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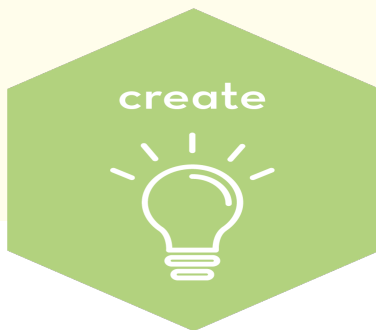
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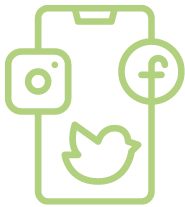
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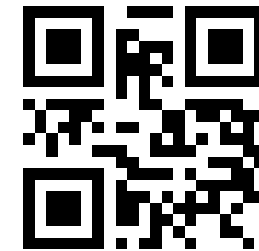
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# Diabetes Awareness Month

National Diabetes Month 2023, which takes place annually in November, focuses on taking action to prevent diabetes health problems.

Scan the QR code to learn more from the American Diabetes Association, an organization that is researching a cure for diabetes.



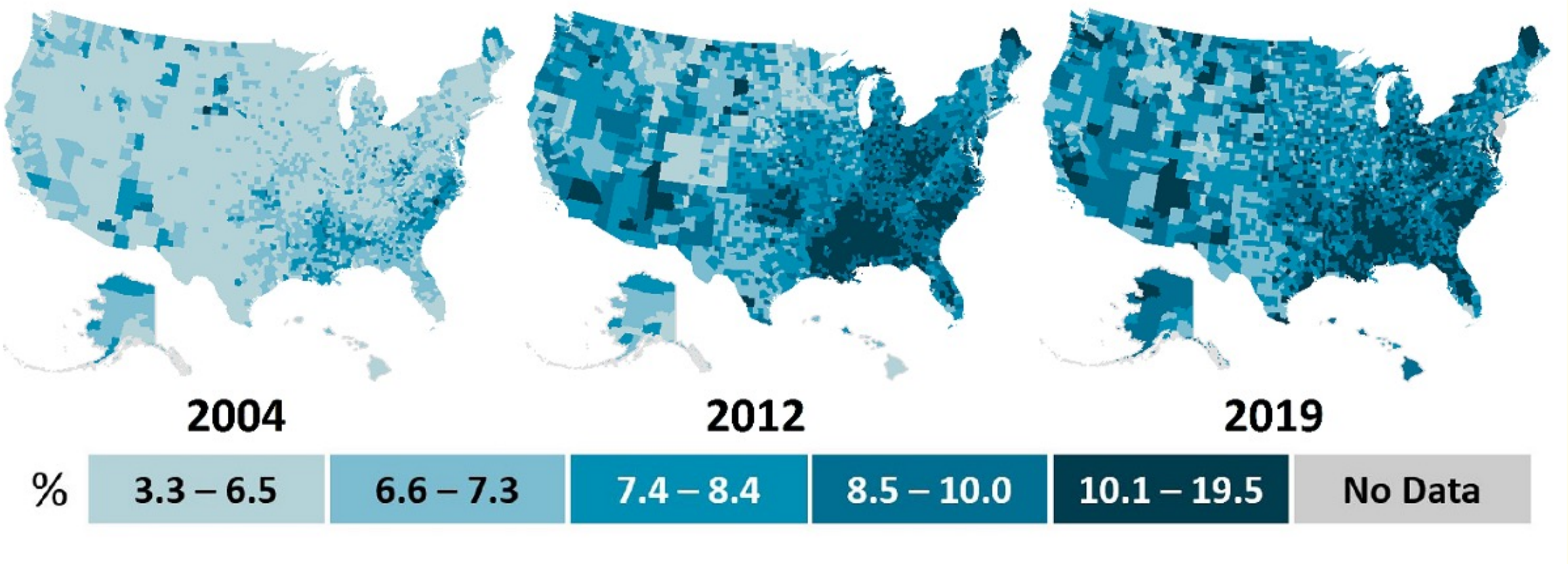
# Integration of Cooking Skills into Nutrition Education to Prevent and Manage Type 2 Diabetes

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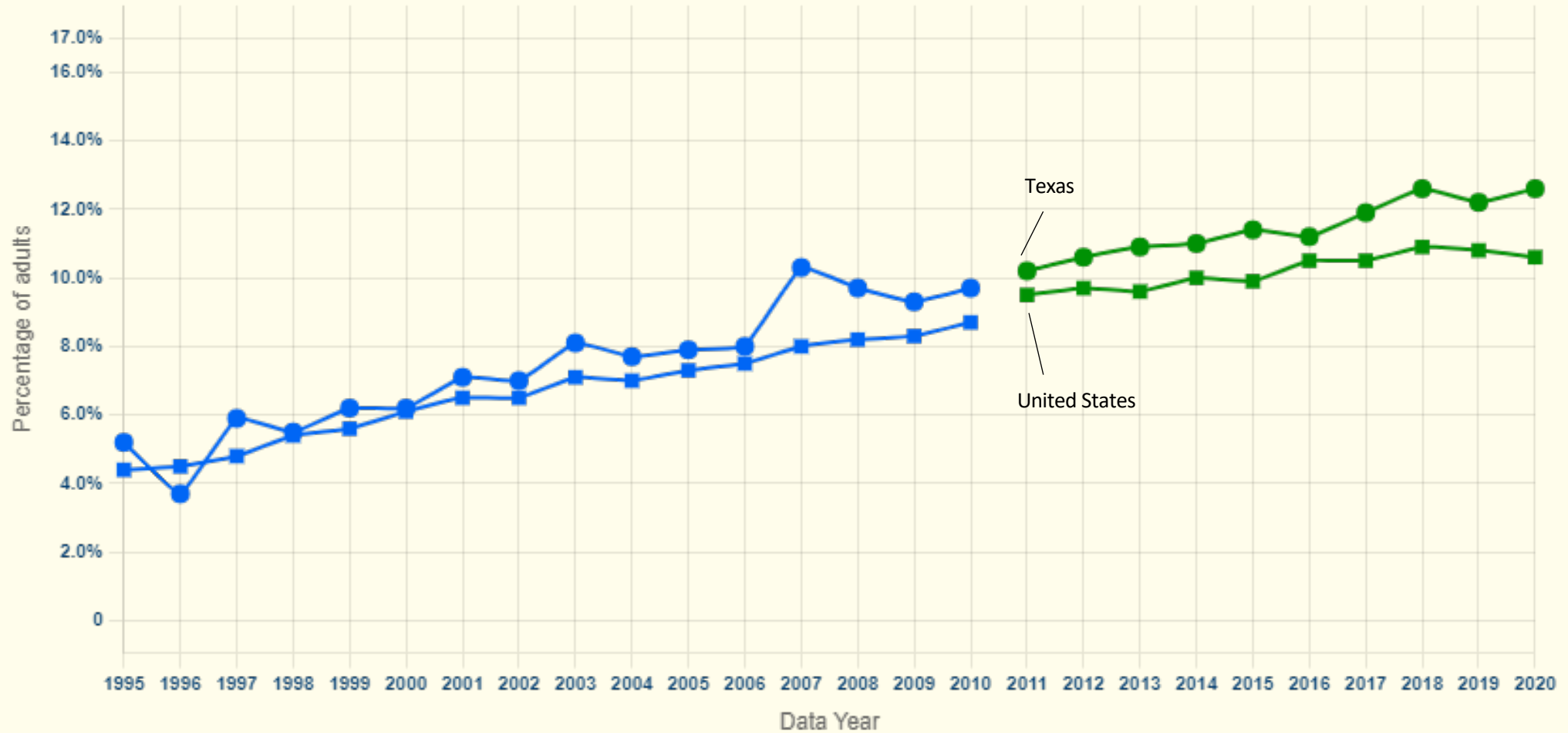
# Age-adjusted, county-level prevalence of diagnosed diabetes among adults aged 20 years or older, United States, 2004, 2012, and 2019



Data sources: US Diabetes Surveillance System; Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.



