## **Blueprints for Weight Loss.**

To build a house, a construction crew needs to:

- Follow a detailed blueprint or plan;
- Check their work against the blueprint as they go along; and
- When they run into problems, either do something different to follow the plan more closely or draw up a new blueprint.

What blueprint or plan have you been following to lose weight? What problems have you run into? What can you do differently to better follow the plan? Or is it time to draw up a new blueprint?

Blueprints for weight loss	Problems I've run into	What I could do differently to better follow the plan
Keep track of fat grams. Stay under a fat gram goal for the day.	<ul> <li>Not keeping track consistently.</li> <li>Not staying under fat gram goal for the day.</li> <li>Staying under fat gram goal but not losing weight.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use a different way to keep track.</li> <li>Set a fat goal for meals and snacks.</li> <li>Lower the fat gram goal.</li> </ul>
Keep track of calories and/or fat grams. Stay under a calorie goal.	<ul> <li>Not keeping track consistently.</li> <li>Not staying under calorie goal for the day.</li> <li>Staying under calorie goal but not losing weight.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use a different way to keep track.</li> <li>Use a calorie goal for meals and snacks.</li> <li>Lower the calorie goal.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Follow a meal plan for:</li> <li>Certain meals or snacks, or</li> <li>All meals on certain days of the week, or</li> <li>All meals every day.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not following the meal plan consistently.</li> <li>Following the plan but not losing weight.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Change the meal plan.</li> <li>Change the meal plan.</li> <li>Eat pre-packaged meals (made at home or purchased) for:</li> <li>Certain meals or snacks, or</li> <li>All meals and snacks on certain weeks of the month, or</li> <li>All meals and snacks on certain days of every week.</li> </ul>

