A CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY TAILORED TYPE 2 DIABETES PREVENTION RESOURCES INVENTORY
Racial and ethnic minority populations bear a disproportionate burden and risk of diabetes;\textsuperscript{1–3} however, type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed through a structured, evidence-based lifestyle intervention. The National Diabetes Prevention Program (National DPP), led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), supports a lifestyle change program to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes in adults with prediabetes or at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The National DPP lifestyle change program is founded on the science of the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) research study, and subsequent translation studies. Evidence from this study shows that making realistic behavioral changes helped participants with prediabetes lose 5% to 7% of their body weight and reduce their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58% (71% for people over 60 years old).\textsuperscript{4,5} The National DPP is a group-based program that is facilitated by a trained lifestyle coach who uses a CDC-approved curriculum. The curriculum supports regular interaction between the lifestyle coach and participants; builds peer support; and focuses on behavior modification through healthy eating, increasing physical activity, and managing stress. Lifestyle coaches may deliver the program in person, online, via distance learning, or through a combination of these delivery modes. The CDC also manages the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP), which is the quality assurance arm of the National DPP. The DPRP awards CDC recognition to organizations that deliver the lifestyle change program if they meet CDC’s national quality standards and achieve the outcomes proven to prevent or delay onset of type 2 diabetes. Currently, there are over 1,600 participating organizations across the U.S., and over 300,000 individuals...
at high risk for type 2 diabetes have enrolled in the program to date. Despite the success of this program, attendance among racial and ethnic minority populations continues to be a challenge.\(^6,7\)

Adapting existing evidence-based interventions is a promising strategy for meeting the needs of diverse groups.\(^8\) We identified researchers and public health practitioners who culturally and linguistically tailored type 2 diabetes prevention and other health-promotion materials. With their permission, this resource inventory presents 11 sets of culturally and linguistically tailored materials developed to support specific communities in their efforts to prevent type 2 diabetes and improve overall health and wellness. For example, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SPDI) offers a toolkit and a CDC-approved curriculum tailored specifically for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Other materials presented in this resource inventory may be helpful in supplementing a CDC-approved curriculum for organizations that offer the National DPP lifestyle change program.

Exhibit 1 shows a complete listing of tailored materials included in this resource inventory organized by the target population. To access materials, users may use the links in the table below, or navigate to the chapter about each set of materials using the chapter page number in the right-hand column. Organizations that are CDC-recognized or seeking recognition must use a CDC-approved program curriculum.

In addition to the materials featured in this resource inventory, additional translations of the CDC’s National DPP lifestyle change curriculum PreventT2 may be found at: [https://coveragetoolkit.org/national-dpp-curriculum/](https://coveragetoolkit.org/national-dpp-curriculum/).

Translations are available in the following languages, and while acceptable to use, CDC notes that not all have been approved for use in a CDC-recognized diabetes prevention program:
- Chinese (CDC approved)
- Vietnamese (CDC approved)
- Bengali (Not yet CDC approved)
- Haitian-Creole (Not yet CDC approved)
- Korean (Not yet CDC approved)
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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program website offers a wealth of resources for organizations that are interested in enrolling as suppliers to deliver the program to eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

More Information for Organizations Seeking to Deliver the National DPP Lifestyle Change Program

Organizations interested in obtaining CDC recognition to deliver the National DPP lifestyle change program should review the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program Standards, complete a capacity assessment, and visit the National Diabetes Prevention Program Customer Service Center. Organizations that are seeking CDC recognition and want to use an alternate curriculum that has not been approved yet should include all of their curriculum materials when they submit their application for recognition to the CDC’s Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP). Alternate curricula should be similar in content, duration, and intensity to the PreventT2 curriculum. Those interested in learning more about the use of alternate curricula can contact NationalDPPAsk@cdc.gov. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program website offers a wealth of resources for organizations that are interested in enrolling as suppliers to deliver the program to eligible Medicare beneficiaries.

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KEY STRATEGIES FOR CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY TAILORING TYPE 2 DIABETES PREVENTION EFFORTS

We reviewed the research of those who contributed to this resource inventory to understand how they culturally and linguistically tailored materials to engage participants. Below, we summarize key strategies researchers used when developing materials and programs to address type 2 diabetes risk factors among minority populations.

Strategies employed during the tailoring process

Many of the studies included in this resource inventory reported using a Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) approach for the development and delivery of the adapted materials.9–14 CBPR emphasizes the incorporation of community members and community-based organizations as equal partners in all stages of a research process.15 Researchers used CBPR techniques such as:

• Convening a community-based board or committee. These committees commonly consisted of community members/lay persons, researchers, clinical staff, and local government agencies. Community-based committees helped with the development of the materials
by reviewing them and providing valuable feedback. Investigators utilized this feedback to further adapt the materials and determine how to best deliver the program.\textsuperscript{9,10,14-18}

- **Conducting focus groups to gather feedback from community members on the adapted materials and how to best deliver the program.** Focus groups with community members from the priority population not only allowed researchers to seek input on cultural and linguistic adaptations to the materials prior to program implementation, but also allowed researchers to test group facilitation techniques among a sample of community members in order to help determine the best format and structure for delivering the program.\textsuperscript{9,10,16,18,19} Additionally, post-study focus groups were carried out in three studies to assess participant satisfaction with the program and obtain feedback on the curriculum content for adaptations in future studies.\textsuperscript{12,13,20}

- **Engaging leaders and members of religious groups as partners when designing materials to reach a faith-based community.** For example, researchers working with African Americans adapted materials to include specific religious references that would resonate with their audience. This was achieved by obtaining input from religious leaders and members during the material development phase\textsuperscript{9,10,21} and incorporating Bible study activities into the curriculum.\textsuperscript{10} Faith leaders and members of the community also participated in focus groups and were members of community-based boards and committees.\textsuperscript{9,10} Additionally, different programs held educational sessions at places of worship that served a large number of African Americans and Hispanics.\textsuperscript{22,23}

