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## Fun Family Activities

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### They Call It “Quality Time” for a Reason

Time passes by much faster than you think, but that doesn’t mean it’s easy to fill an open weekend with the kids. It’s also easy to put off afternoon and evening plans when the day to day grind gets you down. Have relaxing, simple fun with your kids (and maybe wear them out a little bit, too) with a few of these activities:

#### When You’re Headed Outdoors

- Play hide and seek
- Visit a park
- Ride bikes, roller blade or walk around the neighborhood
- Walk a pet or a neighbor’s pet
- Play active games in the backyard

#### When You’re Staying In

- Play card games or board games
- Create an indoor obstacle course
- Make inexpensive arts and crafts
- Plan a treasure hunt
- Build a fort
- Play dress up or use your imagination

#### During the Day

- Play mini-golf
- Hike trails
- Work in a garden
- Visit a museum or sculpture garden
- Take a class together
- Visit a farmer’s market

#### For the Night Owls

- Look at the stars
- Catch fireflies
- Make healthy snacks and have a movie night
- Camp indoors
- Simply talk about your day

#### Monthly Activity

##### *Plan Family Activities*

Spend time with those closest to you and complete a different activity each week.





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## Children's Health

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### Children's Health: Best Practices for Managing the Chaos

Raising children usually also means having an unhealthy reliance on Google. Do they need to go to the doctor? When should they start to walk or lose their baby teeth? Can they eat day old French fries from under the couch? What if they already did?

While unforeseen circumstances will always arise—that's part of the fun—there are a few things you can keep in mind to reduce your worries. Here are best practices for taking your children to unscheduled doctor visits:

- Fever over 102 degrees
- Unexplained weight loss
- Significant changes in mood or sleeping patterns
- Rashes or highly irritated skin
- Difficulty breathing
- For minor falls and other small accidents, use your best judgment



### Are your kids frightened of going to the doctor's office?

#### Help ease their fears:

1

Remind them you will be by their side the entire visit.

2

If shots won't be required, remind them they don't need to worry about it. If shots are required, do your best to distract them and keep spirits up to minimize the pain of the poke.

3

Remind them that checkups do not mean anything is wrong.





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# Eldercare

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## Take Extra Care with Eldercare

Eldercare is a broad term that can mean different things depending on the senior who needs it. Below are some tips for providing lasting comfort to seniors in your life who are still able to support themselves but might be slowing down a bit in one or more areas. For more specific guidance about advanced health issues, consult a medical professional.

### 1 Ergonomic chairs and other supportive furniture.

Ergonomic chairs provide great lumbar support and the adjustable features (height, arm rests, seat depth) can make a big difference in boosting comfort and daily mobility. If going up and down stairs has become a concern, you may also consider installing a chair lift.

### 2 Encourage frequent checkups and knowledge of key health numbers.

Knowing your basic health numbers—blood pressure, weight, cholesterol, triglyceride level, etc.—and checking up on them frequently will let seniors know if they need to take immediate action to preserve their health. In addition, a regular doctor will be able to stay on the lookout for signs of cognitive decline.

### 3 Step up the fight against infection.

Keep boxes of antibacterial wet wipes located conveniently around the house and use them often. Infections become more and more difficult to fight off as we get older!

### 4 Footcare and proper posture.

Taking care of your feet becomes more difficult as you get older and can lead to other health problems. Encourage a doctor's visit if an elder in your life has blisters, sores or infections that won't heal, or if you suspect circulation is a concern. Similarly, poor posture can lead to preventable joint and hip problems if it is not corrected in time.

### 5 Stock the pantry.

If it's difficult for a senior in your life to make it to the store, help them out by stocking their cupboards and freezer with non-perishable, healthy foods they enjoy and can prepare easily, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables.







## Recipe

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### Vanilla Blueberry Pop

*A simple and sweet way to stay cool during the summer.*

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups vanilla Greek yogurt
- 2 cups frozen blueberries
- 2 teaspoons honey
- ¼ cup milk

Note: You need popsicle molds to complete this recipe.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine ingredients in blender and blend until smooth.
2. Fill each popsicle mold with the blended mixture and place in the freezer until completely frozen (approx. 3-4 hours).

#### Total Time (Cook and Prep):

10 minutes

**Servings:** 10



#### NUTRITION INFO

(per serving)

69 calories

1 g fat

5 mg cholesterol

16 mg sodium

12 g carbohydrates

1 g fiber

4 g protein





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# Activity

## Plan Family Activities

Spend time with family or close friends each week for a month. Make specific plans so you don't miss an opportunity to enjoy the people you care about most.

### **Week 1: Start Moving**

Find a free afternoon or evening to enjoy an active game or hobby with your family:

- Walk through a nearby park, neighborhood or nature reserve.
- Go camping and hike, fish or swim around the campgrounds.
- Play a game of catch, shoot some hoops or golf.
- If you have young kids (or older ones who aren't self-conscious) have an impromptu dance party and boogie down in your living room.
- You know each other best—take turns choosing activities you all enjoy.

### **Week 2: The Way to the Heart is Through the Stomach**

Sample new foods as a family! You can make it personal by trying foods that relate to your family heritage or by sharing your personal favorite snacks and meals, or you could just take turns researching meals none of you have eaten before. Just make sure you have fun together as you shop, cook and enjoy the finished product.

### **Week 3: Learn About Each Other**

Plan a show-and-tell in your backyard or living room and take turns sharing your favorite things: card and board games, books, jokes, drawings, experiences and anything else you want to talk about.

### **Week 4: Help Your Community**

Find a way to improve the community you live in: You could volunteer time at a shelter or retirement home, pick up litter in public areas, serve meals at a shelter, or simply donate clothes, books or food.

## ***Family Matters***

*Time spent with family (whether that means blood relatives or trusted friends) has been shown to provide a greater sense of purpose, discourage the development of unhealthy lifestyle habits and help people cope with trauma.*



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# Employer Activity Tracking

I, \_\_\_\_\_, successfully completed the Plan Family Activities 2019 Wellbeing Activity:  
Print Name Here

- ☐ I spent active time with my family in Week 1.
- ☐ I tried new foods with my family in Week 2.
- ☐ I shared favorite things with my family in Week 3.
- ☐ I volunteered in the community with my family in Week 4.

Signed,

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Date

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# FAMILY MATTERS

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**During the Day**

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- Work in a garden

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- Make inexpensive arts and crafts

**For the Night Owls**

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- Make healthy snacks and have a movie night
- Talk about your day

## YOUR WELLBEING ACTIVITY

### PLAN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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