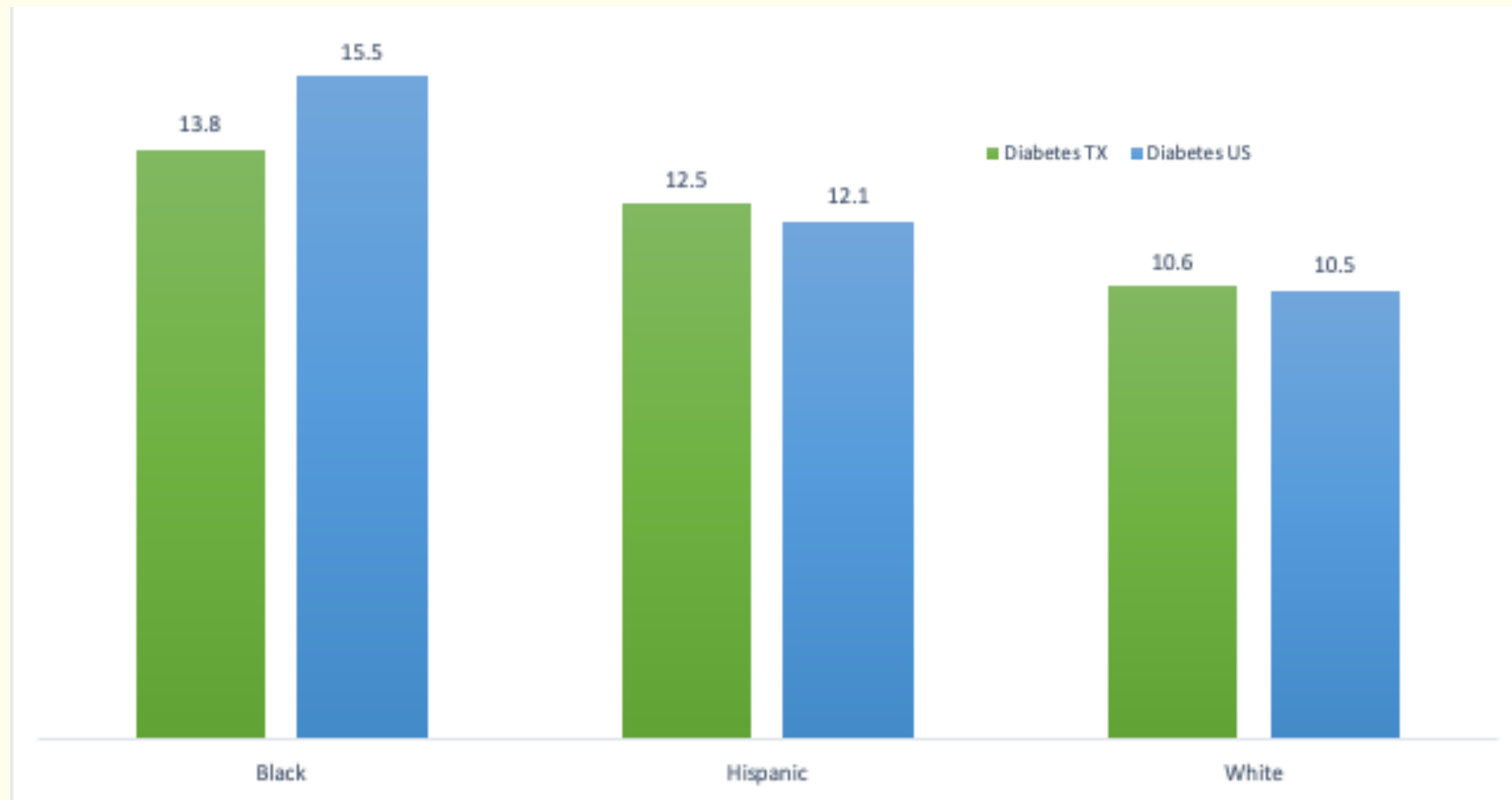
# Diabetes Trend in Texas vs. U.S.







# Prevalence of Diabetes by Race/Ethnicity in Texas vs. U.S.



# Diet....

...plays a significant role in diabetes prevention and management





# Relevance of Culinary Medicine

- Culinary Medicine is an innovative educational and nutritional approach that combines cooking instruction with the science of medicine





# SCAN

## Sustainable Culturally Adaptive Nutrition Program to Improve Adherence to the National Diabetes Prevention Program

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# NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM (DPP)

Health outcomes are dependent on DPP attendance & program adherence.

- Low attendance & adherence



- Reduced overall efficacy

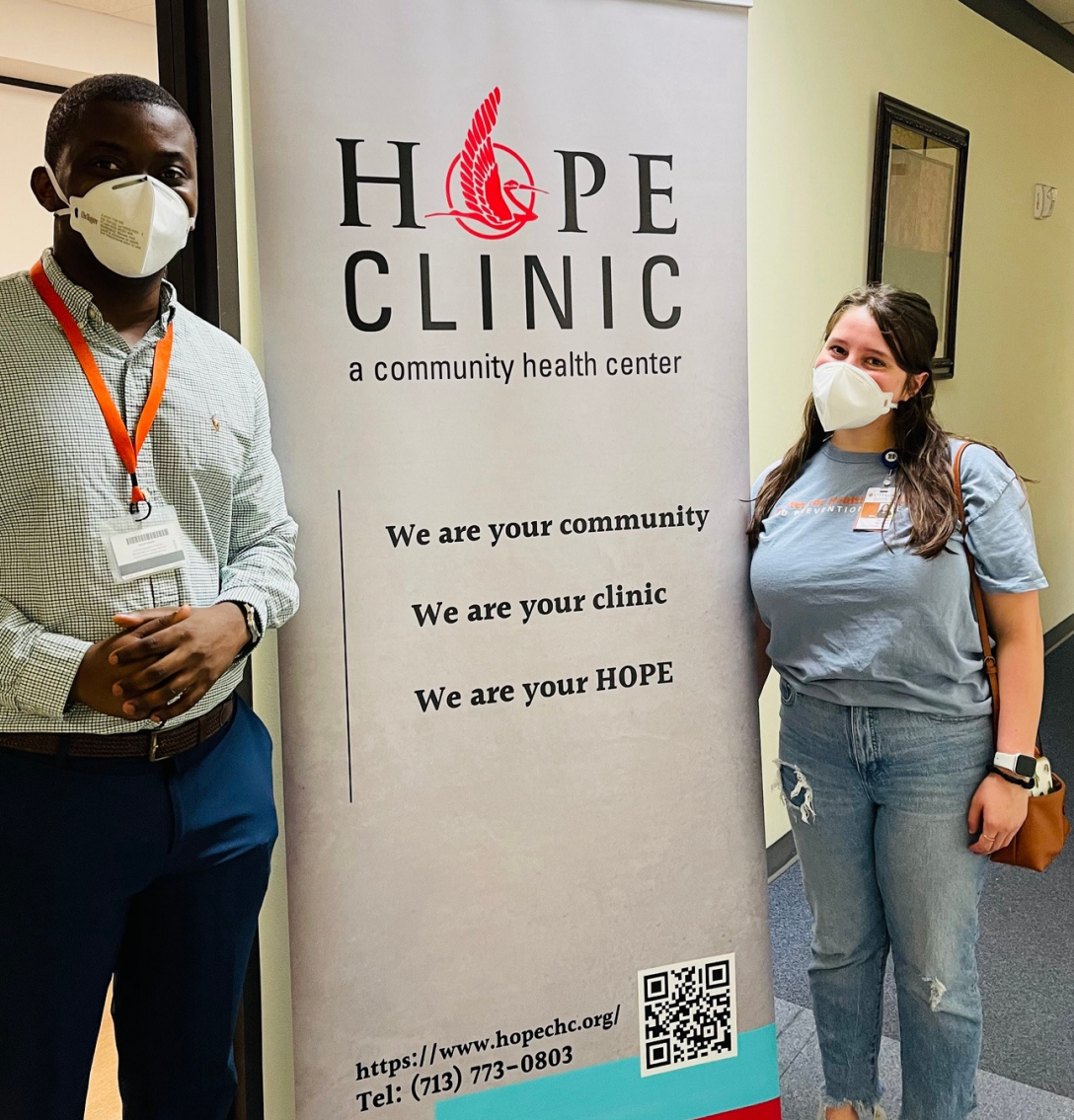
Racial and ethnic minority groups: traditionally prepare foods differently than those suggested in standard American recipes



