

Physical Wellness for Older Adults

<u>It is recommended</u> that older adults achieve 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week. This should include at least 2 days of strength training and exercises that improve balance. Programs that promote physical activity can help older adults create healthier habits. Some ideas to promote activity include:

- Incorporating one of these evidence-based physical activity programs into your senior nutrition program:
 - o <u>Geri-Fit®</u>
 - o Walk with Ease
 - o On the Move: Group Exercise for Improved Mobility in Older Adults®
 - o Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL)
 - o Moving for Better Balance
 - o <u>SilverSneakers®</u>
 - o Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention
- Starting a walking club. You can create maps of nearby walking routes. There are a variety of free apps online that are easy to use and help generate maps and include information like distance. Even a short 10-minute walk <u>has been proven</u> to have great health benefits.
- Joining national events that promote movement like <u>National Senior Health and Fitness Day</u> and <u>Falls Prevention Awareness Week.</u>

For more ideas, check out the CDC's Physical Activity <u>resource guide</u> for older adults.

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