

► 4H1749H HEALTHY LIVING ACTIVITY

## HEADS IN, HEARTS IN Size Matters

Instructions for Set-Up



#### **Supplies**

- Guide for Families" handout
- Clear plastic standup display (optional)
- 4-6 plates, bowls and cups in varying sizes
- 2-4 boxes of cereal or pasta noodles
- 2-4 sets of ¼ cup, ½ cup, ¾ cup and 1 cup measuring tools
- □ U.S. Food and Drug Administration "Food Facts" Handout (1 per participant) (available at https://www. fda.gov/downloads/Food/ LabelingNutrition/UCM537178. pdf)
- Display table

#### **Activity Preparation**

- > Purchase or locate items on supply list.
- Print one copy of the "Guide for Families" handout.
  Laminate or place in a clear plastic standup display to allow participants to see it more readily.
- Arrange the different plates, bowls and cups on the table.
- Open the cereal and pasta boxes, and place them on the table.
- Print out "Food Facts" and place on the table.





# **Size Matters Guide for Families**

#### **Learning Objectives**

#### What you need to know:

Serving sizes matter! Serving size is based on the amount of food that is customarily eaten at one time –not a recommendation of how much to eat. The Nutrition Facts label provides serving sizes for all food. You should know what a serving size is and how to measure it. You should also recognize that serving sizes will vary.

# What you will do and learn:

You will learn that you can find serving sizes on Nutrition Facts labels. You will also learn that the serving dish we use often gives a misperception for how much food we should eat.

#### Instructions

- 1. Choose a bowl or plate.
- 2. Choose a cereal or pasta.
- **3.** Pour into your bowl or plate the serving that you would make for yourself if you were at home.
- Now look at the Nutrition Fact label and find the serving size.
- 5. Pour the cereal or pasta back into the box.
- 6. Now measure the correct amount of one serving of that cereal or pasta.
- 7. Did you pour more into your bowl when you didn't measure? Was it a lot more? What can you do at home to consider serving sizes and the size of dish you use to eat?

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