Affordability of healthier food options



Participants' lack of perceived ability to prepare recipes that are part of their cultural identity



# Preventive care for primary care patients with prediabetes



## ENVIRONMENTAL BARRIERS

Access to food

## PERSONAL BARRIERS

Difficulties preparing healthier versions of culturally appropriate meals

Lack of cooking skills & motivation

Improve attendance and adherence to the National DPP

# SCAN

Multi- component strategy to increase the adoption of the NDPP



## COOKING LESSONS

Four 1-hour classes delivered by cooking coaches.

- Knowledge
- Culinary skills
- Social support



## MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

- Elicit behavior change & meaningful conversations.



## FOOD RX PRESCRIPTION

- Partnered with the food bank
- Maintain a healthy diet by accessing healthy foods



## INCENTIVES

- Cooking ingredients
- Cooking tools



# TRAINING AND PROGRAM DELIVERY



HANDS-ON  
CULINARY  
TECHNIQUES



CULTURAL  
ADAPTATIONS



MOTIVATIONAL  
INTERVIEWING

# SCAN | CULINARY CLASSES



## SESSION 1: KNIFE SKILLS

Texas Caviar with dressing



## SESSION 2: ROASTING

Tajin Spiced Roasted Carrots

## SESSION 3: SAUTÉING

Tajin & Oregano Sautéed Winter Vegetables



## SESSION 4: MICROWAVING

Garlic & herb butter broccoli

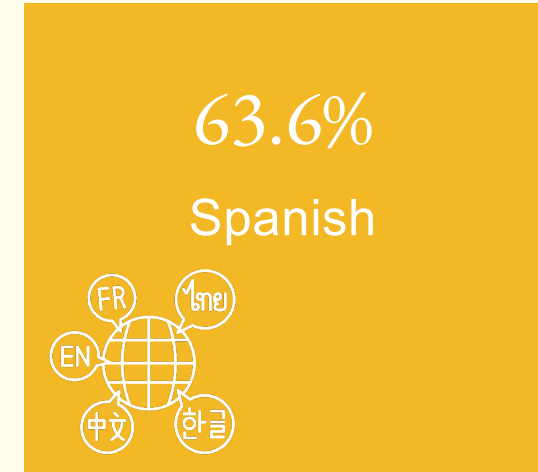
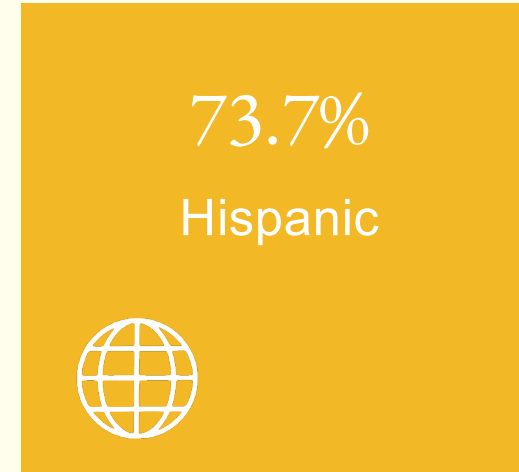
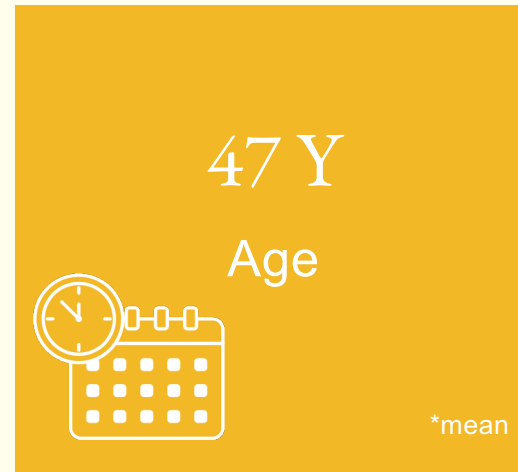
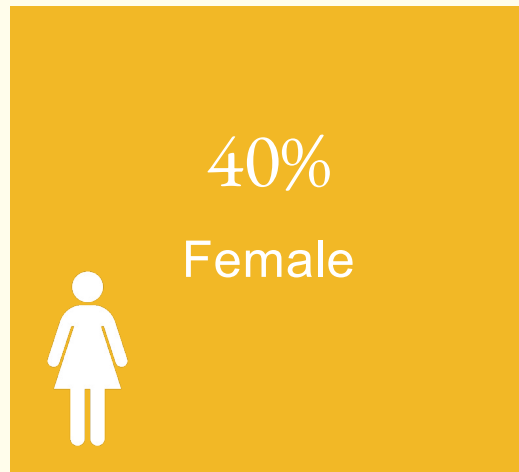


# BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

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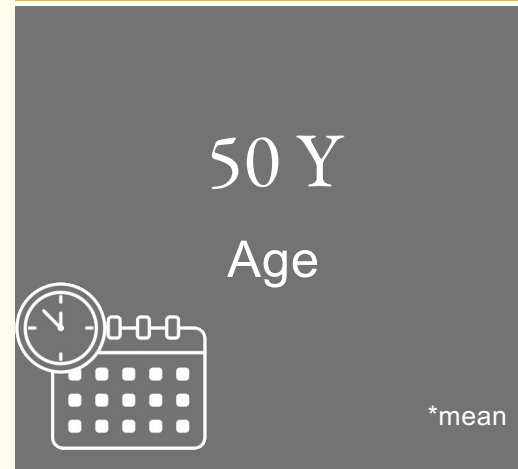
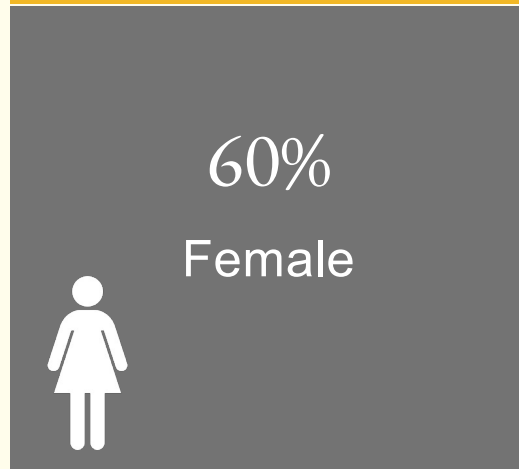
Intervention

n=22



Control

n=15

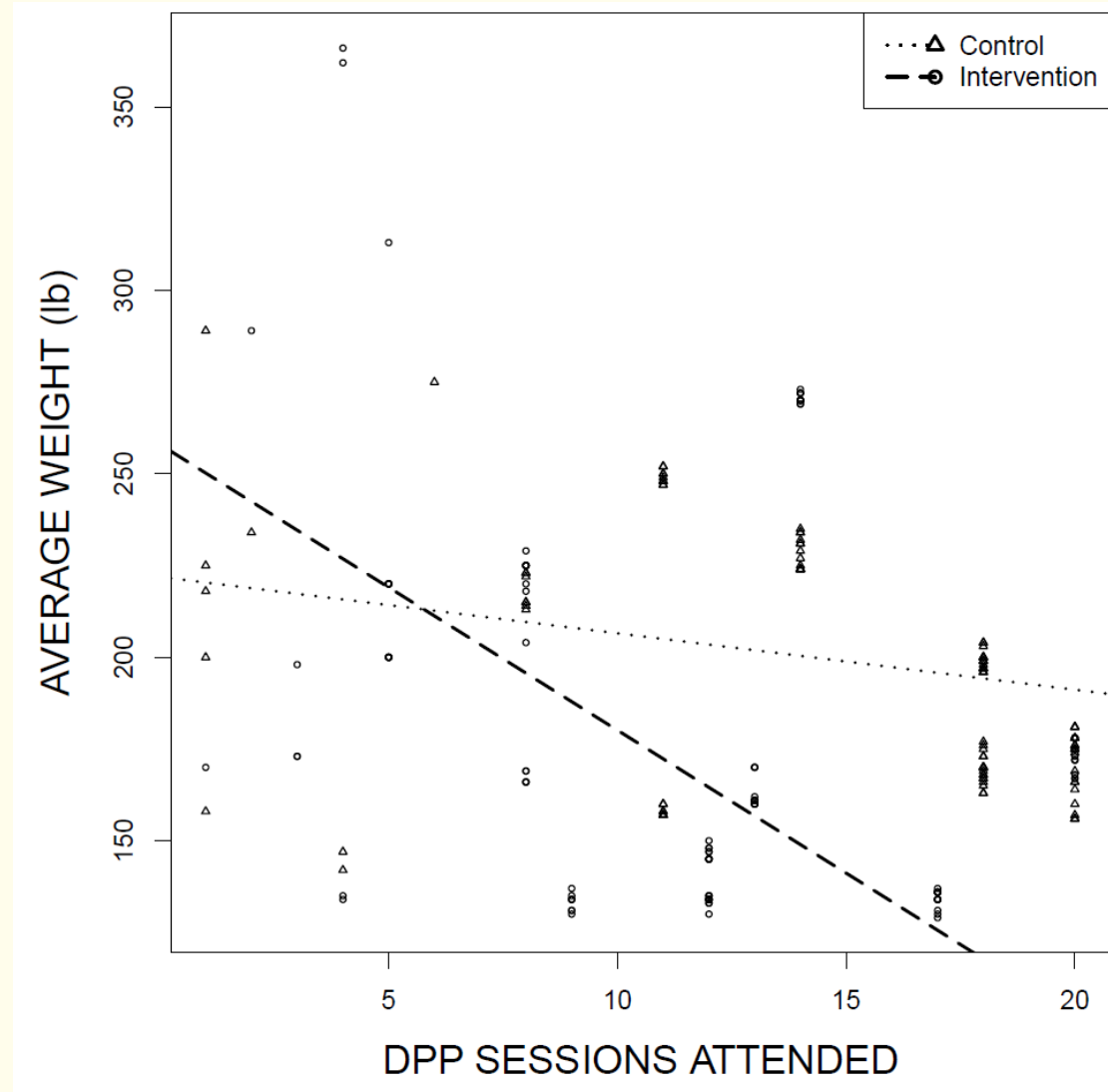




### DPP attendance at the 6 months mark

	Control (n=15) N (%)	Intervention (n=22) N (%)	p-value
DPP Classes Attended	6.87 (5.73)	7.14 (4.60)	0.875
SCAN Cooking Classes	N/A	1.68 (1.81)	
<b>[mean(std)]</b>			

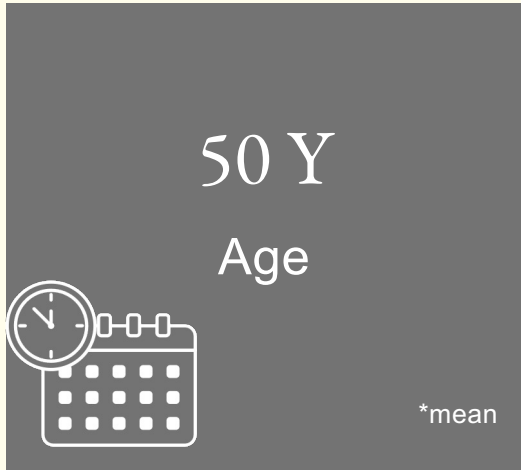
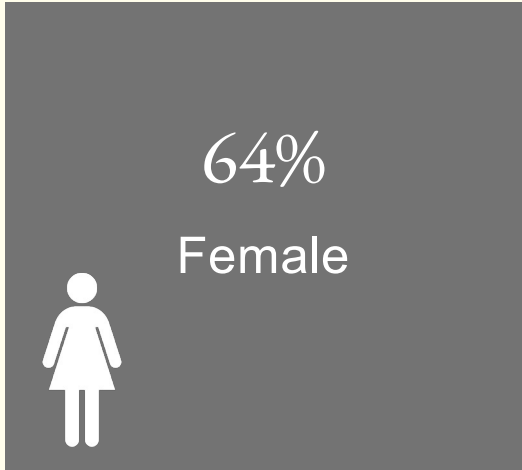
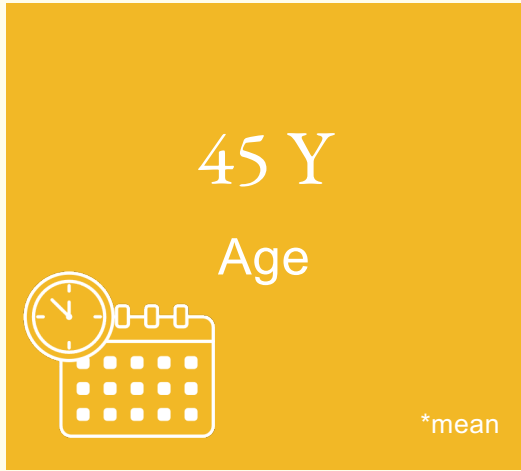
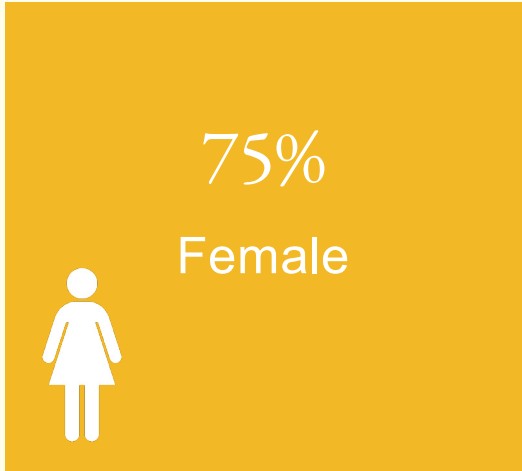
**Figure 1. Average weight loss among participants in the intervention compared to control group.**



