

The Living Room Center

Day Services for Women and Children Who are Homeless

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT Aligning The Living Room Center Practices and Activities With the Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution Date: July 20, 2011
RESOLUTION of The Living Room Center

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 The Living Room 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:

- ✓ The mission of The Living Room Center is to ease adversity and promote stability, dignity and self-reliance for women and children who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, in Sonoma County. We base our mission on the belief that each individual should have the opportunity for full participation in the community. We affirm the value and dignity of each individual.
- ✓ The Living Room Center intends to submit its Drop-In Center and Mother and Child programs to the **Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs**.
- ✓ The Living Room Center staff and its Board of Directors are committed to maintaining its program(s) as a strong, healthy, integral component of the homeless services continuum in Sonoma County.

Financial statements are provided to the Board of Directors for their review and adoption at regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

The Living Room Center maintains strong relationships with and works in partnership/collaboratively with a broad spectrum of Sonoma County organizations. These include:

Member

- Community Foundation of Sonoma County "Ending Family Homelessness Initiative"
- Sonoma County Continuum of Care Planning Group, "Health Care for the Homeless" Subcommittee, and "Mental Health/Alcohol and Other Drugs" Subcommittee
- Sonoma County Task Force for the Homeless
- Volunteer Center of Sonoma County

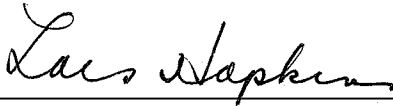
Collaborations/Partnerships (partial list)

- Shelters
 - COTS --Mary Isaak Center, Family Shelter
 - Catholic Charities -- Family Support Center, Russell Avenue Shelter, Samuel L. Jones Hall
 - Community Support Network/Opportunity House
 - Rose Women & Children's Emergency Shelter

- SAY -- Dr. James E. Coffee House
 - Sonoma Overnight Support
 - CAP -- Sloan House Women's Emergency Shelter
 - YWCA Safe House (domestic violence)
- Drug Abuse Alternatives
 - California Parenting Institute
 - County of Sonoma Mental Health
 - County of Sonoma Public Health
 - North Bay Veterans Resource Center
 - Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)
 - V.O.I.C.E.S.
 - YWCA of Sonoma County
 - City of Santa Rosa Housing Authority
 - Goodwill Industries
 - SonomaWORKS
 - Experience Works
 - Catholic Charities
 - Interfaith Shelter Network
- Community Action Partnership (CAP)
 - Verity
 - Legal Aid of Sonoma County
 - Sonoma County Master Gardeners – Harvest for the Hungry
 - Redwood Empire Food Bank
 - Food for Thought, Sonoma County AIDS Food Bank
 - Sutter Medical Center
 - Santa Rosa Free Clinic
 - Interlink Self-Help Center
 - Lomi Clinic
- ✓ The Living Room Center promotes community-wide knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments by posting a link to SonomaUpstream.org on our website.

Approved and adopted the 20th day of July, 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of The Living Room Center

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 12
 Nos: 0
 Absent: 1



 Lois Hopkins
 Secretary of the Board of Directors
 The Living Room Center