



RESOLUTION OF ALIGNMENT
Alignment of the
Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program
with
Sonoma County Upstream Investments Initiative

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Resolution of the Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program (PACEAPP):

Sonoma County is sponsoring a strategic initiative called Upstream Investments. This initiative has a mission to facilitate the implementation of prevention focused policies and interventions that utilize sound evidence based practices that will increase the quality of life and reduce monetary and societal costs for all residents of Sonoma County. The Upstream Investments vision is that poverty is eliminated and all people have an equal opportunity for quality education and good health in nurturing home and community environments.

The Upstream Investments Initiative is designed to target the following factors:

Poverty and racial/ethnic disparities
Community Conditions
Public opinion, public policy and laws
Family dysfunction
Early antisocial behavior
Negative peer influences

The Upstream Initiative addresses four community wide 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.

The Upstream Investments Initiative seeks to expand funding for Upstream model programs, through funding from foundations, state and federal funding, county funding, investment capital and business community individuals and through alignments. The Upstream Investments Initiative also seeks to promote organizational practices that support the Upstream vision.

There are twenty-two measurable indicators of success that will inform the community about the success of Upstream Investments. These indicators reflect the progress towards the Upstream Investments four community wide goals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program shares the Upstream Investments vision, mission, and goals and fidelity to improving the indicators of success. The Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program is aligned with the organizational practices of the Upstream Investments Initiative in the following ways:

- The Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program promotes the Initiative #2 goal, by providing child care subsidy to low income families to choose quality preschool and child development programs. All five indicators of success associated with this goal are aligned with this parent choice subsidy process.
- The Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program promotes the Initiative #4 goal, by providing child care subsidy to low income families, these families are able to remain employed or continue to attend a school/vocational program, allowing for greater economic stability. All three indicators of success associated with this goal are aligned with supporting stable employment to low income families.
- By providing parent education classes and referrals to other community based service organizations, The Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program aligns with Initiative Goals #1 and #3, by aligning with indicators of success with lowering instances of child maltreatment, reducing homelessness and locating affordable housing.



Through these efforts, The Professional Association for Childhood Education Alternative Payment Program and the Sonoma County Upstream Investments Initiative seek to benefit Sonoma County's children and the future of Sonoma County.

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