Lifestyle behaviours and ADHD diagnosis in children

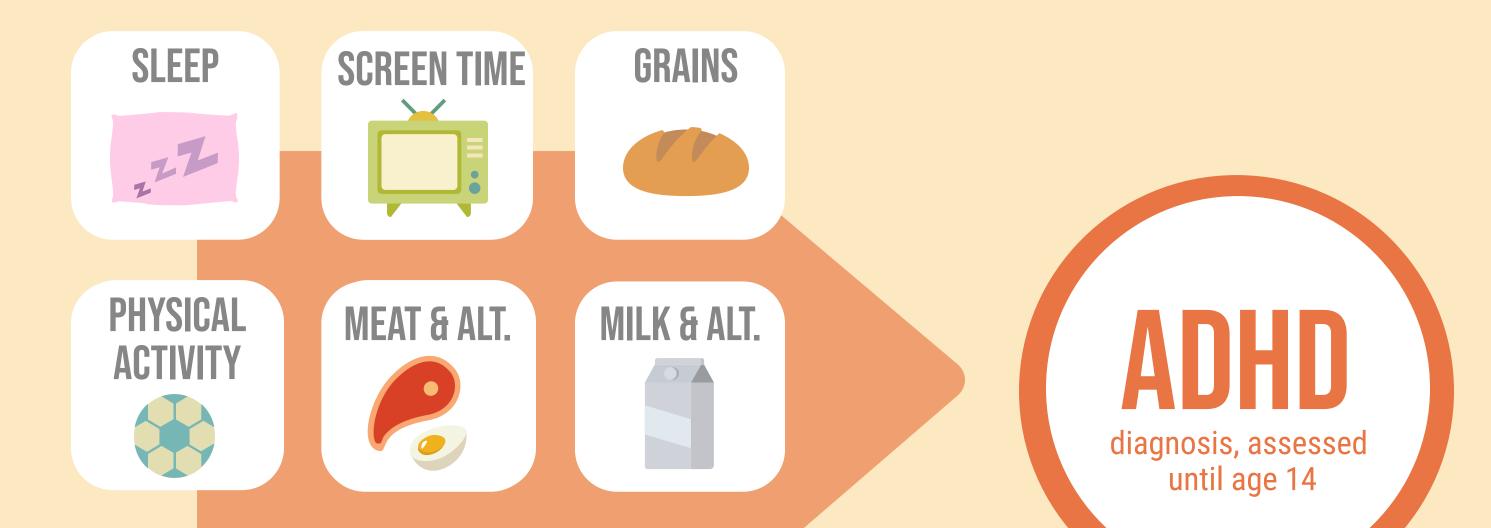




1 IN 9 children will be diagnosed with ADHD

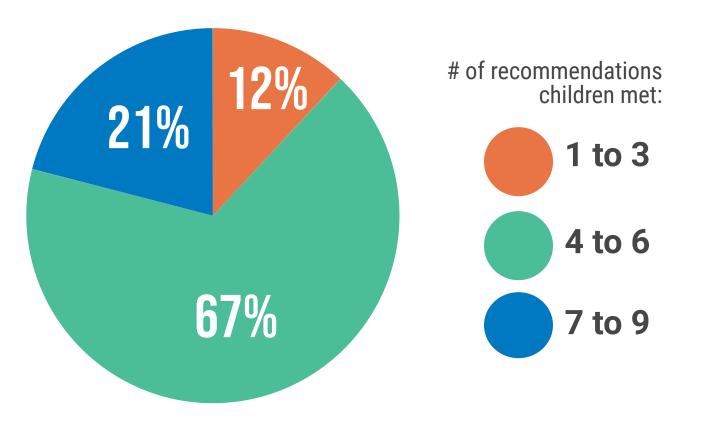
Childhood is an important time for establishment of patterns of lifestyle and also mental development

Meeting recommendations for **9 health behaviours in childhood** was linked to ADHD diagnosis in adolescence



Are children meeting recommendations?

