# Does Adding Texting Affect Behavior Change in Live Healthy Live Well Email Challenges?



## Today you will discover

- What is a LHLW Challenge?
- Texting Introduced, Why?
- Results from pilot on Texting
- Action Step





## Live Healthy Live Well Email Wellness Challenge

- Email Wellness Messages sent to Adults
- 6 Week Duration with 2 messages each week
- Peer Reviewed Messages
- Pre and Post On-line Surveys
- Tracking Logs





## **Spring Challenge Goals**

- Participants will be physically active times per week.
- Participants will reduce their sitting time by 25%.
- Participants will aim to eat 5 servings of vegetables and fruits at least five times each week.
- Participants will participate in five activities to reduce their Cancer Risk.



## **Spring Challenge Numbers**

1500 enrolled in Challenge512 completed pre-survey222 completed post-survey





## **Texting Pilot**



Four Counties participated in the

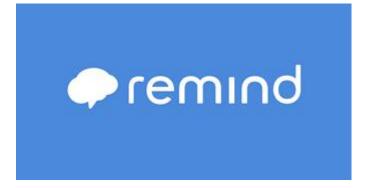
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12% of these people participated in the texting option



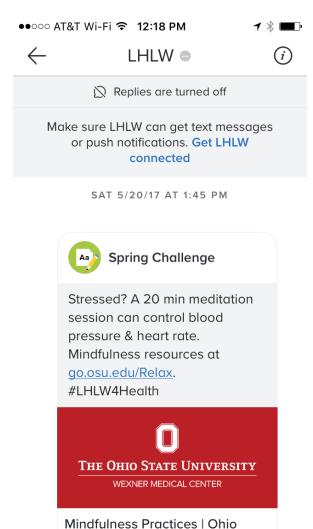


# Texting Program









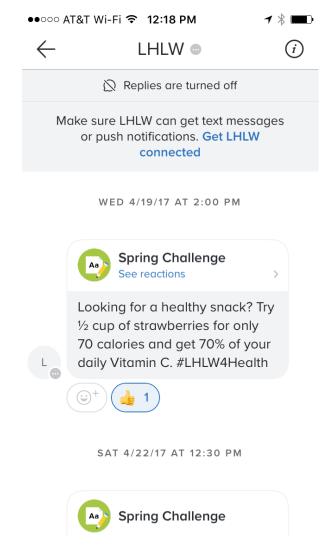
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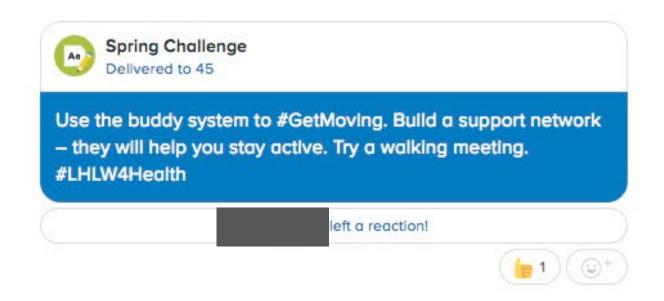
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Hungry? Fill ½ your plate with veggies & fruits. The more colorful the better. #LHLW4Health



## Research on Texting

- Texting is the most accessible and most used form of communication
- Research shows that <u>98% of text messages are</u>
   <u>opened</u>
- Research shows short-term behavioral change





## Research on Texting



- Effectiveness has been shown in disease prevention and interventions
- Effects appeared to exist among adolescents and adults, among minority and nonminority populations, and across nationalities.



## **Uses in Other Programs**

- Ask people if they want to Opt in
- Follow up on Programming
- Financial Programming
- Parenting Programs
- 4 Healthy Tots Texting Program







## **Pre and Post Survey Results**

62% eat at least 2 different kinds of fruit

61% eat at least 3 different kinds of vegetables

60% take a break from sitting after 30 minutes

57% physically active for at least 30 minutes

69% eat healthy foods as snacks

91% choose unsweetened beverages

70% are using a coping technique to reduce stress





## **Texting Results**

Texting – 26% of those participating in Texting option completed post survey

- 82% indicated they benefited from the texting
- 90% would sign up again for texting
- 55% indicated twice a week was the right amount of text messages





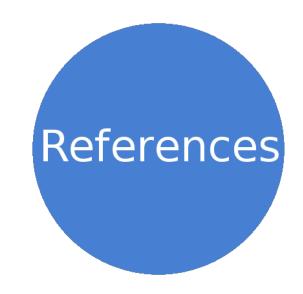
## **Action Steps**

- Join our Next Challenge
- Sign Up for Texting Messages during the Challenge
- Contact us with questions





### References:



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