improving your snacking habits.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 4. Did you meet your short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 5. Set a short-term step goal for next week: _______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 6. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 7: Sugar

1) By limiting the amount of sugar you eat, you can reduce your calorie intake and improve your nutrition. Additionally, you can "cleanse" your taste palate and begin to taste the natural sweetness of foods without having to add additional sugar. For 3 days this week, reduce your *added* sugar intake by replacing sweetened foods with less or non-sweetened foods. This includes natural sweeteners like honey, agave nectar, molasses, etc. This does *not* include natural sugars found in fruits, vegetables and dairy. If you would like an extra challenge, add a 4th day of *zero* added sugar. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record your step average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). Write your responses on this week's Take-Home Activity Tracking Sheet. 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

Date	What sweetened food did you replace?	Sugar (g)	What less sweetened food did you eat instead?	<mark>Sugar</mark> (g)	Difference (in grams of sugar)

- 1. How can reducing your sugar intake help your health?
- Set a goal to continue to reduce the amount of added sugar in your diet.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- 3. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 - a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 4. Did you meet your last week's short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 5. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______ steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 6. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 8: Cardiovascular Exercise

1) Look at your weekly calendar and schedule in **at least 30 minutes** of exercise in 4 days this week. This could even be a fast paced walk. Remember: "Exercise" should raise your heart rate and make you sweat. You should pick activities that you know that you can continue to do in the future. Also, calculate the amount of calories burned doing each activity using the exercise and calorie sheet provided to you or another resource. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record the step average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous week.

Date	Activity	Minutes	Calories

- 1. How can exercise help *your* health?
- Set a goal and schedule in time to continue exercising on a regular basis.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 4. Did you meet your short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 5. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 6. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 9: Strength Training

1) Look at your weekly calendar and schedule in 2 strength training session this week at home or at your gym. Make sure to focus on all of the major muscle groups: arms & shoulders, chest, back, core, and legs. If you are not sure where to start, use the routine you created as a group. Do 3 sets of 12 reps for each exercise. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record the average. 3) Discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities. (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). Write your responses on this week's Take-Home Activity Tracking Sheet. 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

Date	Strength Training Exercises	Minutes

- 1. How could strength training help *your* health?
- Set a goal and schedule time to continue doing strength training on a regular basis.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- 3. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 - a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 4. Did you meet your short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 5. Set a short-term step goal for next week: _______steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 6. Discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 10: Flexibility

1) Look at your calendar and schedule in at least two 15 minute sessions to stretch next week (5 minutes of warming up and 10 minutes of stretching). Do a full body stretch, paying special attention to the muscles you use most while at work. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record your step average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

Date	Areas Stretched	Minutes

- 1. How can stretching and keeping flexible help *your* health?
- Set a goal to continue to stretch on a regular basis.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.

b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

- 3. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? ______steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?
 - a. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active: 10,000 steps/day
 - e. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 4. Did you meet your last week's short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 5. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______ steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 6. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 11: Stress

1) This week, think about the top 5 stressors in your life. Record them along with their sources (what it is that causes that stress), their effect on your body and your plan of action to help you manage that stress. Try using various different stress management techniques. 2) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record your step average. 3) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). 4) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

Top stressors in your life	Its triggers/source	Your plan of action
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

- 1. How does stress affect your body and mind?
- 2. How can reducing your stress help your health?
- Set a goal to continue to manage stress more effectively.
 a. What is your goal for the next year? Be specific and realistic.
 - b. Where do you want to be in 1 month?

4. On *average*, how many steps per day did you take? steps/day. What kind of lifestyle is this considered?

- f. Sedentary: less than 5,000 steps/day
- g. Low active: 5,000 7,499 steps/day
- h. Somewhat active: 7,500 9,999 steps/day
- i. Active: 10,000 steps/day
- j. High Active: 12,500 + steps/day
- 5. Did you meet your last week's short-term step goal? If you did, great job! If you did not, why not?
- 6. Set a short-term step goal for next week: ______ steps/day. How will you achieve this exactly?
- 7. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).

Week 12: Moving Forward

1) Thinking about your health, what are 3 things you could still improve? Set short and long-term goals. Think about how exactly you will accomplish these goals (Make a plan of action!) and why they are important to you. 2) Invite someone to join you in at least one of these goals (for example, someone who will go on a walk with you or remind you to stop eating after a certain time). 3) Wear your pedometer 4 days this week and record your step average. 4) Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns). Write your responses on this week's Take-Home Activity Tracking Sheet. 5) Try to continue practicing the activities from the previous weeks.

How do you want to improve your health?	How will you do this exactly?	What are your short and long-term goal deadlines?	Why is this goal important to you?
1.			
2.			
3.			

- 1. Did you find somebody that will join you in at least one of these goals (e.g. exercising with you, improving their diet with you, hold you accountable, etc.)?
- 2. On average how many steps per day did your pedometer record? ______ steps/day. In what category did you fall?
 - a. Sedentary lifestyle: less than 5,000 steps/day
 - b. Low active: 5,000-7,499 steps/day
 - c. Somewhat active: 7,500-9,999 steps/day
 - d. Active 10,000-12,499 steps/day
 - e. High active: 12,500+ steps/day
- 3. Did you meet your **short-term** step goal from last week? Did you meet the **long-term** step goal you set at the beginning of this program? Explain.
- 5. Share and discuss with your support system this week's take-home activities and anything else that might come up (e.g. goals reached, questions, concerns).