## MAKE EVERY BITE COUNT! LEARN HOW TO MAKE ALL FOODS FIT IN A HEALTHY DIET.

Healthy eating habits include a variety of different nutrient dense foods across all food groups: vegetables, fruit, grains, protein foods, and dairy products. Oils are not a food group but they provide essential nutrients.

Vegetables- 2 to 3 cups per day 1/2 cup serving equals


6 baby carrots

$1 / 2$ cup tomato sauce

1/2 cup black beans


1/2 cup broccoli florets

## Fruit- 1.5 to 2 cups per day

 $1 / 2$ cup serving equals

1 small piece of fruit


1/2 cup of 100\% fruit juice


1/2 cup applesauce
1/4 cup dried fruit

## Grains- 5 to 6 ounces per day

 1-ounce serving equals

1 egg


1 cup lentils or peas

1 tablespoon of nut butter


1 small hamburger patty (2-3 oz)


1 cup of cereal $1 / 2$ cup cooked rice or pasta


One 6" tortilla
1 slice of bread
Oils- 5 to 6 teaspoons per day


1/2 medium avocado (3 teaspoons oil)


1 Tablespoon mayonnaise (2 1/2 teaspoons oil)


4 olives (1/2 teaspoon oil)


2 Tablespoons salad dressing

## All cultural foods can fit into a balanced diet!

You can use serving sizes on containers or packages to help guide you to eat the appropriate amounts of foods.

Cultural foods represent the traditions, beliefs, and practices of different geographic regions, ethnic groups, religious bodies, or cross-cultural communities.

Cultural foods like Thai cuisine, Italian foods, or traditional Russian dishes all have nutrient dense options that are part of a balanced healthy diet.

Healthy eating is a fluid concept that has neither a specific look nor ethnicity.

## Ways to incorporate more cultural foods into your diet:

- Talk with friends of different cultures about their traditional foods.
- Go into the ethnics food isle at the grocery store.
- Be outgoing and try new foods or dishes you wouldn't normally pick.
- Join for CICOA lunch on our new cultural meal days.



