Making meals together at home

Rediscover home cooking...together
Therapeutic Recreation professionals know that when we are kind to our mind and body, we are building mental and physical strength and resilience, too. As we all try to practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic by staying at home, here are some tips, shared from Therapeutic Recreation professionals, to help you engage with children, adults, clients and families over food.

Cook your meals together
Nothing brings people together like food. During this time of social distancing, however, dining out is not on the menu. Spending more time at home presents a great opportunity to rediscover cooking home cooked meals together. Get your family and other loved ones involved. Cook together, eat together, and of course, clean up together, too!

Eat healthy
Good nutrition is always important. We all need our vitamins and minerals, so pull out your cookbooks and find recipes online containing healthy ingredients. Then order your groceries online. Before you know it, voila, you have a delicious meal on the table.

Get creative!
Don’t have all the ingredients on hand? Be creative with your substitutions. Instead of chicken parmagiana, enjoy chicken cheddar! Love mac and cheese but can’t make a white sauce? Cheez Whiz makes a yummy substitute! Now is the time to check your pantry and try new recipes.

Bon appetit!

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