### Strategies employed to deliver programs in more culturally and linguistically sensitive ways

**Lifestyle Coaches.** Researchers found that it was important to engage lifestyle coaches:

- **With similar backgrounds to program participants.** Community members with similar backgrounds may be able to connect with participants better and deliver the curriculum in a culturally tailored way. Of note, one researcher found that in devout communities (i.e., faith communities), it was important to use a lay health worker from a similar but different community (i.e., different place of worship) to ensure participant openness.\textsuperscript{21}

- **Through networks and organizations that serve the population of interest.** Working with community-based organizations to recruit lifestyle coaches can be particularly helpful in communities that are generally cautious of outsiders or researchers.\textsuperscript{31} Some researchers had success in working with leaders in these networks (e.g., faith leaders) to identify and recruit lifestyle coaches who have good communication skills, have a willingness and ability to commit to the role, and are racially and culturally similar to participants.\textsuperscript{9,10}

**Recruitment.** In order to better recruit participants, researchers:

- **Cast a broad net to first identify eligible participants.** Davis-Smith et al. (2011) administered a screener to a large group of people of faith and then performed targeted outreach to those deemed likely to be eligible.\textsuperscript{21}

- **Found face-to-face outreach helpful when trying to engage hard-to-reach populations, like men.**\textsuperscript{24} Previous studies used health fairs, community centers, and health clinics as venues to recruit these populations.\textsuperscript{11,12,18,20,22,23,25}
• Used introductory sessions to build trust among prospective participants. One study offered those declining to participate the opportunity for an alternative month-long education-only intervention during which the researchers introduced individuals to the program goals. After this introductory session, many participants who initially declined, decided to enroll in the full program.16

• Posted materials translated to the language of the target population in community hubs to attract participants. Researchers translated recruitment materials to distribute them at local community events and post them in places of worship and grocery stores.16,20,22

Retention. Researchers identified several strategies for improving retention, such as:

• Delivering the programs to groups of the same gender to make participants feel more comfortable and willing to share. Power Up for Health used this strategy among minority men and found that men were more willing to discuss sensitive issues.24 Jaber et al. (2012) also found that this was helpful among Arab American women who might feel less comfortable sharing among their male counterparts.16

• Emphasizing storytelling to maintain engagement. Rosas et al. (2016) used a tool, called Photovoice, which allowed American Indian and Alaska Native participants to tell their own stories through videos, and organized talking circles as a way of incorporating traditional storytelling into the delivery of a type 2 diabetes prevention program.17

• Engaging physicians in recruitment. Physicians are able to track the program’s impact on participants’ weight and blood glucose levels and can communicate these changes to participants, reinforcing the value of their continued engagement in the program. One National DPP master trainer who has trained nearly 150 lifestyle coaches shared that “a formal physician referral is the most important determinant of participant retention.”25

• Including family members in one or more sessions to sustain participants’ interest. If feasible, asking participants to bring a close family member to at least one session can help participants’ family members better understand the program and support the participants in making lifestyle changes.14,16–18,22,25 This is particularly important for family members who do the majority of shopping and cooking for the participant’s household.16

• Addressing structural barriers among low socioeconomic status (SES) groups. Providing access to child care, or assistance with transportation, can be important for individuals who need these services in order to participate.12,14 For participants who do not have easy access to a gym, Rosas et al. (2016) provided exercise videos.17
**Strategies for tailoring type 2 diabetes prevention for additional populations**

**Persons with Disabilities.** Adults with disabilities have a higher prevalence of diabetes than those without, and experience multiple challenges that may impede diabetes prevention, including barriers to care access as well as lower levels of physical activity.

To tailor diabetes prevention efforts to these populations, organizations may consider:

- **Adapting educational material for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.** The American Council for the Blind offers a listing of diabetes resources for individuals visually impaired and blind.

- **Improving accessibility for hard of hearing and deaf individuals.** By offering assistive listening devices and employing a lifestyle coach fluent in American Sign Language (ASL), organizations can ensure that hard of hearing and deaf individuals are able to access lifestyle change programs.

- **Tailoring the delivery of materials to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.** Offering information in a clear, concrete, and visual format; avoiding jargon; and breaking down activities into small sequential steps may help lifestyle coaches engage persons with developmental challenges. In addition, training on sensory integration therapy—methods for working with participants experiencing sensory overload—can help lifestyle coaches engage individuals who may not be able to participate in large-group activities. Regardless of the type of disability participants have, it is a best practice to ensure that lifestyle coaches and group members use people-first language, emphasizing the person first and not the disability.

- **Identifying barriers to physical activity and recommending alternative approaches.** To engage individuals with mobility impairment, organizations may consider using strategies similar to those of the Group Lifestyle Balance Adapted for Individuals with Impaired Mobility (GLB-AIM) included in this resource inventory.

The National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD) offers numerous resources on physical activity for adults with disabilities, including Prevent T2 for All, a CDC-approved lifestyle change program curriculum adapted from the CDC’s National DPP lifestyle change curriculum, Prevent T2. To access this curriculum, organizations can contact NCHPAD by phone (800-900-8086) or by email (email@nchpad.org).

**Sexual and Gender Minority Populations.**

Data on the prevalence of diabetes among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) populations is lacking; however, sexual and gender minorities disproportionately experience risk factors associated with diabetes, including tobacco use, being overweight or obese, and poor access to care. The Healthy Weight in Lesbian and Bisexual Women Study shows that tailoring approaches to the needs of this population can be successful in reducing weight gain. Though this study is not Type-2-diabetes-prevention-specific, its strategies for tailoring weight loss interventions to LGBT populations may apply to diabetes prevention interventions. Strategies
from this study and others that are focused on enhancing access to health care among LGBT populations include:

- **Ensuring an inclusive environment.** Organizations can signal openness toward and acceptance of sexual and gender minority populations by incorporating brochures and signage that have images of same-sex couples and/or families, and providing resource materials from local LGBT organizations. Lifestyle coaches can also create an inclusive environment by avoiding gender-specific terms until participants have had an opportunity to indicate which terms they prefer. Lifestyle coaches can also create an environment of respect by ensuring that they know the preferred names/pronouns of participants. Some organizations may even give participants a sticker or pin to highlight their preferred pronouns.

