## Professor Patti's 12 Points

## How food during pregnancy affects baby throughout life

- The seeds of chronic disease or lifelong health are planted before birth.
- A mother's diet before she gets pregnant is just as important as what she eats while she is pregnant.
- During pregnancy, babies that grow poorly are at rsik for developing chronic diseases as adults.



- The size and shape of the placenta affects how easily nutrients can flow to the developing baby.
  - Babies at risk for developing chronic disease as adults can be born very small or very large.
  - Our communities provide the environment for the mother.





- A father's nutrition also plays a role in how a baby grows before birth.
- The foods we feed our babies until age two impact their health for the rest of their lives.



Risk for developing chronic disease passes from grandmother, to mother, to child.



We eat fewer fruits and vegetables and more fast food and packaged food.

Long-term stress can also slow the growth of a baby during pregnancy and lead to chronic disease risk



The risk for chronic disease can be changed!