

# Creating a Wellness Bulletin Board

**Purpose:** Create awareness for health and wellness while providing information and resources for worksite wellness programs and caregiver events.

# The Set-Up



Use permanent bulletin boards located throughout caregiver areas (e.g., lunch rooms, break rooms, and announcement locations). If possible, place near copy machine.

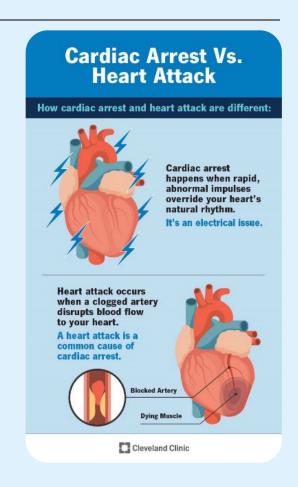
- Header (for example, Caregiver Wellness Information, Healthy Benefits)
- Contact information for questions and further resources
- Recommend that each board have a white or colored paper background, with a laminated or other protective border around the edges. A good approximate board size is 27" x 22".

#### **Potential Board Contents**

#### Health Tip of the Month:

- Upcoming Wellness Event
- Recipe of the Month
- Stress Thoughts
- Health Concern of the Month
- Simple messages
  - Short statements to highlight pertinent information
  - Examples: "Your health & safety matter", or "Have you seen your doctor lately?" or "Don't forget to breathe deeply today!"

Don't forget to breathe deeply today!



# **Category Information**

#### Health Tip of the Month:

- Find an article about a major health concern (listed at the end of this kit).
- Pertinent articles can be found on the internet (search by topic or issue), newspapers, health-related magazines and publications.
- Choose topics that you feel or know are of interest to your caregivers. Or, use regional Health Screening Questionaire (HSQ) group data.



#### **Upcoming Wellness Events:**

- Create a flyer or announcement for any event for that month or quarter that is wellness related and is being offered at the workplace or in the community.
- Be sure to include what it is, where it will be held, date, time and contact information (especially if there is a request for RSVP).



#### Recipe of the Month:



- Post healthy recipes by using Cleveland Clinic Health Essentials. Visit https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles.
- Choose recipes that are fairly simple and short, timely and seasonal (for example, a fruit salad in summer months).

#### Stress Thoughts:

- Post information on stress management, stress coping and stress reducing tools. Visit <a href="https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles">https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles</a> for materials.
- Keep in mind the current needs of caregivers.



# **Potential Bulletin Board Health Topics**

These topics can all be used as Bulletin Board topics, worksite wellness campaigns and speaker topics for brown bag lunches, and/or caregiver education. As much as possible, the goals are to increase caregiver awareness and provide resources for caregiver follow-up. All postings are customized to your workplace.

#### Worksite Wellness Basics:

- Being a member on the Wellness Committee
- Goals & themes of the Worksite Wellness program





#### Stress Management:

- Massage, Yoga, & Tai Chi
- Laughing
- Breathing Techniques
- Depression recognizing symptoms
- Safety & Ergonomics
- Vitality & Longevity Longevity Game
- Planning for Retirement
- Identify Theft

#### Health Concerns:

- Arthritis
- Diabetes
- Sleep Disorders
- Obesity
- Alternative Medicine Acupuncture, Osteopathy
- Colds & Flu Practice Good Hygiene;
  Worksite Flu Shot Program
- Skin Cancer & Sunscreen
- Tobacco Use
- Alcohol Abuse
- Strokes & Heart Attacks recognizing symptoms
- Low Back Pain correct lifting techniques





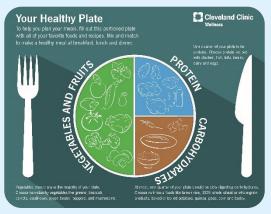
#### Fitness & Movement:

- Stretching & Flexibility Stretching Guide
- Activity Pyramid the recommended guidelines
- Fitness Activity Lists
- Target Heart Rate / Resting Heart Rate
- Body Mass Index
- Hip / Waist Ratio
- Body Fat Composition
- Talk Test
- Borg Scale/ Perceived Exertion
- Metabolism & Basic Metabolic Rate

### Weight Management:

- Tips
- Diet vs. Eating Plan
- Nutrition
- Healthy Eating
- Food Guide Pyramid www.mypyramid.gov
- Vending Machines & Healthy Snacks
- Portion Control & Serving Sizes
- Reading Food Labels
- Exotic Fruit Lists
- Fiber in your Diet
- Drinking Water





# Sample diagram for a Wellness Bulletin Board Layout

HEADER	
HEALTH TIP OF THE MONTH	UPCOMING WELLNESS EVENTS
SIMPLE MESSAGE	HEALTH CONERNS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
STRESS THOUGHTS	SIMPLE MESSAGE
RECIPE OF THE MONTH	CONTACT INFORMATION
OUTSIDE BORDER	