# Health & Wellness Information Center

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH

# **EVERYDAY STEPS TO TAKE**

# **Stay away from tobacco**

Cigarette smoking is the #1 cause of preventable disease and death. Don't smoke, and stay away from other people's smoke.

# **Eat more fruits and vegetables**

They contain dozens of nutrients that boost your health. Eat at least five a day.

#### Walk more

Walking burns calories, strengthens your heart, helps keep blood sugar in control, and improves mood.

# **Get plenty of ZZZs**

Adequate sleep can lower risk of diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and infections. Set a goal of 7-8 hours a night.

## **Take your meds**

Be sure to follow your healthcare provider's advice about when and how frequently to take prescribed drugs.

# Aim for a healthy weight

Losing excess weight—even a small amount—can make a difference in your health.

## **Know your numbers**

Understanding your blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar numbers helps you take better care of your health.

#### **Shield your skin from the sun**

To lower skin cancer risk, stay in the shade, wear a hat, avoid indoor tanning, and slather on sunscreen.

The choices you make every day can help you live a longer, healthier, happier life.

