



## Participant Notebook

Adapted from the Diabetes Prevention Program Group Lifestyle Balance Program for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

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## **Group Lifestyle Balance™ for TBI**

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## **Session 1: Welcome to the Diabetes Prevention Program: Group Lifestyle Balance™ TBI**

### **Be a Good Group Member**

In this program, you will be part of a group. A group is like a team. By working together, group members can:

- Support and encourage each other.
- Share ideas to solve problems.
- Motivate one another.

Being a good group member is a responsibility to others. It is also the best way to help YOU be successful. Team spirit helps *everyone* on the team.

#### **10 Ways to Be a Good Group Member**

- Do your very best to come to every meeting. This is important even when it's hard to follow the program.
- Be on time. Contact your Lifestyle Coach if you can't come.
- Complete the things you're supposed to do at home.
- Bring your notebook and Food and Activity record to every meeting.
- Take part in sharing your ideas with other group members.
- Let everyone have a chance to share. Be careful how much time you spend talking.
- Be willing to listen to the concerns of others. Do what you can to show you understand and care. Share what has worked for you.
- Do not repeat to other people outside of the group anything personal that is talked about in the group.
- Respect other people's ideas. Avoid putting others down.
- Stress the good things.



## Remember Your Purpose

**Let's reflect on and discuss these questions:**

- Why did I join GLB™ TBI Program?

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- What do I hope to achieve by taking part in the GLB™ TBI Program?

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- How will healthy eating and being active help me and/or others?

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## Disability and Weight

Did you know that there is a national goal to promote the health and well-being of people with disabilities?

### **There is!**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Service sets goals to promote health in America, called Healthy People 2020. Improving the health of Americans with disabilities, including promoting weight loss, is a key part of the initiative.

Research has found that people with disabilities have a greater burden of

- Obesity
- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- Stress

### **Traumatic Brain Injury**

People with TBI may experience a harder time losing weight due to unique injury-specific factors such as fatigue, balance issues, medications, executive dysfunction or endocrine dysfunction.

The included handout will explain these further and we will touch on each of them as we progress through the program. If you have questions regarding TBI specific problems affecting your goals, please reach out to your Coach.

**By joining the GLB TBI program you have taken an important step toward improving your health.**



## The Diabetes Prevention Program

Let's start with some background.

This program is based on a landmark study, funded by the National Institutes of Health. It was called the **Diabetes Prevention Program (or DPP)**.

**The DPP involved more than 3,000 adults with pre-diabetes.**

**Having** pre-diabetes means that your blood sugar levels are above normal. But they aren't high enough to be diabetes.

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In pre-diabetes, a person's blood glucose (this is sometimes referred to as blood sugar) levels are above normal. However, these levels aren't high enough to have a diagnosis of diabetes.

- About half of participants in the DPP were African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Asians, or Pacific Islanders. Two out of 10 were 60 years of age or older. Diabetes is very common in these groups.
- Each person was assigned by chance to one of three groups:
  - One group took part in a "lifestyle program" to lose weight and be more active.
  - One group took metformin, a pill used to treat diabetes.
  - One group took a placebo (sugar pill).

## **The DPP was a great success.**

1. Taking metformin (a pill used to treat diabetes) cut the chances of getting type 2 diabetes by 31% (compared to a control group who took a sugar pill).
2. The lifestyle program to lose weight and be more active was even more successful.
  - **Losing 10 to 15 pounds and being moderately active** (similar to a brisk walk) for at least **150 minutes** per week **cut the chances of getting type 2 diabetes by 58%**. More than half.
  - For **those over the age of 60**, the lifestyle program **cut the chances of getting diabetes by 71%**. Close to three-quarters.
3. The DPP Outcomes Study (DPPOS) continues to show positive benefits of modest weight loss and physical activity.