- **Recruiting a lifestyle coach who is from the LGBT community.** Recruiting lifestyle coaches who share similar backgrounds as participants is a best practice for culturally tailoring lifestyle change programs. Lifestyle coaches who may not be LGBT can increase their knowledge of LGBT identities and terminology by using learning modules and webinars available from The National LGBT Health Education Center. In late summer 2019, the Medicare Learning Network (MLN) hosted a training called, “Improving Health Care Quality for LGBTQ,” which may also be a helpful resource to lifestyle coaches.

- **Engaging with members from the community.** Forging partnerships with local LGBT organizations as well as key LGBT stakeholders and community leaders can facilitate the recruitment of LGBT lifestyle coaches, signal openness to LGBT populations, and help organizations and lifestyle coaches understand the needs of LGBT individuals.

- **Emphasizing overall health improvement and improved physical fitness over weight loss.** Organizations can draw on the Healthy Weight in Lesbian and Bisexual Women Study by promoting increased physical activity, decreased consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, and increased fruit and vegetable intake, rather than focusing primarily on BMI reduction through weight loss.
**RESOURCES BY POPULATION**

**African Americans**

*Fit Body and Soul*

Fit Body and Soul (FBAS) is an intervention, adapted and modified from the 2008 Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) Curriculum for African American Christians. It was administered in faith-based settings.

**AVAILABLE MATERIALS**

- **Fit Body and Soul Leader Guides Sessions 1-12**
- **Fit Body and Soul Participant Handouts Sessions 1-12**
- **Fit Body and Soul Additional Participant Handouts**, which include:
  - Ten Ways to Be a Good Group Member
  - Participant Values Assessment
  - Participant Certificate
- **Group Lifestyle Balance Keeping Track Booklet**

**HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS**

- Church health advisors (CHAs) should deliver the curriculum across 12 weekly, group, one-hour core sessions in a faith-based setting.
- CHAs should schedule six monthly post-core sessions after the conclusion of the 12 core sessions. These post-core booster sessions are intended to help participants maintain weight loss.

**CITATION FOR MATERIALS**

- The Fit Body and Soul curriculum, funded by National Institutes of Health Grant #R18DK082401, is a cultural adaptation of the Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) Program materials (2008) found at [www.diabetesprevention.pitt.edu](http://www.diabetesprevention.pitt.edu). Researchers at Augusta University, Augusta, Georgia, adapted the GLB Program specifically for African American churches.

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Development and Use of Available Materials


As part of a pilot trial, four faith leaders received a two-day training on the program and implemented it over the course of 12 sessions to 40 members of a Baptist church in Augusta, Georgia.


This single blind, clustered community trial consisted of 20 predominantly African American churches in both rural and urban areas. Churches were randomized to deliver FBAS or a health education curriculum.

Culturally concordant examples. Cultural tailoring included incorporating more pictures of African Americans into the curriculum and including examples of exercises that were more common among this population (e.g., replacing kayaking with gardening).

Sample Size

- **Number of Participants.** 604 (52% of these individuals received the FBAS curriculum, while 48% received the control health education curriculum). 38
- **Retention.** 100% of participants enrolled in the study received the full intervention.

Outcomes

- **Weight Loss.** Participants receiving the FBAS program had lost an average of 5.27 pounds at 12 weeks, which was more statistically significant than the weight loss for participants in the health education curriculum (p=.005). 38
**African Americans**

**Weight Wise**

The Weight-Wise Program is a weight loss program that incorporates elements of hypertension management for low-income, middle-aged women. It is based on the PREMIER program, which focused on hypertension prevention.

**AVAILABLE MATERIALS**

- Weight-Wise Leader Guides (participant materials are included within the Leader Guide for each session)

**HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS**

Please see the Introduction to Weight-Wise

**CITATION FOR MATERIALS**

The Weight-Wise Leader’s Guides were adapted from the intervention materials and strategies used in the Diabetes Prevention Program, the PREMIER Program, and the Weight Loss Maintenance (WLM) Trial. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Revised edition © 2008

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Development and Use of Available Materials


- The program was initially piloted at a community health center and nearby church; for this study, participants were randomized to an intervention or control group. The control group intervention consisted of two health-related newsletters that were mailed to participants. The materials included in this resource inventory were tested in this 2009 pilot.


- Researchers later expanded to a randomized control trial implemented across six county health departments in North Carolina.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- **Low Literacy Adaptation.** While the researchers did not seek to alter the behavior change strategies presented in the curriculum, they did seek to alter the curriculum to suit a low literacy population. To do this, they adapted the sessions to include less writing, reduced the reading level of materials, and included more small-group, as opposed to individual, activities.

- **Tailoring Dietary Session Topics.** Cultural tailoring included incorporating diet and nutrition examples specific to the Southern diet, including commonly eaten fruits, vegetables, and beans that were nutritious but could be purchased at a low cost from stores accessible to participants.

Sample Size

- **Number of Participants.** 143 (72 were randomized to the Weight-Wise Program and 71 to the control group). 23

- **Retention.** 88% percent of participants (n=126) completed follow-up weight measurement. 23

Outcomes

- **Weight Loss.** At the five-month follow-up point, Weight-Wise program participants had an average weight loss of 8.16 pounds, which was significantly more than the control group (P<0.001). 23
**African Americans**

**THE WORD**

The WORD (Wholeness, Oneness, Righteousness, Deliverance) is an evidence-based weight loss and maintenance intervention intended for African American Christians. It is designed to be delivered in a small-group format by lay health leaders in faith-based settings.