ATTENDED 1 OR MORE SCAN (N=12)

ATTENDED 0 SCAN SESSIONS (N=25)

# SCAN CHARACTERISTICS N=37



# Outcomes

## DPP CLASSES ATTENDED

Attended 1 or more SCAN (n=12)

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9.67 (7.69)

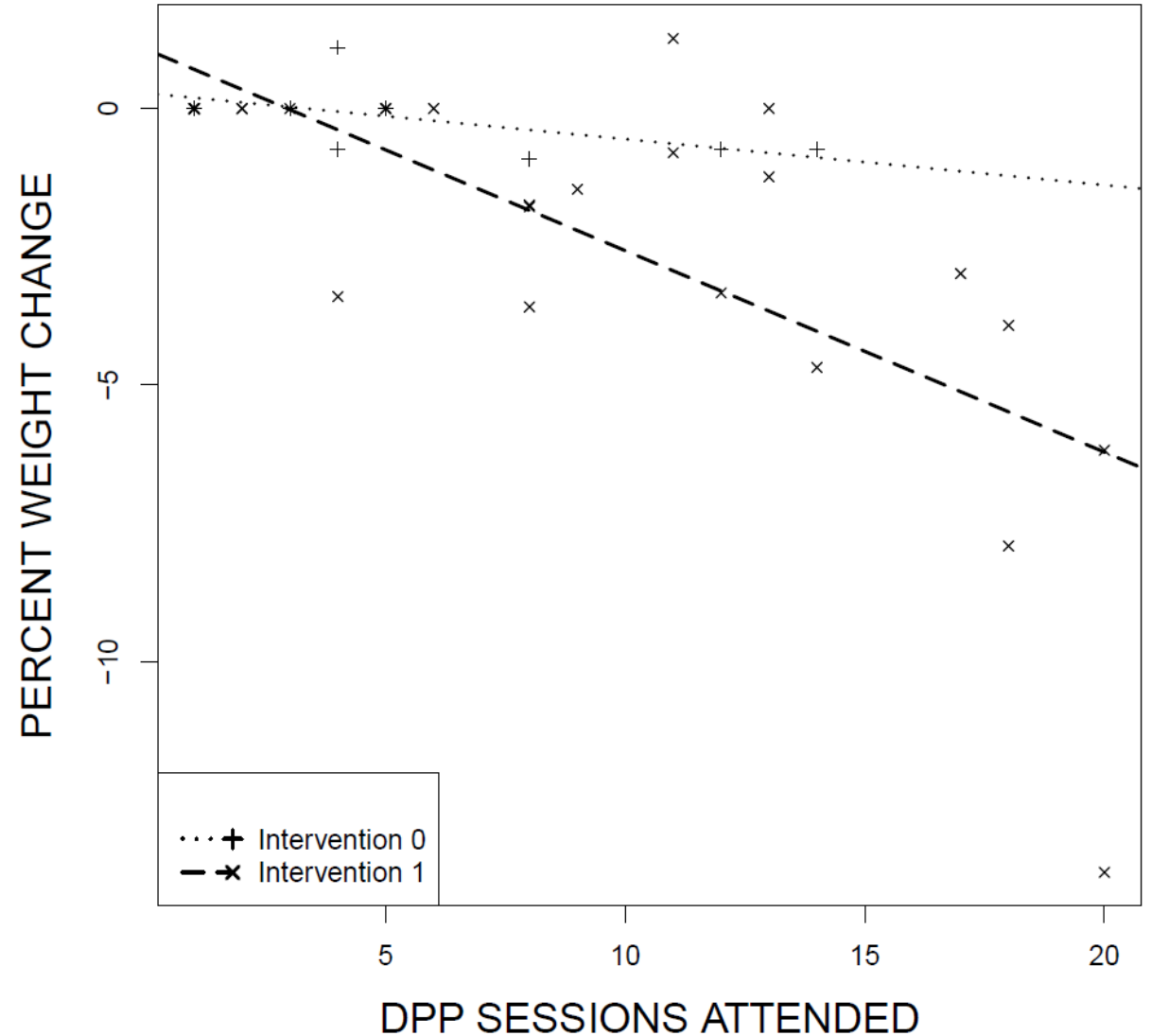
Attended 0 SCAN session (n=25)

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6.88 (5.49)

P= 0.197

Those who attended at least one SCAN session attended more DPP classes than those who attended zero SCAN sessions.

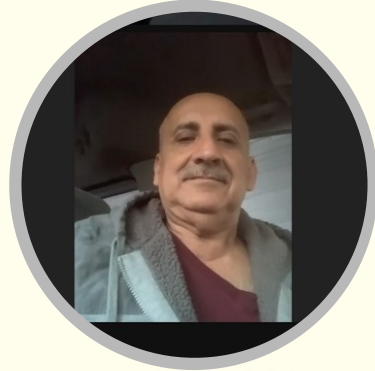




# Qualitative Findings



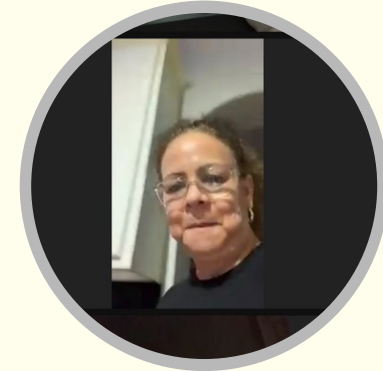
“I love the cooking habit. I realized I was eating a lot of junk food, the type of foods that were not healthy for my life. So, this program opened my eyes and really made me understand what I have to do or how to cook food, what to eat in the morning...I like it. I love it. Yeah. Opened my eyes to a lot of stuff”.



WEIGHT LOSS  
FOOD RX



“The cooking and the food. The cooking, the food they give to us , and the classes. So it really aids a lot.”



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“Sometimes my work schedule, but not too much. Sometimes it was a little complicated because I have children, so I could not be there at the time the program started.”



BEHAVIORCHANGE

# SCAN | CULINARY CLASSES SUMMARY



- SCAN is feasible
- It could possibly help with DPP retention
- May also improve weight loss in DPP







# Nourishing the Community Through Culinary Medicine



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# Study Aim



- Pilot test and evaluate a five-session, bilingual (English and Spanish), and culturally targeted Virtual Culinary Medicine program to promote cooking and healthy eating among patients with type two diabetes (T2DM).





