

RUSSIAN RIVER COUNSELORS

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT Aligning Russian River Counselors Practices and Activities With the Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution No: _____
RESOLUTION of Russian River Counselors

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 Russian River Counselors 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:

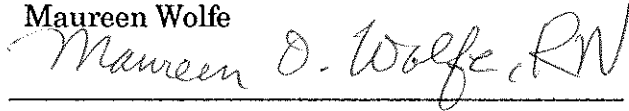
1. To reduce child maltreatment through our Domestic Violence groups and Parenting Classes.
2. Reduce Domestic Violence through our Domestic Violence groups.
3. Reduce youth depression through individual therapy.
4. Improve high school completion through family therapy and individual therapy.
5. Reduce youth binge drinking, drug use, tobacco use and teen births through individual, group, family therapy and parenting classes.
6. Improve youth connectedness by bridging relations in the community.

7. Our organization collaborates with many other organization that promote Upstream Investments such as, CPS, County of Sonoma, West County Health Centers, River to Coast Children Services and many others.
8. We will promote knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments to our clients and to others in the west county area whenever possible.

Approved and adopted the Third day of August, 2012. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the Board of Russian River Counselors.

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 6
 Nos: 0
 Absent: 2

Maureen Wolfe



Maureen D. Wolfe, RN

Clerk/Secretary for Russian River Counselors