**The bottom line is that losing weight and being more active lower your chances of getting type 2 diabetes.**

**Now there are programs like the DPP all over the world.**



## **The DPP and the Metabolic Syndrome**

**The DPP lifestyle program also reduced the chances of the metabolic syndrome by 41%.**

Someone with the metabolic syndrome has three or more of the following:

- More fat stored in the belly than on the hips (being “apple shaped”)
- High triglycerides (a kind of fat in the blood)
- Low HDL cholesterol (“good cholesterol”)
- High blood pressure
- High fasting blood glucose

One of every four American adults has the metabolic syndrome. Metabolic syndrome increases your chances of:

- Heart attack
- Diabetes
- Stroke
- Other problems related to these conditions such as eye, nerve, and kidney problems

**Group Lifestyle Balance™ adapted for individuals with TBI (GLB TBI) is designed to help you make lifestyle changes to prevent diabetes and to prevent or treat the metabolic syndrome.**





## Group Lifestyle Balance™ TBI Goals

We call this program “Lifestyle Balance” because, just like the DPP, we will **help you reach a healthy balance between two parts of your lifestyle:**

- What you eat and
- How physically active you are.

Your goals will be the same as the DPP lifestyle goals. Many studies, including the DPP, have shown that these goals are safe, can be reached, and kept up over time.

### **Goal 1. Lose 7% of your weight.**

You will lose weight at a pace that is safe and do-able: about 1-2 pounds per week.

To get started: Look at your **Weekly Record** to check how much you weighed today. Find that weight in the first column of the boxes on the next pages.

Circle it. Then circle the other numbers in that row. Copy them below.

**Starting weight (Session 1: today):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pounds to lose:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Goal weight (7% loss):** \_\_\_\_\_

Also write the numbers at the **top of your Weekly Record.**



### **Goal 2. Do at least 150 minutes (2 ½ hours) of physical activity each week.**

Your physical activity program will be one that you CAN achieve. We will help you reach your activity goal at a pace that is safe and do-able.

In Session 4, we will help you get started on reaching your physical activity goal.

For now, pay close attention to how active you are now and where you may be able to add activity to your day.





## Group Lifestyle Balance™ TBI Goal Weights

Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
120	8	112
121	8	113
122	9	113
123	9	114
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125	9	116
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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
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335	23	312
336	24	312

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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
337	24	313
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343	24	319
344	24	320
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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
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418	29	389
419	29	390
420	29	391
421	29	392
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Starting Weight	Pounds to Lose	Goal Weight (7% Loss)
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450	31	419

Keep an eye on ***your*** 7% weight loss goal.





## How Reaching the Group Lifestyle Balance™ TBI Goals Can Help You

Losing weight and being more physically active:

1. May prevent diabetes and the metabolic syndrome.  
**The DPP proved this to be true for many people.**

2. Will help you be healthier, look better, and feel better.

Research has shown that being active and losing weight can:

- Ease tension, help you relax and sleep.
- Give you more energy, and make it easier to get around.
- Lower blood pressure.
- Lower blood levels of LDL ("bad" cholesterol or fat in the blood).
- Raise blood levels of HDL ("good" cholesterol or fat in the blood).

3. Will set a good example for your family, friends, and community.

**Changing eating and activity behaviors takes work.**

**You *can* do it and we are here to help.**



## Group Lifestyle Balance™ TBI Program Design

We will help you reach the study goals by making **gradual, healthy, and reasonable changes** in your eating and activity. The kind of changes you can **stick with for a lifetime**.

### In this program you will learn:

- **Facts** about healthy eating and being active.
- **What makes it hard** for you to eat healthy and be active.
- **How to change** these things so they work *for* you, not against you.

### For example, you'll learn how to:

- Be more aware of what you are eating and how to make healthy food choices.
- Be more aware of how much activity you do in a day and find time to be active.
- Ask for what you want when you eat out.
- Keep things around you at home and at work that make it easier for you to be active and make healthy food choices. Get rid of things that get in your way.
- Stop self-defeating thoughts and replace them with positive ones.
- Get back on your feet again when you slip from your plans for healthy eating and being active.
- Handle stress, social events, and other people that make it hard for you to change.





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## Group Lifestyle Balance™ TBI Sessions

The program is made up of **22 sessions, which are held over the course of about one year (12 months).**

