

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT
Aligning Verity ~ Compassion.Safety.Support Practices and Activities
With the Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution No: 101
RESOLUTION of *Verity*

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 and safety 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.



Compassion. Safety. Support.

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 *Verity* 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: *Verity* is committed to ensuring the safety, health and positive outcomes for youth and individuals in need, and is committed to working collaboratively with the County of Sonoma and all community based organizations to ensure the effectiveness and success of the Upstream Investments project.

Verity facilitates healing and promotes the prevention of violence by providing counseling, advocacy, intervention and education throughout our Sonoma County community. *Verity* promotes social justice and equality for all women, men and children whose lives have been

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impacted by sexual violence and trauma. *Verity* is committed to ending sexual violence by working in partnership with the community to eliminate those conditions that may cause or tolerate it. *Verity*'s mission is clearly aligned with the overall outcomes specific to the success of the Upstream Investment Program.

The following Upstream Indicators of Success are promoted by *Verity* practices and programs:

- ❖ Reduced child maltreatment
- ❖ Reduced youth binge drinking
- ❖ Reduced youth drug use
- ❖ Reduced youth depression
- ❖ Reduced youth tobacco use
- ❖ Reduced teen births
- ❖ Reduced obesity
- ❖ Improved high school completion
- ❖ Improved higher education
- ❖ Reduced homelessness
- ❖ Reduced juvenile arrests
- ❖ Reduced Sexual Assaults
- ❖ Reduced gang membership
- ❖ Improved youth connectedness

Verity is committed to submitting our programs to the Portfolio of Model Upstream programs. Some of those programs will be: MyStrength; Healthy Relationships; Girls Circle; Teen Assault Prevention Program; Child Assault Prevention Program.

Verity funding comes from a variety of sources: government, public, private, individual, foundations and corporations. All work of *Verity* is committed to successful outcomes as aligned by upstream investments.

Currently Girls Circle, MyStrength, Health Relationships, TAPP. CAPP, counseling services, prevention services, and intervention services reflect the overall intention of the Upstream Investment act, as well as financial, budget, and overall agency culture.

Verity collaborates with local government, non profit community based organizations and understands the importance and efficacy of these collaborative efforts.

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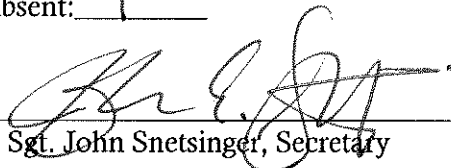
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Verity promotes Upstream Investment program through our website, Facebook, and other materials that are important in the overall publicizing of our work and the Upstream Investments program.

Approved and adopted the 23rd day of August 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 101 _____ was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Verity.

Following Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 7
 Nos: 0
 Absent: 1



Sgt. John Snetsinger, Secretary