**AVAILABLE MATERIALS**

- The WORD Leader Guides and Participant Handouts

**HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS**

These materials were developed for Christian faith groups and should be delivered to those comfortable with Christian faith-based materials. The researchers who originally developed these materials recommend that a church organize a group of 8-10 persons and designate two of them to be leaders of the group. The leaders are to use the Leadership Manual, whereas the participants are to use the Participant Manual. The leaders are to lead the group through a weekly lesson for 16 weeks. Each session is intended to last approximately 90 minutes.

**CITATION FOR MATERIALS**


This study was funded by National Institutes of Health Grant #2P20MD002329-06.

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**Development and Use of Available Materials**

The study team conducted a feasibility study among rural, African American adults from three churches across the Lower Mississippi Delta (LMD). The intervention consisted of 16 sessions delivered across 16 weeks (January-May 2010). Lay leaders conducted the intervention to small groups of faith community members through weekly 90-minute sessions.


Yeary and colleagues worked with 30 churches across the LMD region to implement The WORD and test the effectiveness of a 12-session weight loss maintenance phase.

Sample Size

- **Number of Participants**: 26
- **Retention**: 85% of participants (n=22) provided 16-week follow-up data.

Outcomes

- **Weight Loss**: Participants experienced a mean weight change of −2.7%.
- **Participant Satisfaction**: Participants reported that they enjoyed the religious and group-based components of the program but noted that monitoring food consumption could be challenging.
- **Physical Activity**: Total and moderate physical activity during the intervention period increased significantly.
- **Healthy Eating**: Participants described increased social support from family and friends for healthy eating and increased social support from family for increasing physical activity. Actual changes in dietary intake, however, were not significant from baseline to 16 weeks.
- **Impact of Participant Engagement**: Engaged participants (individuals who attended at least eight of the 16 group sessions) lost 4.51% of their initial weight on average and reported significantly more moderately vigorous physical activity, more support for healthy eating from family and friends, and more support to be physically active from family at follow-up than less engaged participants (individuals who attended fewer than eight group sessions).

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- **Engaging Stakeholders in the Development of Materials**: Academic and community partners collaborated to culturally adapt the curriculum from the original DPP research trial using a weight loss intervention called The WORD, a lay advisor-led intervention for African Americans in faith-based settings in North Carolina. Some key adaptions to the original WORD intervention include additional scriptures and religious imagery in the materials, a broader focus on chronic disease prevention, and the incorporation of walking as a group exercise.

- **Use of Lay Leaders**: This intervention utilized trained community members. For the feasibility study, WORD leaders received an initial training that lasted 20 hours. The training promoted knowledge on healthy weight, weight-related health behaviors, faith and health, experiential learning strategies, group facilitation skills, and behavior change promotion. For the randomized control trial, the WORD leader training expanded to include 28 hours of an initial training over a six-week time period, in addition to booster trainings.
American Indians & Alaska Natives
Special Diabetes Program for Indians Diabetes Prevention

The Special Diabetes Program for Indians Diabetes Prevention (SDPI-DP) demonstration project-supported grantees who implemented a culturally adapted version of the curriculum that was used in the original DPP research trial,39 the Native Lifestyle Balance curriculum. Many of these grantees created culturally tailored supplemental materials, which are available in the Diabetes Prevention Program Toolkit. This curriculum was approved by CDC’s Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program for organizations participating in the National DPP.

AVAILABLE MATERIALS
- SPDI Diabetes Prevention Program Toolkit
- Native Lifestyle Balance

HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS
- The SPDI-DP toolkit includes modules for identifying, recruiting, and retaining participants; implementing the program; and building a sustainable program based on the lessons learned from SDPI-DP grantees. Included as appendices to these toolkits are materials developed and used by the grantees to deliver type 2 diabetes prevention programs.
- The Native Lifestyle Balance curriculum is included as part of the SPDI toolkit. It includes participant and coach handouts for 16 core sessions and six post-core sessions, in addition to session outlines and prompts and a toolbox of optional handouts.

CITATION FOR MATERIALS

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Development and Use of Available Materials


- The SDPI-DP demonstration project funded 36 grantees serving 80 tribes to deliver the Native Lifestyle Balance curriculum in group settings within 16-24 weeks after baseline assessment by a health educator, health professional, lay health worker, or dietician. Participants were assessed at baseline, post-program, and annual intervals thereafter.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- Community-based participatory research. Grantees had a planning year during which they worked closely with local organizations, community stakeholders, and tribal leaders.

- Incorporating tribal cultural elements. Grantees translated the curriculum to tribal languages and incorporated other elements such as indigenous foods and talking circles.

Sample Size

- Number of Participants. 2,553
- Retention. 74% of participants (n=1,891) completed the post-curriculum assessment.

Outcomes

- Weight Loss. Participants had a mean weight loss of 9.6 pounds immediately after completing the 16 sessions, equating to 4.4% weight loss.
  - 22.5% of participants achieved the 7% weight loss goal by the end of the program; 17.5% had maintained this weight loss after three years.

- Diabetes incidence. The crude incidence of diabetes was 4% per year among participants, which was lower than in the placebo group (12.9%).

- Participants’ physical activity. Physical activity increased significantly from baseline, with participants reporting 181 minutes of physical activity per week at the end of the program. At the time of post-program assessment, 56% had achieved the physical activity goal of 150 minutes/week, significantly more than baseline.

- Fasting glucose blood (FGB) levels. FGB levels decreased significantly from baseline, decreasing approximately 4mg/dL on average from baseline to post-program assessment.
**Brief Description**

Arab Americans

**Ahlah! [It’s better]**

Investigators culturally and linguistically tailored the Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) curriculum for Arab American Muslims aged 30 and older. A trained, Arabic-speaking educator led the intervention in community settings.

**AVAILABLE MATERIALS**

- Ahlah! Participant Handouts Sessions 1-12 (Arabic)
- Ahlah! Additional Participant Handout on Ramadan (Arabic)

**HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS**

- Sessions should be offered more than once a day to accommodate different schedules, and participants should be invited to bring their families to the sessions. Physical activity sessions conducted at community centers may be subdivided by gender, and the intervention should target women because they are a major influence on a family’s medical care and diet.

