

**UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT**  
**Aligning Sonoma Community Center Practices and Activities**  
**With the Upstream Investments Initiative**

Resolution No: 2001  
RESOLUTION of Sonoma Community 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

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| 3. Reduced youth drug use                 | 13. Improved housing affordability  |
| 4. Reduced youth depression               | 14. Reduced homelessness            |
| 5. Reduced youth tobacco use              | 15. Reduced juvenile arrests        |
| 6. Reduced teen births                    | 16. Reduced adult arrests           |
| 7. Reduced obesity                        | 17. Reduced domestic violence       |
| 8. Improved pre-school attendance         | 18. Reduced gang membership         |
| 9. Improved 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading | 19. Improved youth connectedness    |
| 10. Improved 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade math   | 20. Reduced poverty                 |
| 11. Improved high school completion       | 21. Reduced unemployment            |
| 12. Improved higher education             | 22. Improved health insurance rates |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that SONOMA COMMUNITY 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:

Sonoma Community Center enriches the lives of the people of Sonoma Valley by fostering a broad range of cultural, educational, and community services, and by ensuring the preservation and restoration of its historic building. Sonoma Community Center is committed to increasing opportunities for all people to participate in and understand the arts. To fulfill that mission, the Center strives to present performances, events, and exhibits reflecting high standards of excellence, and to make those accessible to the broadest possible audience through arts education. The inclusion of the arts in a broad-based curriculum improves the quality of a child's educational experience. The arts teach discipline, improve self-esteem, inspire creativity, and help young people to set and reach goals.

Sonoma Community Center's practices and programs promote the following indicators of success:

1. Reduced youth binge drinking
2. Reduced youth drug use
3. Reduced youth depression
4. Reduced youth tobacco use
5. Reduced teen births
6. Reduced obesity
7. Improved higher education
8. Reduced juvenile arrests
9. Reduced gang membership
10. Improved youth connectedness

Sonoma Community Center commits to engaging in the process and intends to submit programs to the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.

Sonoma Community Center dedicates roughly 70% of its organizational funding to producing its programs.

Sonoma Community Center's strategic planning, policies, budget activities and contracting reflect upstream principles.


Sonoma Community Center collaborates with other organizations and government entities including the City and County of Sonoma. The Center is a recipient of City of Sonoma's Tier One funding, a program that leverages non-profits to provide services usually provided by a Parks and Recreation Department.

Sonoma Community Center promotes community-wide knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments by posting a link to sonomaupstream.org on its website, including Upstream Investments in its publications, and sharing our Upstream Investments alignment with staff, volunteers, clients, and Board Members.

Approved and adopted the 15 day of Jan 2014. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 001 was duly adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_

**SONOMA COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Following Roll Call Vote:    Ayes:        12  
   Nos:         0  
   Absent:     2

  
Clerk/Secretary for SONOMA COMMUNITY CENTER