

## Did you know

One of the most effective ways to promote a healthy lifestyle and behaviors for children is to adopt healthier habits as a family. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, "families have a critical role in influencing children's health, and health is a real characteristic of the family lifestyle."



## Here are a few ways you can partner with and educate families:

- Ask one of your kid's parents to be a representative for your 5-2-1-0 program at local meetings.
- Ask parents to become a part of your team (parents can attend conference without the need of a substitute).
- Send letters home to parents letting them know about your 5-2-1-0 program, what the messages and strategies are, and how they can support your work.
- Ask parents to send only healthy snacks and meals in with their child and share ideas with them that can make it more affordable.
- Utilize the skills of parents (e.g. nutritionist, carpenter, artist). Pull them into 5-2-1-0 projects!
- Encourage fundraisers that support 5-2-1-0 messages and strategies.

**Parents can benefit from this relationship too!**

## Children who eat healthy and have an active lifestyle are more likely to:

- maintain a healthy weight
- have better self esteem
- sleep better
- do better academically
- avoid health issues such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, bone and joint problems, etc



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