

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT Aligning Sonoma County Board of Education Practices and Activities With the Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution No: 021-10-11

May 5, 2011

RESOLUTION of Sonoma County Board of Education

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 Sonoma County Board of Education 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:

The Sonoma County Board of Education's mission is to foster student success through service to students, schools and the community. This mission is directly aligned with Upstream mission to implement prevention-focused policies and interventions to increase equality and reduce monetary and societal costs for all residents of Sonoma County.

The following Upstream Indicators of Success are promoted by the Board of Education's practices and programs.

- ✓ Improved pre-school attendance
- ✓ Improved 3rd grade reading
- ✓ Improved 3rd grade math
- ✓ Improved high school completion
- ✓ Reduced gang membership
- ✓ Reduced teen births
- ✓ Improved youth connectedness
- ✓ Reduced poverty
- ✓ Reduced unemployment
- ✓ Reduced youth binge drinking
- ✓ Reduced youth drug use
- ✓ Reduced youth depression
- ✓ Reduced youth tobacco use

The following practices and programs reflect Upstream principals:

✓ Setting direction for the Sonoma County Office of Education

- ✓ The operation, review, and evaluation of juvenile court schools, community schools, and the Regional Occupational Program (ROP).
 - o Providing a Cal-Safe Teen Parent Program
 - Providing educational support through Court and Community Programs: Valley of the Moon Children's Home, Juvenile Justice Center, Sierra Youth Center and Probation Camps
 - o Improving the workforce opportunities through SCOE's Career & Technical Education programs: Regional Occupation Programs in high schools and career exploration in middle schools, College and Career Fairs, K-16 Career Development System
- ✓ Annual sponsorship of scholarships for post-secondary education to deserving high school graduates
- ✓ Adoption of learning resource materials and use of technology to support instructional programs on a regional basis.
- ✓ Review of service agreements in the areas of curriculum development, library/media services, supervision of instruction, pupil personnel services, and health services.

Approved and adopted the 5th day of May, 2011, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number <u>021-10-11</u> was duly adopted by the Sonoma County Board of Education.

Following Roll Call Vote:

Aves:

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Nos:

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Absent:

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Kathleen Willbanks, President

Sonoma County Board of Education