

# WHAT IS A FAMILY MEDIA USE PLAN?

A Family Media Use Plan helps parents balance their children's online and off-line lives. Because every family is different, the American Academy of Pediatrics has a new tool to help you create a personalized plan that works within your family's values and busy lifestyles.



## Younger Than 1½ to 2 Years

Avoid media use (except video chatting).

## Preschoolers

No more than 1 hour per day of high-quality programming

## Grade-schoolers & Teens

Don't let media displace other important activities.

- 1 hour of exercise daily
- Family meals
- A full night's sleep
- "Unplugged" downtime

## All Ages

Co-view media with your kids (enjoy it with them) to help them learn from what they are doing, seeing, and saying online.

**Be their media mentor!**

Create your family's plan at [HealthyChildren.org/MediaUsePlan](http://HealthyChildren.org/MediaUsePlan).

By creating a Family Media Use Plan, parents can help children and teens balance their media use with other healthy activities.



Learn more and create a personalized Family Media Use Plan at [HealthyChildren.org/MediaUsePlan](http://HealthyChildren.org/MediaUsePlan).

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