## Southern University and A&M College System AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND <u>EXTENSION CENTER</u>

FAMILIES FIRST: NUTRITION EDUCATION AND WELLNESS SYSTEM

## **A New Beginning**

This year, make that New Year's Resolution Count. Begin taking steps to create healthy eating habits for you and your family.

- **1. Be Active Every Day.** Have fun with your family. Play with your children.
- Start Your Day with Breakfast. Toast with peanut butter, yogurt with fruit and cereals are quick and easy. Choose breakfast cereals with fiber.
- 3. Snack on fruits and vegetables. Keep fresh fruits and vegetables in your refrigerator ready to eat. Offer baby carrots, apples, grapes, cherry tomatoes, cut up broccoli and fruits canned in juice.
- **4. Buy whole wheat bread.** Read the label choose breads made with whole wheat flour. Your family will get extra fiber and nutrition.
- 5. Eat with your family. Plan to have family meals where your family sits together and enjoy food and each other. Eat at least one meal every day with your family.
- 6. Serve a fruit or vegetable with each meal. Offer fruit or juice for breakfast. Serve at least 1 vegetable or fruit at lunch and dinner.
- **7. Serve milk at meals.** Drinking milk at meals will help your family get 3 servings of calcium rich foods every day.
- 8. Switch to skim or 1% milk. Skim milk has all the calcium and nutrition found in 2% or whole milk. Skim and 1% milk are lower in calories and fat – a healthy choice!



- Skip the French fries and potato chips. They are loaded with fat and calories. Serve baked potatoes, boiled potatoes and other vegetables – broccoli, green beans, corn, raw carrots and salads.
- 10. Don't buy soda and other sweet drinks for your home. Encourage your family to drink water when they are thirsty.

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