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Sonoma County Upstream Investments Resolution of Alignment

Aligning La Luz Center with the Sonoma County Upstream Investments Initiative

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.

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| 1. Reduced child maltreatment | 16. Reduced adult arrests |
| 2. Reduced youth binge drinking | 17. Reduced domestic violence |
| 3. Reduced youth drug/alcohol use | 18. Reduced gang membership |
| 4. Reduced youth depression | 19. Improved youth connectedness |
| 5. Reduced youth tobacco use | 20. Reduced poverty |
| 6. Reduced teen births | 21. Reduced unemployment |
| 7. Reduced childhood obesity | 22. Improved health insurance coverage |
| 8. Improved pre-school attendance | 23. Improved fruit and vegetable consumption |
| 9. Improved 3rd grade reading | 24. Improved physical activity |
| 10. Improved 3rd grade math | 25. Improved dental visits |
| 11. Improved high school completion | 26. Decreased hip fractures |
| 12. Improved higher education | |
| 13. Improved housing affordability | |
| 14. Reduced homelessness | |
| 15. Reduced juvenile arrests | |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Luz Center 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:

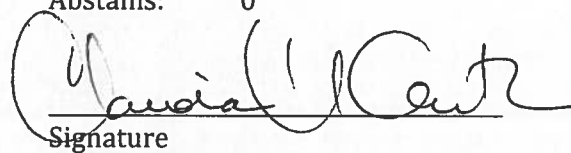
1. Founded in 1985, La Luz Center is a family resource center located in the Sonoma Valley that provides the community with a broad array of services from information and referrals, education, counseling, emergency intervention services, access to healthcare services, and leadership training. Our mission is to empower our community through education, leadership, and self-advocacy. The quantity and quality of our programs, enhanced by our active collaboration with many community partners, seeks to ensure that Sonoma Valley residents facing all types of challenges have the opportunity to actively participate in shaping the economic, social, and cultural aspects of our society. La Luz Center helps clients discover their full potential, drawing upon our community's wealth of knowledge, skills, and tradition in the process. About 70% of our clients are Latino immigrants or the children of immigrants. Nearly all of our clients live well below the poverty line and without La Luz Center they would have limited access to educational or support services in a bilingual or bicultural setting.
2. La Luz Center's programming positively impacts the following Upstream Investments indicators of success:
 - a. Reduced child maltreatment
 - b. Improved pre-school attendance
 - c. Reduced homelessness

- d. Reduced domestic violence
 - e. Reduced poverty
 - f. Reduced unemployment
 - g. Improved health insurance coverage
3. La Luz Center is committed to submitting its programs to the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.
 4. La Luz Center dedicates 100% of its funding to providing programming that supports the Sonoma County Upstream Investments community goals.
 5. La Luz Center's planning practices, organizational policies, budgeting, resource deployment, and contracting all reflect the Upstream Investments mission and vision.
 6. La Luz Center collaborates with Sonoma County Health Action, First Five, Mental Health Services Act, Cradle to Career, Childcare Planning Council, the Sheriff's Department, and Covered California in a partnership that promotes Upstream Investments.
 7. La Luz Center promotes community-wide knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments by linking to SonomaUpstream.org, including our alignment with Upstream Investments in our organizational publications; mentioning our Upstream Investments alignment in presentations to community organizations; and sharing our Upstream Investments alignment with our clients and community partners.

Approved and adopted the 14th day of April, 2014.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the La Luz Center.

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 13
 Nos: 0
 Abstains: 0


Signature

Claudia Mendoza-Carruth,
President, Board of Directors
La Luz Center