- Individuals who do not agree to participate in the lifestyle intervention should be given the option to participate in a four-week-long educational intervention, after which they may decide if they want to participate in the lifestyle intervention.

**CITATION FOR MATERIALS**


- This study was funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health (Grant #R34 DK076663). Support for the Biostatistics and Economic Modeling Core and the Behavioral, Clinical, and Health Systems Intervention Research Core of the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center from the National Institutes of Health (Grant #P60 DK20572). For the Biostatistics and Economic Modeling Core and the Behavioral, Clinical, and Health Systems Intervention Research Core of the Michigan Diabetes Research and Training Center from the National Institutes of Health (Grant #P60 DK20572).

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Development and Use of Available Materials


Jaber and colleagues conducted a prospective, non-randomized, feasibility demonstration trial among Arab Americans in Dearborn, Michigan. The intervention consisted of weekly sessions for 12 weeks, lasting 60-90 minutes, and monthly meetings for the following 12 weeks.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- **Engaging Stakeholders in the Development of Materials.** Investigators formed a board comprised of community members, clinical staff, and researchers, who reviewed the curriculum. Some of the key adaptations to the original GLB materials include condensing the core component of the program from 16 to 12 weeks, translating the materials to a 5th or 6th grade reading level of Arabic, modifying the food booklet for more culturally relevant recommendations, adding cooking demonstrations and grocery store trips, adding Islamic verses based on suggestions from the community, and including two physical activity sessions per week.

- **Group Structure.** The intervention was delivered in a group format with 10-12 participants per group. Participants were given the option to be a part of either a mixed gender or all-female group. Once in these groups, group members chose a leader who was responsible for organizing all unsupervised group activities (i.e., taking walks for physical activity).

- **Self-Monitoring Requirement.** Participants were instructed to record weight; physical activity minutes; and types of food eaten, including portion sizes; and to identify high-fat foods.

Sample Size

- **Number of Participants.** 71
- **Retention.** 86% of participants (n=61) completed the 24-week lifestyle intervention.

Outcomes

- **Weight Loss.** Of the 71 participants: 44% achieved ≥7% weight loss; 59% achieved ≥5% reduction in weight. At 24 weeks, the participants had a mean weight loss of 11.46 pounds.

- **Physical Activity.** Of the 71 participants, 78% reached the physical activity goal of ≥150-minutes/week.

- **Healthy Eating.** Fat intake decreased by 5.6% in participants.
Chinese Americans

Chinese American Balanced Lifestyle Education (CABLE)

Chinese American Balanced Lifestyle Education (CABLE) is a cultural adaptation of the Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) curriculum for Chinese Americans. It is designed to be delivered in English and Mandarin Chinese to groups of first- and second-generation Chinese immigrants.

AVAILABLE MATERIALS

- CABLE Participant Handouts Sessions 1-16 and 22 (English and Mandarin Chinese)
- CABLE Group Instructor Guides Sessions 1-12 (in English)
- CABLE Additional Participant Handouts (English and Chinese), which include:
  - Weight Management (English and Mandarin Chinese)
  - Keeping Track Booklet (Traditional Chinese)
  - Participant Certificate (English and Mandarin Chinese)

HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS

- The materials from Session 22 should be included in Session 16.
- The Keeping Track Booklet is first introduced in Session 1, when participants are asked to record everything they ate, but not asked to record calories and fat. The Keeping Track Booklet is introduced in greater detail in Session 2. Additional instructions for the Keeping Track Booklet can be found in the Instructor Guides (Session 2, pages 6-9).
- The weight management handout should be given to people when they reach their weight goal.
- The patient handouts are translated in both English and Mandarin Chinese, which can be understood by both Mandarin and Cantonese speakers. These materials may be best for Mandarin or Cantonese speakers who can read some English.
- Although the study team used the full GLB protocol in its translations, it translated only the participant materials. It did not translate the group Instructor Guides. The Instructor Guides do, however, include the cultural changes suggested by the research team.
- Those implementing CABLE may consider recommendations from the research participants in this study, including more information on disease characteristics of diabetes (symptoms, severity, and health risk); information on carbohydrates and proteins; more examples of different types of physical activities; and more detailed nutrition facts specifically for traditional Chinese meals.

CITATION FOR MATERIALS

CABLE: Chinese American Balanced Lifestyle Education. Catherine Chesla, RN, PhD; Kevin Chun, PhD; Yulanda Kwong, MSW; Caryl Gay, PhD; Han-Lin Chi, RN, PhD; Yunzi Gu, RN, MN; Lenore Hernandez, RN, CDE, PhD; Peggy Huang, RN, CDE. School of Nursing, University of California, San Francisco. 2016.

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- The study team conducted a pilot study (single-group pre-post design) among first- and second-generation Chinese Americans at risk for type 2 diabetes due to prediabetes, metabolic syndrome, or being overweight. The intervention consisted of 16 sessions delivered over six months to sub-groups of Mandarin Chinese and English speakers. The sessions were delivered by nurse research assistants, who were first-generation Chinese, bilingual, and trained in using the GLB curriculum.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- Tailoring Nutritional Guidance and Examples. Key adaptations to the GLB curriculum included the substitution of food examples to focus on culturally-appropriate foods and dietary practices, simplified language in participant handouts, and the replacement of U.S. phrases/expressions with Mandarin Chinese phrases/expressions. Changes to diabetes prevention protocols in the curriculum (like the substitution of dietary examples) were based on published clinical guidelines specific to Asian Americans and the study team’s existing clinical knowledge and experience working with this population.

- Linguistic Adaptation of participant materials. The participant handouts were translated by three nurse research assistants who were first-generation Chinese, bilingual, and trained in using the GLB curriculum. These translations were then reviewed for clinical accuracy by a Certified Diabetes Educator employed by a health center that primarily serves Chinese immigrants. Additionally, for the evaluation, self-report questionnaires were available in both English and Mandarin Chinese.

