

Active at All Ability Levels

Anyone can be active! For people with disabilities, physical activity can help support daily living activities and independence. The <u>Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans</u> recommends that all adults, with or without disabilities, get 150 minutes of aerobic activity per week. Activities can be broken down into smaller amounts, such as 25 minutes a day.

Muscle-strengthening activities, like adapted yoga or working with resistance bands, provide additional health benefits. Learn more about the recommendations from the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans, get tools and resources, and start getting active today: <u>https://health.gov/moveyourway</u>

Overcome Barriers

- Learn about programs, places and spaces where you can be physically active.
- Organize social support for physical activity. For example, set up a buddy system, make contracts with
 others to complete specified levels of physical activity, or put together walking or exercise groups to
 provide friendship and support. Join other Tennessee State Government employees in <u>Working for a
 Healthier Tennessee events</u>.
- Discover accessible facilities and programs.
- <u>Find fitness and health professionals</u> who provide physical activity options that match your specific abilities.

Resources	
Move Your Way Activity	Use this planner to set goals, choose activities and get tips to help you stay motivated. When you're done, print your plan to track activity throughout the week.
Planner	https://health.gov/moveyourway/activity-planner
Top Exercise- from-home Videos	This playlist for kids and adults includes several options for all abilities to help you choose an exercise mode that works for and is enjoyable to you. <u>https://bit.ly/2Qoliao</u>
14 Weeks to a Healthier	This program is a free, personalized, web-based physical activity and nutrition program for individuals with disabilities and chronic health conditions.
You Program	https://www.nchpad.org/14weeks/
Special	This challenges individuals to live by the three simple goals of staying active five days per
Olympics Fit	week, eating fruits and vegetables and drinking five bottles full of water each day.
5 Resources	https://resources.specialolympics.org/health/fitness/fit-5-page
Stay Active with a	Offers quick physical activity tips. https://health.gov/myhealthfinder/health-conditions/obesity/stay-active-disability-quick-tips
Disability	
Physical Activity for	Additional resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
People with Disability	https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/features/physical-activity-for-all.html

*Please consult with your doctor before beginning an exercise program.