



Department of Child Support Services

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT Aligning Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) Practices and Activities With the Upstream Investments Initiative

RESOLUTION of DCSS

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.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that DCSS shares the Upstream Investments mission, goals, and vision and has aligned its organizational practices with the Upstream Investments Initiative as follows:

Upstream Goal 1: The whole community is engaged in supporting the health development of children. DCSS establishes and enforces medical support orders, securing medical insurance for children from parents who have access to it. Annually, DCSS secures medical coverage for approximately 14,000 children.

Upstream Goal 3: All community members are well sheltered, safe and socially supported. DCSS will remain focused on promoting family and child self-sufficiency through its child support enforcement work. Annually, DCSS distributes between \$28,000,000 and \$30,000,000 to family and children locally. For many families, child support is the only mechanism keeping families out of poverty.

Upstream Goal 4: Sonoma County has a thriving diverse economy that produces economic security for all. DCSS will enhance its efforts to partner with other County of Sonoma Departments and community based organizations to help Custodial Parents and Non-Custodial Parents find additional avenues of economic self-sufficiency.

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Additionally, DCSS will prioritize the implementations and funding of Model Upstream Programs whenever possible (for instance, through RFPs, contracts, the development of new services, and when making decisions about the Department's budget).

One hundred percent of DCSS's funding to dedicated to upstream investment projects.

Approved and adopted the 23 day of July, 2012. I, the undersigned, was approved by the Executive Committee of the Department of Child Support Services of the County of Sonoma.



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