



UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT
Aligning Sonoma County Partnership for Children Practices and Activities
With the Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution No: 001
RESOLUTION of **Sonoma County Partnership for Children**

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 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 **Sonoma County Partnership for Children** shares the Upstream Investments **mission, goals**, commitment to improving the **indicators of success**, and **vision** and its organizational practices are aligned with the Upstream Investments Initiative as follows:

- ✓ Partnership for Children is a comprehensive, coordinated network of private citizens, organizations and government entities providing a united voice for our children in Sonoma County. We are a community movement working to achieve the social and policy changes necessary to make Sonoma County a safe and nurturing environment for our children. Our vision is exactly aligned with the Upstream mission and vision.
- ✓ Over time, Partnership for Children will be using the Upstream Initiative's **Indicators of Success** as measures for progress of the children's movement.
- ✓ Current Partners for Children include, among others, representatives from the business community, school districts, North Bay Leadership Council, Sonoma State University, First 5 Sonoma County, Sonoma Upstream Investments Initiative, Department of Health Services, United Way of the Wine Country, Bay Area Council, Sonoma County Office of Education, Volunteer Center of Sonoma County, SRJC, California Parenting Institute, Community Action Partnership Sonoma, Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Healthy Start Family

Resource Center and the League of Women Voters, as well as individual community members.

- ✓ Partnership for Children is **promoting** community-wide knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments by including Sonoma Upstream on our list of Partners on our website.

Approved and adopted the 28th day of April 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 001 was duly adopted by the **Sonoma County Partnership for Children** Planning Group.

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