# Recruitment

- Participants referred from our partner, Sanitas Medical Center in Houston and Dallas Metro areas

## Criteria:

- 18-70 years
- T2D
- HbA1c > 7.0%
- Medically insured by BlueCross BlueShield

# Culinary Medicine Intervention



*Five 90-minute sessions*

- English and Spanish
- Virtual but synchronous
- Some participants repeated

*Led by a registered dietician*

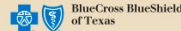
- Cooking using a recipe
- Basic cooking skills and techniques

*Virtual Culinary Medicine Toolkit*



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Educación para el paciente



El estudio Nutriendo a la comunidad a través de la medicina culinaria es un estudio piloto para implementar un programa virtual de medicina culinaria para adultos con diabetes. El propósito de este estudio es ver qué tan bien funcionan las clases prácticas virtuales de cocina saludable para ayudar a los pacientes con diabetes a cambiar sus hábitos alimenticios y mejorar su azúcar en la sangre y su salud. Este conjunto de herramientas es un recurso para ayudar a los participantes a desarrollar habilidades de cocina saludables y mejorar los hábitos alimenticios relacionados.



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# Toolkit is publicly available!



**GOAL Setting**

Patient Educational Handout

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Bringing all this information together, write one SMART goal to increase your physical activity. A SMART goal for physical activity means:

- S** specific physical activity you are completing
- M** measurable activity through heart rate, distance, or time to complete the action
- A** achievable means understanding where you are starting from and to not take on too much too quickly
- R** relevant to your life in terms of your schedule and starting fitness level
- T** time bound to be completed at specific time

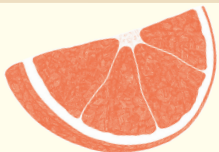
An unrealistic goal could be something like running five miles every day when you are not a regular runner. If we take this idea and make it into a SMART goal, then we would say I am going to start walking around my neighborhood for 15 minutes after work on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This goal includes a specific action that is being done, the days the action should be accomplished, an achievable starting activity, considers working around your schedule, and when the activity will be completed.

Your SMART goal:

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**Knife Skills**

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**Techniques** Proper knife skills will help you break down vegetables to the desired size and daily practice of these techniques will keep you safe.

- 1. Make sure knife is sharp**  
**Tip:** a sharp knife allows you to have more precise cuts
- 2. Use a stable cutting board**  
**Tip:** place a damp paper towel or non-slip mat underneath for stability
- 3. Take your thumb and index finger and pinch the bottom of the blade, take the other three fingers and wrap them around the handle.**
- 4. Practice the rocking motion**  
**Tip:** keep the tip of the knife on the cutting board

Watch the all about knife safety video here!



Scan this QR code to watch a video on knife safety

**Helpful Tips**

- Make your cuts similar for them to cook evenly.
- When cutting broccoli, hold the head facing down and trim the florets working around the base.
- To shred cabbage, cut it in quarters and slice the cabbage from top straight down through the core.
- To dice a sweet potato, cut it into halves until it is the preferred size to dice.

Watch the advanced knife skills video here!



Scan this QR code to watch a video on cutting vegetables

**Knife Cuts**

**1. Slice**  
Long, thin slices

**2. Dice**  
Large chunks

**3. Small Dice**  
Small chunks

**4. Mince**  
Very small imperfect cuts

**5. Half Moon**  
Even cuts

Watch the 5 basic knife skills video here!



Scan this QR code to watch a video on breaking down vegetables

# Session Flow

- Welcome
- Knife skills
- Cooking
- Animated videos and discussion







# Assessments & Analyses

## Assessments

- Self-administered (pre-post) surveys
- Electronic Medical Record data (pre-/post-/6-month follow-up)
- In-depth Interviews

## Analyses

- Multi-level mixed effects regression models
- Post-participation interviews (n=28) analyzed using framework analysis

