

# MODIFIED MOVES MAXIMUM RESULTS

Enhance®Fitness  
FACT SHEET: February 2021



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EnhanceFitness is a proven community-based senior fitness and arthritis management program. It helps older adults become more active, energized, and empowered for independent living.

EnhanceFitness has been nationally recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, and the National Council on Aging.

## IN EACH ENHANCE®FITNESS CLASS, PARTICIPANTS EXPERIENCE:

- A certified instructor with special training
- Exercises focusing on cardiovascular endurance, strength, flexibility, and balance which can help reduce the severity of arthritis symptoms
- An atmosphere that encourages social interaction, which is a vital part of health and well-being for older adults

## WHO QUALIFIES?

EnhanceFitness welcomes older adults at all fitness levels. The program is especially beneficial for older adults living with arthritis.

## BY THE NUMBERS

Number of participants enrolled	<b>35,029</b>
Percentage of participants who improved/maintained at chair stand test	<b>72%</b>
Percentage of participants who improved/maintained at arm curl test	<b>76%</b>
Percentage of participants who improved/maintained at up & go test	<b>51%</b>
Number of states delivering the program	<b>45</b>
Number of Y associations offering the program	<b>248</b>
Number of program sites 81% Y Sites   19% Non-Y Sites	<b>440</b>

Data as of Feb. 2021

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## PROVEN RESULTS

### Studies show:

- 90%** participant **retention rate**<sup>1</sup>
- 13%** improvement in **social functioning**<sup>1</sup>
- 35%** improvement in **physical functioning**<sup>1</sup>
- 53%** improvement in **depression**<sup>1</sup>
- 26%** decreased risk of a **medical fall**<sup>4</sup>
- Fewer hospitalizations** and **\$945 less in health care costs** per year than non-participants<sup>2</sup>

## PARTICIPANT SATISFACTION

Over **99%** of participants say they **would recommend EnhanceFitness** to a friend<sup>3</sup>

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- 16-week (or ongoing) program
- Three 60-minutes classes per week
- Fitness assessment every 4 months

## PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

### RACE

White or Caucasian	60%
Black or African American	8%
A race not listed here	2%
Asian	2%
Two or more races	1%

### ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latino	3%
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### AGE

Less than 60:	3%
60-69:	15%
70-79:	42%
80-89:	22%
90+:	5%

Average Age

73

### SEX

Female	74%
Male	14%

### REFERRAL SOURCE

YMCA Staff or Volunteer:	43%
Friend or Family:	22%
Poster, Flyer, Event At Y:	10%
Other:	8%
Doctor or Other Provider:	5%
Y Website:	4%
Media:	3%
Mailing or Email:	3%
Health Insurance Company:	1%

\*Referral source categories are reflective of those reporting a referral source at enrollment

## ENHANCE®FITNESS National Footprint

For a complete list of  
EF sites, visit:

[ymca.net/enhancefitness](http://ymca.net/enhancefitness)