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|-----------------|---|
| <b>Month 1</b>  | 1. Welcome to the Diabetes Prevention Program: Group Lifestyle Balance™<br>2: Be a Calorie Detective<br>3: Healthy Eating<br>4: Move Those Muscles    |
| <b>Month 2</b>  | 5: Tip the Calorie Balance<br>6: Take Charge of What's Around You<br>7: Problem Solving<br>8: Step Up Your Physical Activity Plan                     |
| <b>Month 3</b>  | 9: Manage Slips and Self-Defeating Thoughts<br>10: Four Keys to Healthy Eating Out<br>11: Make Social Cues Work for You<br>12: Ways to Stay Motivated |
| <b>Month 4</b>  | 13. Strengthen Your Physical Activity Plan<br>14: Take Charge of Your Lifestyle   |
| <b>Month 5</b>  | 15: Mindful Eating, Mindful Movement  |
| <b>Month 6</b>  | 16: Manage Your Stress  |
| <b>Month 7</b>  | 17: Sit Less for Your Health  |
| <b>Month 8</b>  | 18: More Volume, Fewer Calories   |
| <b>Month 9</b>  | 19: Stay Active   |
| <b>Month 10</b> | 20: Balance Your Thoughts   |
| <b>Month 11</b> | 21: Heart Health  |
| <b>Month 12</b> | 22: Look Back and Look Forward  |



## **We Will Work Together as a TEAM**

### **We will count on you to:**

- Attend or view the sessions each week and follow your handouts.
- Do your best to reach your goals for eating and activity. That includes doing assigned activities to practice what you learn.
- Keep track of your eating and activity seven days a week. Be honest.
- Keep track of your weight.
- Do your very best to tackle these changes now, while you have support from your coach and the group.
- Let your Lifestyle Coach know if you have any problems.
- Stay willing and open to change. Always “hang in there.”

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### **You can count on us to:**

- Present accurate facts about healthy eating, physical activity, and weight loss.
- Answer your questions.
- Be honest.
- Believe you can reach your weight, eating and activity goals.
- Always “hang in there” for you.
- Support and help you.

### **We agree to work together in the ways described above.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifestyle Coach: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Getting Started Losing Weight

The first step in behavior change is to **be aware**. Let's get going.

### Be aware of how much you weigh.

- You will be weighed at every session.
- Weigh yourself at home, at least once a week, at the same time of day. Use the same scale from week to week.
- Make peace with the scale. If you have stopped self-weighing, it might feel hard to do this. We will help you with this important behavior.
- Record your weight on the Food and Activity record.

### Be aware of what you eat and drink.

- The goal is to help you follow a **healthy eating pattern**.
- You will find ways to eat fewer calories.
- Being overweight or obese is related to heart disease, diabetes, and other health problems.



To begin, keep track of everything you eat and drink every day. It's the **MOST IMPORTANT** part of changing your eating habits.

- Your coach may provide you with Food and Activity books to record your eating, physical activity, and weight.
- If you choose to use a digital option, talk to your coach about the best way to share your weekly Food and Activity record.

Spelling in **NOT** important. When keeping track it is important to:

- **Be honest** (record what you really eat).
- **Be accurate** (measure portions, read labels).
- **Be complete** (include everything).



## Practice Keeping Track

Time	Food: Description and Amount	Calories	Fat Grams
Daily Totals:			

Physical Activity Description	Minutes	Steps
Daily Activity Totals:		



## To Do:

**Check the boxes when you complete each item:**

- Keep track of your weight.**
  - Weigh yourself at home at least once a week, at the same time of day. Use the same scale.
  - Record your weight on the Food and Activity record.
  - Talk to your coach if you don't have a scale for self-weighing.
  
- Record everything you eat and drink every day.**
  - Use one line for each food or drink.
  - Include:
    - Time.
    - The amount and name of the food or drink and a description.
    - **Skip the calorie and fat columns** for now.
  
- Buy a set of measuring cups and spoons for next week** (if you don't already have them). A food scale that weighs in ounces is useful but not required.
  
- Start thinking about physical activity.**
  - What do you do now?
  - What might you like to do? (You will track this later.)
  
- Talk with your health care provider.**
  - Let your health care provider know that you will be making changes in your eating, activity and weight. You may be advised to limit or avoid certain activities.
  
- Bring to next week's session:**
  - Your GLB notebook
  - Your Food and Activity record.

## **Session 1: Resources**

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Group Lifestyle Balance™ TBI Weekly Record

How Am I Doing? Sample Tracking Weight Loss

How Am I Doing? Tracking Weight Loss

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Weekly Record

Use this log to record your progress throughout the upcoming year.

### My Goals:

Calories \_\_\_\_\_ Fat grams \_\_\_\_\_ 7% weight loss \_\_\_\_\_

Session	Date	Weight (pounds)	Activity Minutes	Steps
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Session	Date	Weight (pounds)	Activity Minutes	Steps
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19				
20				
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