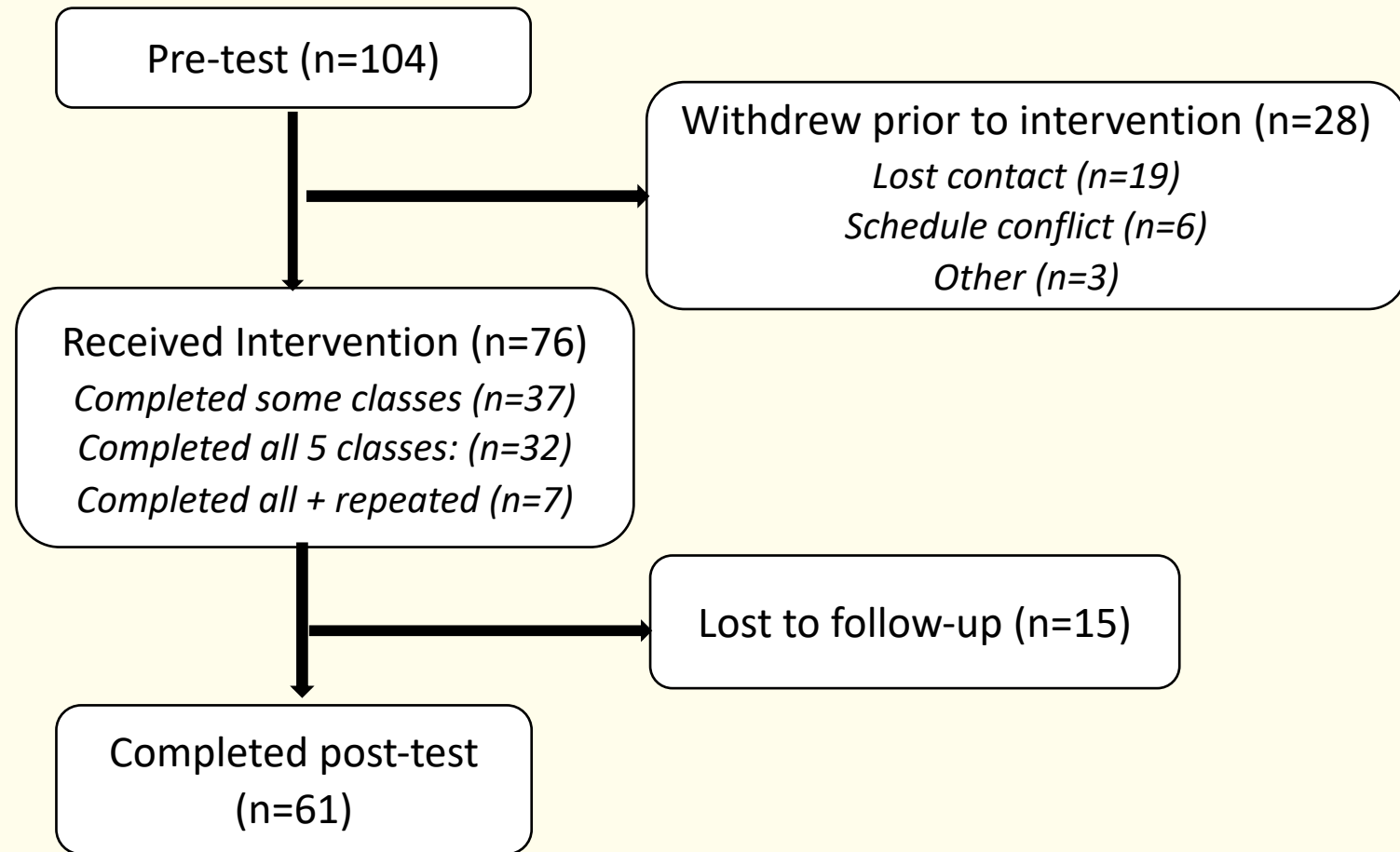
# Consort



Baseline

Intervention  
Delivery

Follow-up



# Demographics (n=104)



	mean ( $\pm$ SD) or n (%)
<b>Age</b>	<b>50.4 (9.8)</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>80 (76.9)</b>
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	<b>52 (56.5)</b>
<b>Black</b>	<b>26 (28.3)</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>14 (15.2)</b>
<b>Primary language</b>	
<b>English only</b>	<b>41 (40.6)</b>
<b>Bilingual</b>	<b>52 (51.5)</b>
<b>Other language only</b>	<b>8 (7.9)</b>
<b>Education</b>	
<b>College graduate</b>	<b>20 (19.8)</b>
<b>Some College</b>	<b>31 (30.7)</b>
<b>High School Graduate or less</b>	<b>50 (49.5)</b>
<b>Employed</b>	<b>65 (65.0)</b>

# Quantitative Study Results



Items	Pre-test Mean (SD)	Post-test Mean (SD)	Marginal Effects $\beta$ (95%CI) (n=61)
Servings of fruits and vegetables <sup>a,c</sup>	3.15 (2.90, 3.41)	3.79 (3.54, 4.04)	0.63 (0.35, 0.91) <b>p&lt;0.001</b>
Frequency of healthy food consumption <sup>a,b</sup>	2.93 (2.80, 3.05)	3.24 (3.12, 3.36)	0.31 (0.19, 0.44) <b>p&lt;0.001</b>
Barriers to healthy eating <sup>a</sup>	2.73 (2.52, 2.93)	2.12 (1.91, 2.33)	-0.61 (-0.83, -0.38) <b>p&lt;0.001</b>
Shopping, cooking, and eating behaviors <sup>a,b,c</sup>	3.21 (3.05, 3.38)	3.65 (3.49, 3.82)	0.44 (0.31, 0.57) <b>p&lt;0.001</b>
Diabetes Self-Management	2.86 (2.75, 2.97)	3.10 (3.00, 3.21)	0.24 (0.13, 0.35) <b>p&lt;0.001</b>
Cooking Self-efficacy	3.90 (3.72, 4.09)	4.71 (4.53, 4.90)	0.81 (0.59, 1.03) <b>p&lt;0.001</b>

Notes: \*\*\*p<0.001; Marginal differences calculated by multilevel mixed-effects linear regression. Confounding factors tested included class attendance, age, gender, ethnicity, education, employment, and participation in food assistance program. Adjustments were performed if effect estimations change by  $\geq 10\%$ ; a: adjusted for education, b: adjusted for age, c: adjusted for attendance



# Results: Perceived Health

Variable	Pre-test	Post-test	Pre-/post-test comparison
	n(%)		Odd Ratio (95% CI) p-value
	(n=104)	(n=61)	(n=61)
<b>Perceived Health in the past 4 weeks</b>			
Excellent	4 (3.9)	14 (23.7)	12.16 <sup>a</sup> (5.08, 29.10) p<0.001
Very good	17 (16.5)	22 (37.3)	
Good	34 (33.0)	18 (30.5)	
Fair	28 (27.2)	5 (8.5)	
Poor or very poor	20 (19.4)	0	
<b>Accurate MyPlate knowledge</b>			
Correct	54 (54.6)	43 (74.1)	2.98 <sup>b</sup> (1.11, 8.00) p=0.03
Incorrect	45 (45.4)	15 (25.9)	

<sup>a</sup> Odds ratio is calculated from Multilevel mixed-effects ordered logistic regression.

<sup>b</sup> Odds ratio is calculated from Multilevel mixed-effects logistic regression.



# Results: Other Clinical Outcomes

		Pre-test		Post-test		6 months Post-NCCM	Changes Pre-test to Post-test	Changes Pre-test to 6 months Post-NCCM
	n	marginal mean (96% CI)	n	marginal mean (96% CI)	n	marginal mean (96% CI)	Marginal differences <sup>1</sup> (95% CI) p-value	Marginal differences <sup>1</sup> (95% CI) p-value
<b>HbA1c</b>								
Adjusted model <sup>2</sup>	49	8.89 (8.32, 9.45)	29	8.16 (7.51, 8.81)	26	7.55 (6.86, 8.24)	<b>-0.73 (-1.33, -0.13)</b> <b>p=0.017</b>	<b>-1.34 (-1.97, -0.70)</b> <b>p&lt;0.001</b>
<b>BMI</b>								
Adjusted model <sup>3</sup>	49	36.97 (33.96, 39.98)	36	36.93 (33.85, 40.00)	34	36.61 (33.52, 39.71)	<b>-0.04 (-1.48, 1.39)</b> <b>p=0.952</b>	<b>-0.36 (-1.83, 1.12)</b> <b>p=0.636</b>
<b>Systolic Blood Pressure</b>								
Adjusted model <sup>3</sup>	49	130.73 (126.42, 135.04)	36	128.65 (123.78, 133.52)	34	123.85 (118.77, 128.93)	<b>-2.08 (-7.57, 3.41)</b> <b>p=0.458</b>	<b>-6.88 (-12.52, -1.24)</b> <b>p=0.017</b>
<b>Diastolic Blood Pressure</b>								
Adjusted model <sup>4</sup>	49	80.79 (78.96, 82.62)	36	81.06 (78.94, 83.17)	34	78.75 (76.54, 80.96)	<b>0.27 (-2.40, 2.93)</b> <b>p=0.843</b>	<b>-1.04 (-4.77, 0.69)</b> <b>p=0.142</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimates were calculated using Multilevel Mixed Effects Linear regression models.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted for ethnicity, gender, education level, employment status, participation in other food assistance program, need for diabetes medication.

<sup>3</sup> Adjusted for ethnicity, gender, age, education level, employment status, participation in other food assistance program, NCCM class attendance, need for diabetes medication.

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# Qualitative Interviews



Characteristic	Category	n=28
Sex	Male	2
	Female	26
Race/Ethnicity	Black	6
	Hispanic/Latino	13
	White	7
	Declined to Specify	2
Language	English	18
	Spanish	10



# Results: Qualitative Interviews

- **Motivation to participate**

*"Because of my diabetes. I wanted to learn new cooking recipes so I could learn how to eat healthier."*

- **Cooking classes**

*"Keep the classes coming...it's something that even if some doctor tells us to 'eat healthy' we have no idea...if you give us these classes, for us it is everything."*

- **Online resources**

*"As far as the toolkits, it was wonderful, the videos, all of it was super easy and also accessible."*





# Results: Qualitative Interviews

- **Customizability of recipes**

*"You can mix up which vegetables you're using, so it's really versatile."*

- **Sense of community**

*"I think it's kind of fun too because you get to kind of meet other people... we're talking about you the struggles we've had along the way. You know and I think that's good."*

- **Outcomes**

*"My A1C at one time was 11. I believe now I'm down to 8.2 So, it's just little changes, checking my levels, not using as much sodium, I never realized like prepackaged good has so much sodium..."*

