



COMMUNITY CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF SONOMA COUNTY

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UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT Aligning Community Child Care Council (4Cs) Practices and Activities With the Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2011

RESOLUTION of **Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, Inc.**

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma is sponsoring a community-wide strategic initiative called Upstream Investments with the following **mission**: To facilitate the implementation of prevention-focused policies and interventions that increase equality and reduce monetary and societal costs for all residents of Sonoma County.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments **vision** for all residents of Sonoma County is that poverty is eliminated and all people have an equal opportunity for quality education and good health in nurturing home and community environments.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Initiative is designed to target the following **factors**:

Social and economic factors

Poverty and racial/ethnic disparities
Community conditions
Public opinion, public policy, and laws

Family and individual factors

Family dysfunction
Negative peer influences
Early antisocial behavior

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Initiative seeks to promote four community **goals**:

1. The whole community is engaged in supporting the healthy development of children.
2. Community members have access to education and training and are adequately prepared for the challenges of the future.
3. All community members are well-sheltered, safe, and socially supported.
4. Sonoma County has a thriving diverse economy that produces economic security for all.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Initiative seeks to expand **funding** for Model Upstream Programs and also seeks to promote **organizational practices** that support the Upstream Vision.

WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Strategic Initiative promotes the implementation of **outcomes-based practices** including Evidence-Based Practices, Promising Practices, and Emerging Practices.

WHEREAS, Twenty-two **indicators of success** will inform the community about the success of Upstream Investments.

1. Reduced child maltreatment
2. Reduced youth binge drinking
3. Reduced youth drug use
4. Reduced youth depression
5. Reduced youth tobacco use
6. Reduced teen births
7. Reduced obesity
8. Improved pre-school attendance
9. Improved 3rd grade reading
10. Improved 3rd grade math
11. Improved high school completion
12. Improved higher education
13. Improved housing affordability
14. Reduced homelessness
15. Reduced juvenile arrests
16. Reduced adult arrests
17. Reduced domestic violence
18. Reduced gang membership
19. Improved youth connectedness
20. Reduced poverty
21. Reduced unemployment
22. Improved health insurance rates

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County shares the Upstream Investments **mission, goals**, commitment to improving the **indicators of success**, and **vision** and has aligned its organizational practices with the Upstream Investments Initiative as follows:

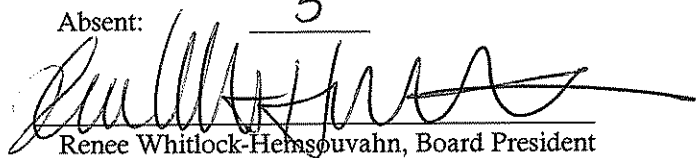
- ✓ **Improved preschool attendance** through thirteen (13) Title V high-quality preschool programs for low income children funded by the California State Department of Education, Child Development Division located throughout Sonoma County. Ongoing child and program assessment through the Desired Results Developmental Profiles and the Environmental Rating Scale tools. All preschool staff hold permits from the California Commission on Teaching Credentialing. In addition, three of our preschool programs are currently NAEYC Accredited. Currently serving 580 Sonoma County children.
- ✓ **Reduced Obesity** by ongoing participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program for our thirteen (13) child development preschools. Studies show that children in CACFP affiliated child development programs receive meals that are nutritionally superior to those served in programs without CACFP, including higher intakes of key nutrients, and fewer servings of fats and sweets.
- ✓ **Reduced unemployment and improved access to preschool and child care** for low income working families, families in a vocational education program or families whose children are at-risk of abuse or neglect through the Alternative Payment Subsidized Child Care Programs (CAPP and CalWORKS Stages 2 & 3).
- ✓ **Reduced Obesity** through our continued status as the Sonoma, Napa and Marin County Sponsor of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) for Licensed and Trustlined Family Child Care Providers. Studies show that children in CACFP affiliated child development programs receive meals that are nutritionally superior to those served in programs without CACFP, including higher intakes of key nutrients, and fewer servings of fats and sweets. 4Cs currently serves 359 family child care homes and the 3,152 children in their care.
- ✓ **Reduced Child Maltreatment** by providing training to 4Cs employees who have direct access to children and families in multiple levels of Triple P and the commitment to implement this program with all enrolled families at our thirteen preschool programs, in the Alternative Payment Program and in the Child Care Resource & Referral.
- ✓ Additionally, 4Cs is committed to ongoing and annual review of programs and services to determine alignment with the Upstream Investment focus and submitting programs for the **Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs**.

- ✓ All 4Cs programs and staff work in collaboration with many organizations that promote Upstream Investments throughout Sonoma County including:
 - First 5 Sonoma County - participation and collaboration on committees to support implementation of the Preschool Scholarship Program as well as their ongoing Professional Community Advisory Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Early Care & Education Committee, and Nurse Family Partnership Advisory Committee.
 - Kaiser Permanente – 4Cs has been the recipient of multiple Community Benefit Grants to increase child care providers use of local Farmer’s Markets and to implement Nutrition and Activity Policies in child care programs.
 - Members of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council
 - River to Coast Children’s Services
 - Community Action Partnership
 - Sonoma County Office of Education
 - Early Learning Institute
 - North Bay Regional Center
 - California Parenting Institute
 - Jewish Family and Children Services
 - West Ed
 - Santa Rosa Jr. College
 - Sonoma State University
 - And more...

- ✓ 4Cs is promoting community-wide knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments by:
 - Posting information in our social media efforts, like Facebook
 - Posting information on our web site
 - Including information in our e-newsletters
 - Talking about Upstream Investments at community meetings, like Chamber of Commerce meetings and mixers, Partnership for Children, and Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County.
 - Having information available for clients in our office and centers.

Approved and adopted this 24th day of May, 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Board Resolution was duly adopted by the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County, Inc. Board of Directors.

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 8
 Nos: 0
 Absent: 5


 Renee Whitlock-Hemsofvahn, Board President