Sample Size

- Number of Participants. 25
- Retention. 84% of participants (n=21) finished the intervention and completed the post-curriculum satisfaction questionnaire.

Outcomes

- Weight Loss. Over the span of the study (six months), participants lost an average of 5.4% body weight and had a mean weight loss of 11.4 pounds.
- Total cholesterol. Significant improvement was observed (p<.001; from 199.3 mg/dL at baseline to 180.4 mg/dL at six months).
- LDL cholesterol. Significant improvement was observed (p<.001; from 114.5 mg/dL at baseline to 98.8 mg/dL at six months).
- Diastolic blood pressure. Slight improvement was observed (p<.05; from 82.2 mmHg at baseline to 78.4 mmHg at six months).
- Hemoglobin A1c (A1C). No statistically significant changes were observed (from 5.91% at baseline to 5.89% at six months).
- Fasting plasma glucose. No statistically significant changes were observed (from 96.4 mg/dL at baseline to 93.1 mg/dL at six months).
- Physical activity (self-report). Significant improvement was observed in weekly metabolic equivalent of tasks (p<.01).
- Social support (self-report). Insufficient social support decreased over the course of the study.
- Participant satisfaction (self-report). On the participant satisfaction questionnaire, all participants reported that the program was helpful, and the majority of participants agreed that the intervention aided them in understanding and managing their diet. During the focus groups, participants noted that the most helpful elements of the sessions were pedometer readings, tracking time spent exercising, and learning how to self-monitor their diet.
Dulce Mothers is an intervention to reduce type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular risk intended for low-income Latinas with a history of gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM). It is designed to be delivered in a small group format (5-12 women) by a peer educator in community clinic setting.

**AVAILABLE MATERIALS**
- Dulce Mothers Outline of Materials (English)
- Dulce Mothers Participant Handouts Sessions 1-12 (Spanish)
- Dulce Mothers Participant Handouts Sessions 1-12 (English)

**HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS**
- Each session handout is tailored for Latina women with a history of GDM and complements specific PreventT2® curriculum sessions. Each handout outlines different topics and activities, but they have the same final two sections: “weekly SMART goal-setting” and “to-do next week.” This final section of each session handout reminds participants what they need to consider and prepare for in the following week to support them in meeting their goals. A detailed description of which T2 curriculum sessions are supported by each Dulce Mothers session handout is outlined in the “handout cover page” linked above.
- The authors note that it is difficult to recruit the participants right after delivery, and recommend beginning recruitment while they are still pregnant (as they are focused on their well-being and that of their babies during this time). While women are still pregnant, project team members could provide some information about what it means to have GDM and provide an orientation session to the program.
- The authors noted that it is difficult to determine eligibility weight since most participants are likely to still be losing post-baby weight.

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Philis-Tsimikas and colleagues conducted a pilot study (single-group pre-post design) among low-income Latina women with a history of GDM. The intervention consisted of eight, two-hour weekly sessions delivered across three months. Peer educators conducted the intervention in Spanish to groups of 5-12 women in a community clinic setting.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- Tailoring Content for Latinas with a History of GDM. Key adaptations include emphasis of the importance of interpersonal relationships; discussion of culturally-based beliefs about diabetes, income-driven barriers to healthy lifestyles, and cultural values of family caretaking; and topics specific to motherhood, including breastfeeding, childhood obesity, and nonfood rewards for children.

- Post-Pilot Adaption of Dulce Mothers Curriculum. After the cessation of the pilot study, the researchers decided to expand the Dulce Mothers curriculum from eight sessions to 12 sessions. This was based on the finding that women who attended more sessions lost more weight; additionally, during the post-study focus groups, there was an expressed interest from participants for more information on weight loss and maintaining lifestyle changes.

- Spanish Language. All sessions were conducted in Spanish since that was the primary language spoken by all participants. In addition, the researchers utilized Spanish language versions of data collection tools for the self-report measures.

- Use of Peer Educators. Building off of the Project Dulce model, Dulce Mothers is delivered by culturally and linguistically-aligned “promotoras.” The promotoras are “peer educators” trained by a lead health educator with five or more years of experience administering peer-led programs. The promotoras receive 40 hours of didactic training covering topics such as disease content, group management, motivational interviewing skills, and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA). Before moving to a teaching environment, certain competencies must be met. Before being eligible to teach the class on their own, peer educators must first co-teach a class series with an experienced peer and then teach their own series under the observation of a mentor. Peer educators are compensated for their time.
Sample Size

- **Number of Participants.** 84
- **Retention.** 90% of participants (n=76) completed the program.

Outcomes

- **Weight Change.** Participants experienced an average weight gain compared to baseline of 1.15 pounds; weight did not change significantly in response to the intervention. (Of note, being overweight was not an inclusion criterion for the study of mothers who experienced gestational diabetes.)
  
  - A time-by-attendance interaction effect was detected for weight (p=0.07). This interaction suggests that participants who attended more sessions lost more weight.

- **Hemoglobin A1c (A1C).** A statistically significant increase over time was observed in A1c (B=0.01, p<0.05).

- **Blood Pressure.** A statistically significant improvement across the six-month follow-up period was observed in diastolic blood pressure (B=−0.32; all p<0.05).

- **Physical Activity (Self-Report).** Statistically significant improvements were observed for aerobic exercise (B=0.02).

- **Diabetes-Specific Cultural Beliefs (Self-Report).** Statistically significant improvements were observed for supporting culturally driven diabetes beliefs (B=−0.11; all p<0.05).

- **Participant Satisfaction.** In focus groups conducted after the completion of the study, women expressed enthusiasm for Dulce Mothers and conveyed an interest for continued participation via monthly support groups. Women also reported that they wanted additional content related to dietary change and losing weight.
Hispanics

Nuestra Vida [Our Life]

Nuestra Vida is an adapted Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) intended for middle-aged Latina at high-risk for type 2 diabetes due to being overweight or obese. It is designed to be delivered in a group format over the course of 12 weekly sessions by a peer educator in a community setting.