*"With what I have learned, I pay more attention to the labels. I look at how much sodium..., how much sugar it has. Before I didn't pay much attention and now I do."*



# Limitations

- Uncontrolled pilot study design
- Small sample size
- Participants motivated to change health behavior
  - Sample might not be representative





# Discussion & Implications

- Brief culinary medicine intervention
  - Significantly improved healthy eating, cooking behaviors, diabetes self-management, cooking self-efficacy & perceived health
  - Reduced barriers to healthy eating and HbA1c levels
  - **Continued** to improve HbA1c levels 6 months post
- Teaching lasting culinary skills
- Potential to disseminate more widely (available online, can be delivered virtually)

# Next Steps

- NCCM Acres Homes
- Teaching Kitchen Collaborative Trial





# Be Well™ Acres Homes

Building a healthier community together



Funding for pilot on National Cancer Institute-funded U54 Acres Homes Cancer Prevention Collaboration (1U54CA280804-01), led by MD Anderson



# Specific Aims

- Aim 1. Conduct a pilot study of the *Nourishing the Community through Culinary Medicine* program with patients at UT Physicians clinics serving Acres Homes to assess feasibility and preliminary efficacy.
- Aim 2. Explore participant experiences in the pilot study to explain findings and finalize our protocol for a future large-scale trial.

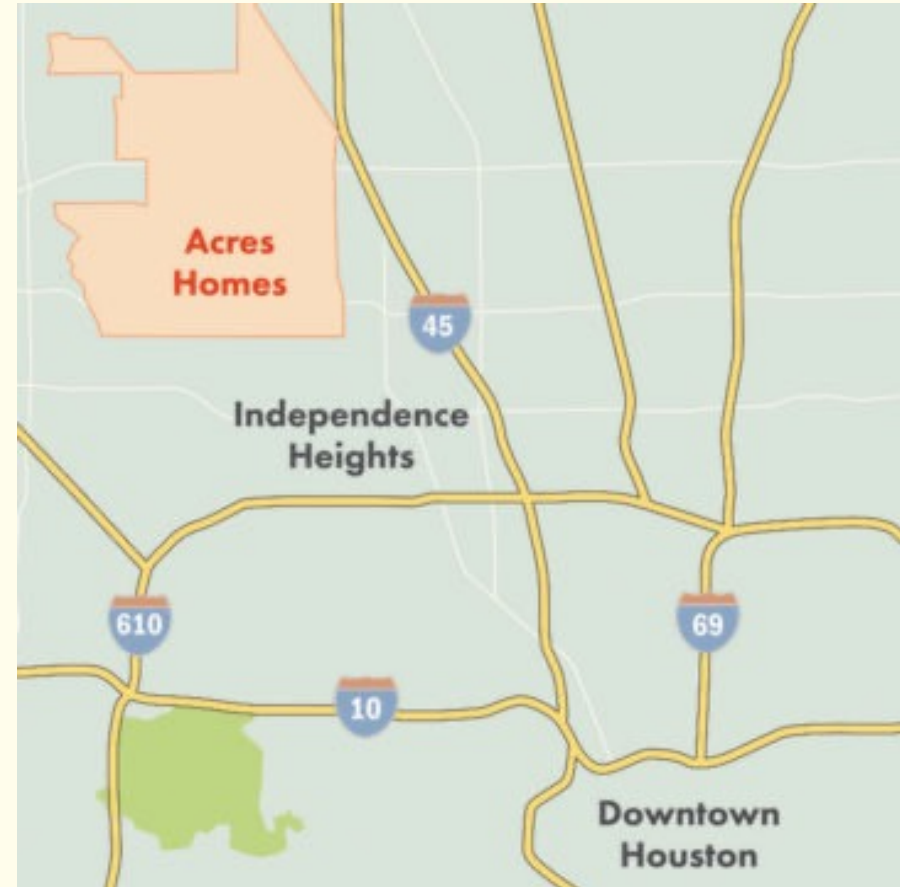
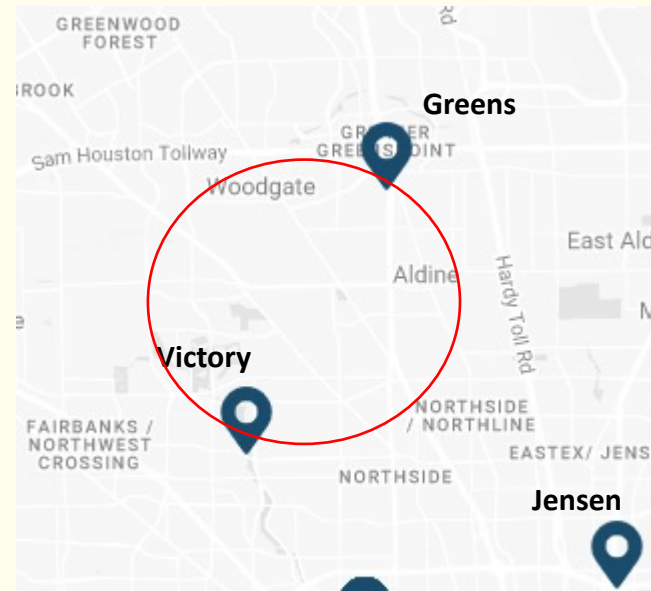


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# Design

- Intervention group: 66 patients from UT Physician clinics serving Acres Homes (Greens and Victory); Control group: 66 patients from Jensen clinic.
- NCCM classes on a rolling basis, hosting the 5-week program for 4-6 cohorts (2-3 cohort in each language, depending on demand) of 11-17 participants each.





# Data Collection

- Collect BMI and HbA1c from EMR at baseline and post-intervention.
- Participants will complete a self-administered questionnaire at baseline and post-intervention.
  - Measures: perceived health, average daily servings of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, frequency of healthy food consumption, shopping, cooking and eating behaviors, cooking self-efficacy, diabetes self-management, and perceived barriers to healthy eating.
- A subset of intervention participants will complete an in-depth interview to explore participants experiences.





# Teaching Kitchen Collaborative Trial

- Interactive hands-on cooking instruction, nutrition education, and health coaching that includes a focus on physical activity and mindfulness
- Weekly classes for 16 consecutive weeks then monthly for 8 months

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# Teaching Kitchen Collaborative Trial

- Assessments at baseline, 4 months, 12 months and 18 months
- Anthropometrics, bloodwork, questionnaires

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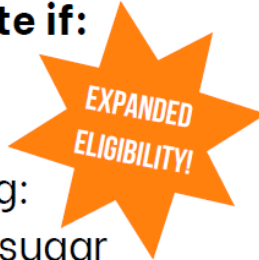
# Teaching Kitchen Collaborative Trial

**Enroll now for classes  
beginning January 2024!**

## **Participate in a FREE culinary based lifestyle program for people with metabolic risk**

### **You may be eligible to participate if:**

- you are 21-70 years of age
- have BMI 25-39.9
- have at least 1 of the following:
  - prediabetes or high blood sugar
  - fatty liver disease or abnormal liver labs
  - high cholesterol



### **Participants will receive:**

- Free teaching kitchen classes with all ingredients provided
- up to \$200 worth of incentives for completing study assessments

### **Program includes:**

- nutrition and health
- cooking skills and techniques
- movement and physical activity
- mindfulness and stress reduction
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