



# Bright Futures Patient Handout

## 9 and 10 Year Visits

### Doing Well at School

- Try your best at school. It's important to how you feel about yourself.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Join clubs and teams, church groups, and friends for activities after school.
- Tell kids who pick on you or try to hurt you to stop bothering you. Then walk away.
- Tell adults you trust about bullies.

SCHOOL

### Playing It Safe

- Wear your seat belt at all times in the car. Use a booster seat if the seat belt does not fit you yet.
- Sit in the back seat until you are 13. It is the safest place.
- Wear your helmet for biking, skating, and skateboarding.
- Always wear the right safety equipment for your activities.
- Never swim alone.
- Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher when out in the sun.
- Have friends over only when your parents say it's OK.
- Ask to go home if you are uncomfortable with things at someone else's house or a party.
- Avoid being with kids who suggest risky or harmful things to do.
- Know that no older child or adult has the right to ask to see or touch your private parts, or to scare you.

SAFETY

### Eating Well, Being Active

- Eat breakfast every day. It helps learning.
- Aim for eating 5 fruits and vegetables every day.
- Drink 3 cups of low-fat milk or water instead of soda pop or juice drinks.
- Limit high-fat foods and drinks such as candies, snacks, fast food, and soft drinks.
- Eat with your family often.
- Talk with a doctor or nurse about plans for weight loss or using supplements.
- Plan and get at least 1 hour of active exercise every day.
- Limit TV and computer time to 2 hours a day.

NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

### Healthy Teeth

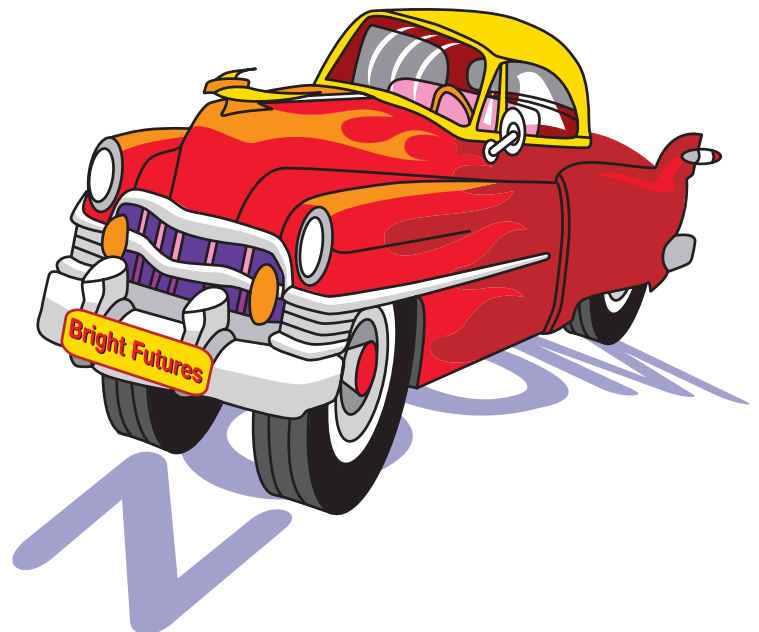
- Brush your teeth at least twice each day, morning and night.
- Floss your teeth every day.
- Wear your mouth guard when playing sports.

ORAL HEALTH

### Growing and Developing

- Ask a parent or trusted adult questions about changes in your body.
- Talking is a good way to handle anger, disappointment, worry, and feeling sad.
- Everyone gets angry.
  - Stay calm.
  - Listen and talk through it.
  - Try to understand the other person's point of view.
- Don't stay friends with kids who ask you to do scary or harmful things.
- It's OK to have up-and-down moods, but if you feel sad most of the time, talk to us.
- Know why you say "No!" to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and sex.

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