



Sonoma County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT Aligning Sonoma County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Practices and Activities With the Upstream Investments Initiative

RESOLUTION of the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

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 the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission 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:

The mission of the Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission is to advocate and protect the safety and well-being of dependent and delinquent youth as well as promote intervention and prevention services and programs in Sonoma County.

Section 225 of the Welfare and Institutions Code requires each county to have a Juvenile Justice Commission. The role of the Commission is set forth in Sections 229, 230, 270, and 271 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Basically each commission is enjoined to inquire into the administration of juvenile justice in its county.

Law mandates that the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission inspect Juvenile Hall and all institutions used by the county for the confinement of minors and report findings annually to the Juvenile Court and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

In Sonoma County, the Commission is charged by the Board of Supervisors with the responsibilities of the Delinquency Prevention Commission. In this role, the Commission works with private and public agencies in developing delinquency prevention services and in supporting programs of benefit to youth in Sonoma County.

The Commission consists of up to 15 members appointed by the Juvenile Court to four-year terms. At least one of the members should be a juvenile, age 14-21. Members of the Commission are not paid for their services.

The Commission's responsibilities include:

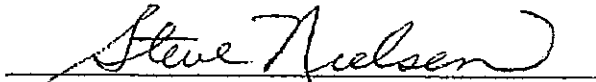
- *Inspecting juvenile facilities including detention facilities and group homes used for the placement of any minor in Sonoma County.*
- *Conducting public or closed hearing on matters relating to juvenile law in the County.*

- *Conducting investigations into complaints brought to the Commission concerning the welfare of children in the juvenile justice system.*
- *Advocating for needed services for youth in the justice system.*

In particular, our advocacy and activities are closely aligned with the Upstream Investments' identification of targeted factors; promotion of its community goals; and specifically the indicators of success related to reducing juvenile arrests and gang membership, improving youth connectedness, and improving high school completion.

Approved and adopted the 21st day of September 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commissioners.

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 8
 Nos: 0
 Absent: 3



Steve Nielsen, Chairperson

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