Children grouped by number of recommendations they met (1-3, 4-6, and 7-9)



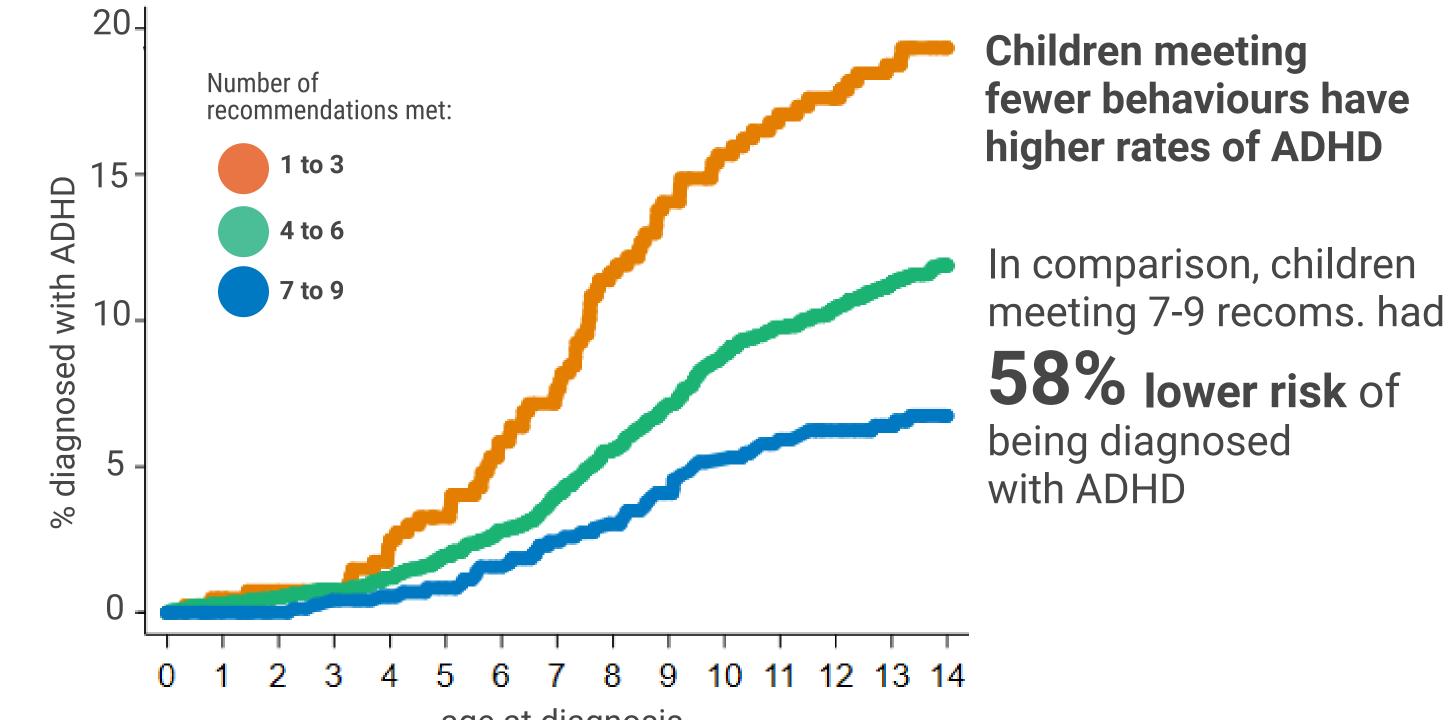
In a group of 3400 kids age 10/11, only **21% were meeting at least 7 of the 9 recommendations**



On average, children only met



Meeting recommendations linked to risk of ADHD diagnosis



5.3/9 recommendations

age at diagnosis

Healthy lifestyle behaviours in childhood may have additional benefits for ADHD in adolescence



Encouraging a well-rounded lifestyle has even more benefits than single lifestyle factors!

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Full results of the study and more information at: Loewen OK, Maximova K, Ekwaru JP, Asbridge M, Ohinmaa A, & Veugelers PJ. Adherence to lifestyle recommendations and ADHD: A population based study of children aged 10-11 years old. Psychosomatic Medicine. 2020. Published online. (doi: 10.1097/PSY.000000000000787)