



Operation Blanket

"Because Homelessness Isn't Seasonal"

UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT
Aligning OPERATION BLANKET Practices and Activities
With the Upstream Investments Initiative

RESOLUTION: February 14, 2015

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.

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WHEREAS, the Upstream Investments Strategic Initiative promotes the implementation of **outcomes-based practices** including Evidence-Based Practices, Promising Practices, and Innovative Practices.

WHEREAS, **Twenty-six indicators of success** will inform the community about the success of Upstream Investments.

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| 1. Reduced child maltreatment | 14. Reduced homelessness |
| 2. Reduced youth binge drinking | 15. Reduced juvenile arrests |
| 3. Reduced youth drug use | 16. Reduced adult arrests |
| 4. Reduced youth depression | 17. Reduced domestic violence |
| 5. Reduced youth tobacco use | 18. Reduced gang membership |
| 6. Reduced teen births | 19. Improved youth connectedness |
| 7. Reduced obesity | 20. Reduced poverty |
| 8. Improved pre-school attendance | 21. Reduced unemployment |
| 9. Improved 3rd grade reading | 22. Improved health insurance rates |
| 10. Improved 3rd grade math | 23. Reduced incidence of hip fractures |
| 11. Improved high school completion | 24. Increased fruit and vegetable consumption |
| 12. Improved higher education | 25. Increased access to dental care |
| 13. Improved housing affordability | 26. Increased physical activity |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OPERATION BLANKET 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:

- ✓ Since our inception, April 2014, Operation Blanket has helped many homeless children and their families in Sonoma County. With the help of local schools and businesses, Operation Blanket has provided donation bins in order to collect new,

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warm blankets that are then distributed to our local shelters that specifically assist this segment of our community.

- ✓ Operation Blanket positively impacts the following Upstream Investments indicators of success:
 - a. Reduced homelessness
 - b. Reduced poverty
- ✓ Operation Blanket is committed to submitting to the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs.
- ✓ Operation Blanket dedicates 100% of its funding to providing services that support the Sonoma County Upstream Investment's community goals.
- ✓ Operation Blanket's planning practices, organizational policies, budget activities, resource deployment and contracting reflect Upstream principles.
- ✓ Operation Blanket is in partnership with Catholic Charity Family that promote Upstream Investments.
- ✓ Operation Blanket promotes community-wide knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments by linking to SonomaUpstream.org on our website; including our alignment with Upstream Investments in all publications; mentioning our Upstream Investment alignment in presentations; sharing our Upstream Investment alignment with our staff, mentors, volunteers and with whom we interact.

Approved and adopted the 25th day of February 2015.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was dully adopted by Operation Blanket and its team of volunteers.

Following Roll Call Vote:

5 Ayes

0 Abstains

0 Nos

0 Absent

Cary Rich
Signature

Cary Rich, Team Member
Operation Blanket

