Children who eat regularly with their families tend to have healthier eating patterns that contain more fruits & vegetables and less fried foods & saturated fat. (American Dietetic Association)

Ideas for Creating a Positive Mealtime Atmosphere

- Involve children in grocery shopping, meal planning & preparation
- Offer a variety of choices from all food groups
- Reduce distractions: Turn off the TV or radio & let the answering machine pick up any calls
- Discuss positive events of the day or upcoming family activities
- Take your time through dinner & enjoy the extra few minutes at the table before cleaning up

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