

FCHS...Promoting Healthy Families, Schools & Communities

FCHS works with schools, agencies, organizations and businesses. We offer programs, workshops, publications, professional development trainings, on-line learning, and conduct applied social research on a variety of topics:

- **Grow Healthy:** A Garden-Enhanced School Wellness Initiative for early care through high school
- **Get Moving, Get Healthy Workforce:** Online worksite wellness initiative
- **Revolution Wellness:** Food, movement and mindfulness programs for adults
- **Classroom Movement:** Trains teachers to incorporate movement into the classroom to support focus, attention and academic achievement
- **Functional Foods for Life:** Learning & tasting food education program for adults
- **FCHS Teacher Institutes:** Professional development workshops for childcare providers, teachers & school nutrition professionals
- **From Our Farms & Storytime Foods:** Food and nutrition education programs for early care and preschool
- **Seeds to Success:** The Youth Farmstand Project
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Healthy Choices School Enrichment

Health & Wellness Programs for Elementary Schools from FCHS (Family & Community Health Sciences) Pre-Kindergarten ~ Grade 2



Call us today to schedule *your* program!

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Healthy Choices Enrichment Makes the Common Core Achievable (And Fun!)

FCHS' *Healthy Choices School Enrichment* series features 4-6 interactive lessons, presented by FCHS professionals, that support classroom education. *Healthy Choices* is also an economical way to support your school's efforts to achieve the health/wellness goals outlined in the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Our lessons teach critical thinking skills, conceptual understanding, and offer opportunities for real-world applications of math, science, literature, social studies, health and art.

Our Program

Healthy Choices School Enrichment is available to all Gloucester County elementary schools. Most lessons are free; some require a supply fee. Supplemental activities are available for lesson expansion by teachers. We ask schools to choose **4-6 programs** to build a series of lessons, which supports sustained learning and impacts. Choose from any of our popular lessons:

The Very Healthy Caterpillar: Join the caterpillar as she learns about healthy eating, hunger, feeling full and the reasons we eat. *Caterpillar* integrates into Health/PE, Mathematics, Science, Art, ELA and Social Studies learning standards. Packed with hands-on activities, students sort, discuss, graph, write and more with this clever adaptation of the favorite storybook, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.



MyPlate for Kids: This introduction to basic nutrition focuses on the MyPlate guidelines created by the USDA. It's hands-on, interactive, and incorporates Health/PE, Mathematics and ELA standards.

The Two Bite Club: Trying new foods can be scary. But, when you only have to give them a little taste — two bites — trying new foods isn't as frightening. Students follow Will and Anna as they try two bites of foods from each food group and become members of The Two Bite Club! This colorful storybook introduces MyPlate's five food groups to young children, and encourages readers to try foods from each food group, utilizing Health/PE and Science standards.

The Little Seed: Students love the story of Pete, the little tomato seed kids love and care for. Pete teaches children about the life cycle of seeds, and the importance of eating fresh fruits and vegetables and exercising. *The Little Seed* supports Health/PE, Science, ELA, and Social Studies learning standards.

Guess with Gusto: One of our most popular programs! Students use touch and smell to explore, identify and describe food. *Gusto* incorporates Health/PE, Science, and ELA standards while showing how MyPlate can be used to plan meals and snacks.



Germs! Germs! Germs!: *Germs!* teaches students proper hand washing techniques to prevent the spread of foodborne illness. It's also a great program to teach students how to reduce the spread of cold and flu. Through interactive experiences, *Germs!* highlights the effectiveness of hygiene techniques to meet Health/PE and Science standards.

Sylvia's Spinach: Sylvia hates spinach. But what will a picky eater do when her teacher gives her spinach seeds to plant in the school garden? Will it be joy—or agony? Students join Sylvia as she discovers the magic of growing food from the ground up and what happens when you give something new a try. *Sylvia* meets standards for Science and Health/PE.

Build a Better Smoothie: Getting the daily recommended 5+ servings of fruits and vegetables is easy, with the assistance of quick and tasty recipes. Using smoothies as a tool, this program meets standards for Health/PE, ELA, and Mathematics.

Pick a Food (K-6): *Pick a Food* shows students the importance of making healthy choices for food and its impacts on the body. Students learn through a variety of activities, which utilize the Health/PE, ELA, and Science standards.