AVAILABLE MATERIALS

- Nuestra Vida Outline of Materials (English)
- Nuestra Vida Participant Handouts Sessions 1-12 (Spanish)
- Nuestra Vida Participant Handouts Sessions 1-12 (English)

HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS

- Each session handout is tailored for Latina women at high risk for type 2 diabetes and complements specific PreventT2 curriculum sessions. Each session handout outlines different topics and activities, but they have the same final two sections: “weekly SMART goal-setting” and “to-do next week.” This final section of each session handout reminds participants what they need to consider and prepare for in the following week to support them in meeting their goals. Session 10 includes a section on staying healthy during menopause. A detailed description of which PreventT2 curriculum sessions are supported by each Nuestra Vida session handout is outlined in the “handout cover page” linked above.

- In post-study focus groups, women made suggestions for potential improvements to the adapted curriculum, including the following additional content: more examples of balanced meals, healthy recipes/cookbooks, physical activity and weight loss, stress, and more information related to menopause and aging.

CITATION FOR MATERIALS

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Development and Use of Available Materials


- Researchers conducted a feasibility study (single-group pre-post design) among Latina women at high risk for type 2 diabetes due to either being overweight or obese in midlife (Nuestra Vida) or having a history of gestational diabetes mellitus (Dulce Mothers). The intervention consisted of 12, two-hour weekly sessions delivered across three months. Peer educators conducted the intervention in Spanish and English to groups of women in a community setting.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- **Tailoring Content for Middle-Aged Latinas.** In order to create the Nuestra Vida curriculum, the researchers adapted the Dulce Mothers curriculum by replacing new mother-specific content with mid-life-relevant content (e.g., weight gain, menopause/hormonal changes) while retaining aspects specific to Latino culture (e.g., foods, ethnicity-related risk factors, cultural beliefs), and womanhood.

- **Focus on Social Support.** The curriculum emphasizes inclusion of peers and family into lifestyle changes, cultivation of internal and social resources, social modeling for healthy behaviors, and “fun” as a motivator. Therefore, multiple session components involved experiential learning through the use of portion size modeling, cooking demonstrations, and group exercise (e.g., dancing, walking groups in participants’ neighborhoods).

- **Spanish Language.** The curriculum was offered in both English and Spanish. The curriculum was translated to Spanish via expert translation.

- **Use of Peer Educators.** Building off of the Project Dulce and Dulce Mothers models, Nuestra Vida is delivered by culturally and linguistically-aligned “promotoras.” The promotoras received extensive, standardized training in the intervention protocol. They were also involved in the adaption process and provided feedback about the curriculum content to ensure it was appropriately tailored to participants’ age, gender, language, culture, and socio-contextual factors.

Sample Size

- **Number of Participants.** 61 (37 in the Nuestra Vida sample and 24 in the Dulce Mothers sample).

- **Retention.** 95% of participants (n=58) remained in the study.

Outcomes

- **Weight Loss.** At the six-month mark, participants had a mean loss of 7.05 pounds (4.1 % body weight). This includes the combined sample of both Nuestra Vida (middle-aged overweight women) and Dulce Mothers (women with a recent history of GDM) participants.

- **Dietary Behaviors (Self-Report).** Dietary behaviors improved significantly from baseline to post-intervention (p<.05).

- **Perceived Stress (Self-Report).** Perceived stress decreased significantly from baseline to post-intervention (p<.05).

- **Depression Symptoms (Self-Report).** Depressive symptoms decreased significantly from baseline to post-intervention (p<.05).

- **Participant Satisfaction.** Focus group participants reported that they would recommend the program to others and that the intervention content increased knowledge, was culturally-appropriate, and was highly valued. Many women noted that information on stress reduction, weight loss, and dietary recommendations was particularly useful.
**Hispanics**

Un Estilo De Vida Saludable (A Healthy Lifestyle)

Un Estilo De Vida Saludable is an adapted Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) tailored to individuals aged 25 and older of Mexican descent. This 11 session program is designed to be delivered in a group format over the course of 20 weeks by community health workers and includes fotonovelas and an eight week session guide.

**AVAILABLE MATERIALS**

- Un Estilo De Vida Saludable Leader Guides Sessions 1-8 (English)
- Un Estilo De Vida Saludable Photonovela Template (English and Spanish)

**HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS**

- The investigators recommended that the sessions be held in a church setting, specifically Catholic churches, after Sunday services. The sessions should be group interventions that include child care and food to offer to participants and their children. The educator, preferably a peer educator or promotora, is to lead the group through the materials one lesson weekly, for eight weeks, with three additional monthly sessions. The educator should be able to connect with participants. Each session is intended to last approximately 2-2.5 hours.
- To adapt the fotonovela template for use in your setting, please insert photos of individuals from the community you are serving where indicated in the template.

**CITATION FOR MATERIALS**


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- Vincent and colleagues worked with Mexican Americans, in Arizona’s Tucson metropolitan area, to implement a randomized control trial, Un Estilo De Vida Saludable. The intervention consisted of eight weekly 2-2.5 hour sessions and three monthly one-hour sessions. A bilingual (English/Spanish) and bicultural promotora conducted the intervention sessions.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring
- **Fotonovela.** This intervention used fotonovelas, or photo-stories. Each five-minute episode emphasized the take-home message for the week. The fotonovela was presented in a PowerPoint slide presentation consisting of pictures and simple language. The episodes told the story of a Mexican American family that is implementing lifestyle changes to improve the health of their grandmother who received a prediabetes diagnosis. After each episode, the promotora would emphasize and expand on the fotonovela’s key points.
- **Use of a Promotora.** The promotora was the educator and could connect with members of the group. They would give a presentation, facilitate group discussions, lead a cooking demonstration, and guide participants through a relaxation/stress management exercise each week.
- **Cooking Demonstrations.** Each week, participants would learn how to cook low-fat meals that reflected the flavors and smells of Mexican American cuisine and could be prepared in 20 to 25 minutes. The promotora would serve the food to participants to demonstrate proper portion sizes, and they would give participants the recipes to make the food at home.
- **Charla (Talks).** While participants were eating, the promotora would facilitate short informal discussions, or charlas, by asking participants about their week and any challenges they faced.
- **Take Home Activities.** Participants were given assignments (i.e., reading food labels) to reinforce the information from each session and share with family members.

