The 6 Key Nutrients

NUTRITION:

Carbohydrates

 Major sources of energy in the diet

Major Function

Energy

Simple Carbohydrates:

Sugars

Complex Carbohydrates:

- Starches
- Supply vitamins and minerals
- Should eat a lot each day

Fiber:

- Complex carbohydrate
- Provides roughage that stimulates the intestines.

Glycogen:

• Carbohydrates stored for later energy use.

Sources:

- Fruits, vegetables, milk, candy, soft drinks, jams, jellies.
- High in calories but low in nutrients.

Sources:

 Dry beans, peas, starchy vegetables, rice, grits, pasta, oatmeal, cornmeal, breads, and cereals.

Sources:

same as carbohydrates

Proteins

Nutrients
 found in
 every cell in
 the body.
 Made up of
 amino acids building
 blocks for
 cells.

Major Functions

- Growth
- Fighting off disease

Complete Proteins:

• Contain all the essential amino acids.

Incomplete Proteins:

• Lack one or more of the essential amino acids.

Sources:

 Meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy products

Sources:

 dry beans, dry peas, grains, and nuts have more protein than other fruits and vegetables. (plant sources)

Fats	 Saturated Fats: Solid at room tempurature *Unsaturated Fats: Liquid at room temperature Hydrogenation: Oil that has been turned into a more solid fat, which makes it more saturated. 	Sources: • Animal foods and tropical oils Sources: • Vegetable oils
distribution and use of some vitamins	 Cholesterol: A fat like substance that helps the body carry out its many processes. 2 types- HDL- good/ high dencity lipids LDL- bad/ Low density lipids 	Sources: • Animal foods
Minerals • Builds tissue and regulates body functions. • Major Functions: • Essential parts of bones, teeth, and red blood cells. • Helps with proper functioning of muscles, nerves, and blood clotting	List the 12 Minerals: Calcium and Phosphorushelps bones and teeth Iron-red blood cells Potassium and Sodiumkeeps water balance Copper Iodine Magnesium Manganese Selenium Zinc	Sources of Minerals: • Fruits and vegetables
Vitamins Organic substances needed in small amounts	Fat Soluble Vitamins: • Mix only with fat Water Soluble Vitamins: • Mix only with water	List the 10 Vitamins: • Fat- Vitiman A, D, E and K • Water- Vitiman C, B - riboflavin,

Major Functions: • Regulate body processes • Enable other nutrients to work	thiamin, niacin, B6, B12 and folate Sources • Fruits and vegetables
Makas	
• Carries nutrients to the cells and waste products from the cells • 6-8 glasses a day	
Major Functions: • Replaces the amount lost through breathing, perspiration, and breathing	