



## RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT

Alignment of First 5 Sonoma County with  
the Sonoma County Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution Date: Monday, March 28, 2011  
Commission Meeting

### RESOLUTION of **First 5 Sonoma County Commission**

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.

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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 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading | 20. Reduced poverty                 |
| 10. Improved 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade math   | 21. Reduced unemployment            |
| 11. Improved high school completion       | 22. Improved health insurance rates |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the First 5 Sonoma County Commission shares the Upstream Investments **mission, goals**, commitment to improving the **indicators of success**, and **vision** and is aligned with the organizational practices of the Upstream Investments Initiative as follows:

First 5 Sonoma County’s principles and strategic planning guidelines, including a commitment to funding evidence-based practices, are reflected in the Upstream Investments Initiative goals.

First 5 Sonoma County’s efforts are closely aligned with six of the Upstream Indicators of Success (as listed in Appendix A of the Upstream Investments Indicators of Success Report):

- By supporting training for and evaluation of the county-wide implementation of Triple P Positive Parenting Program, an evidence-based intervention to strengthen parenting capacity, First 5 Sonoma County aligns exactly with the Upstream indicator of **reduced child maltreatment**. The Triple P Program is currently listed on the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.
- By supporting the implementation of Nurse Family Partnership (NFP), an evidence-based intensive home visiting program to strengthen parenting capacity, First 5 Sonoma County aligns exactly with the Upstream indicator of **reduced child maltreatment**. NFP is currently listed on the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.
- By supporting scholarships for attendance at high quality preschools, First 5 Sonoma County aligns exactly with the Upstream indicator of **improved preschool attendance**.
- By supporting the overarching goal of the First 5 Strategic Plan, School Readiness, First 5 Sonoma County aligns exactly with the Upstream indicators of **improved 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading and math scores**.
- By supporting the implementation of AVANCE, an evidence-based Parent-Child Education Program which has shown to have a significant impact on increased maternal participation in the workforce and decreased reliance on public benefits, First 5 Sonoma County aligns similarly with the Upstream indicator of **reduced poverty**. The AVANCE Program is currently listed on the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.

- By supporting the Children’s Health Initiative, an evidence-based program which has shown improved medical care access and use by providing health coverage for children, First 5 Sonoma County aligns similarly with the Upstream indicator of **improved health insurance rates**.

By implementing these and other evidence-based programs, First 5 Sonoma County and its funded partners model upstream investing to benefit Sonoma County’s youngest children and the future of Sonoma County.

Approved and adopted this 28th day of March, 2011.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

**McGUIRE**   aye   **WEBER**   aye   **SCARDACI** absent **CHAVEZ**   aye  

**GORDON** absent **SOUKUP**   aye   **ESCOBEDO** absent **FOSTER**   aye  

**AYES**   5   **NOES**   0   **ABSTAIN**   0   **ABSENT**   3  

SO ORDERED.