Sample Size
- **Number of Participants.** 58
- **Retention.** Nearly 93% of participants who attended the first intervention session completed the five-month study.

Outcomes
- **Weight Loss.** At the conclusion of the five-month intervention, participants experienced a mean weight loss of 6.2 pounds, equating to approximately 3% of mean baseline body weight.
- **Improvement in Diet Self-Efficacy.** Intervention participants were engaged and interested in information about their diets. Intervention participants improved their eating habits by reducing the number of weekly servings of fatty foods and increasing their consumption of fruits and vegetables.
- **Increase in Physical Activity Self-Confidence.** Intervention participants were given a step counter and asked to keep activity logs. The promotora also encouraged increased physical activity. Both the intervention and control groups experienced an increase in physical activity self-confidence (the changes were not statistically significant).
Hispanics

2011 DPP Group Lifestyle Balance™ Curriculum (Spanish)
Tailored for Promotoras

Victor Alos translated the Group Lifestyle Balance (GLB) Leader Guides to Spanish and modified them to be better suited for Spanish-speaking lay health workers. Currently Leader Guides for the GLB curriculum are available only for Sessions 1-12 (as opposed to the full 22 sessions) and have not been updated to reflect changes made in 2017 to the GLB curriculum.

AVAILABLE MATERIALS

- 2011 GLB Leader Guides for Promotoras (Spanish)

HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS

Lay health workers may use these materials to supplement the Spanish language version of the GLB curriculum and materials available at: https://www.diabetesprevention.pitt.edu/index.php/2011-dpp-group-lifestyle-balance-curriculum-spanish/

CITATION FOR MATERIALS


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In this pilot study, researchers tested the delivery of the adapted GLB materials by promotoras through a single-arm pilot trial in which participants attended 24 sessions either bi-weekly or monthly over the course of a year.

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- Tailoring leader materials for use by promotoras. In collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh Diabetes Prevention Support Center, Alos translated the GLB leader materials to Spanish and replaced academic Spanish terms with those that would be more accessible to lay health workers.

Sample Size

- Number of Participants. 20
- Retention. 95% of participants (n=19) completed 12-month follow-up.

Outcomes

- Weight Loss. At 12 months, participants had achieved an average weight loss of 10.8 pounds or 5.6% weight loss.
Mobility Impairment

**Group Lifestyle Balance Adapted for Individuals with Impaired Mobility (GLB-AIM)**

The Group Lifestyle Balance Adapted for Individuals With Impaired Mobility (GLB-AIM) curriculum targets individuals 18 years and older with impaired mobility, including those with severely impairing neurological conditions. This curriculum was approved by CDC’s Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program for organizations participating in the National DPP.

**AVAILABLE MATERIALS**

- GLB-AIM Participant Handouts and Leader’s Guide [to be posted on this webpage soon; for more information, please contact Katherine Froehlich-Grobe, PhD (KFGrobe@BSWRehab.com)]

**HOW TO USE THESE MATERIALS**

- Conducting sessions over the phone once per month was a key strategy employed by Betts et al., 2018. Other strategies included providing participants with a physical activity tracker for their arm, mailing participants session materials ahead of each call, and providing pre-addressed/pre-paid envelopes to mail copies of their diet and activity logs.

**CITATION FOR MATERIALS**


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Development and Use of Available Materials

Betts AC, and Froehlich-Grobe K. (2017). Accessible Weight Loss Adapting a Lifestyle Intervention for Adults with Impaired Mobility. Disability and Health Journal, 10(1), 139-144.

Betts and colleagues worked with individuals with permanent physical disabilities from the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area. The pilot intervention consisted of weekly conference call sessions for the initial 12 weeks lasting 60 minutes, and three additional calls over the next eight weeks.


After the completion of the pilot study, Betts and colleagues formed an advisory board to lead the process of comprehensively adapting the DPP for people with impaired mobility. The advisory board devised both planned adaptations and responsive adaptations (i.e., modifications that addressed obstacles that occurred during program implementation).

Description of Cultural & Linguistic Tailoring

- Tailoring Content and Delivery Mode. Key adaptations to the original GLB materials include convening group meetings by telephone rather than in person; adapting the physical activity content to include material specific to persons with impaired mobility; tailoring the nutritional and health materials for participants using wheelchairs; encouraging physical activity by providing participants with Garmin vívofit® arm-based activity tracker devices instead of pedometers; and providing additional content focused on injury prevention, caregiver support, and self-advocacy.

- Removal of Weigh-Ins. The accuracy of the Garmin vívofit® in capturing physical activity for wheelchair users was unknown. This, in addition to the fact that participants were remotely calling in to sessions, led the investigators to omit regular weigh-ins from the intervention. However, lifestyle coaches did encourage participants to weigh in, and participants had access to wheelchair accessible scales.

- Home-Based Physical Activities. Researchers included information about home-based physical activities, such as using resistance bands and other home equipment, neighborhood wheeling, and community activities, such as adaptive sports.

- Responsive Adaptations. The research team addressed issues that arose during the implementation of the pilot through the development of responsive adaptations. Such responsive adaptations include supporting electronic self-monitoring; providing opportunities for make-up sessions; and adding content and activities related to goal-setting, planning, reflection, motivation, support from meetings, and problem-solving.

Sample Size

- Number of Participants. 10
- Retention. 70% of participants (n=7) completed the program.

Outcomes

- Weight Loss. At 20 weeks, participants who completed the program had an average weight loss of 12.10 pounds, or 7.4% of their starting weight.
- BMI. Individuals who completed the program reduced their BMIs (F[1,6] = 8.43, p < 0.05, d = 0.33).
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