

## Upstream Investments Resolutions of Alignment



**River to  
Coast  
Children's  
Services**

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### UPSTREAM RESOLUTION of ALIGNMENT Aligning River to Coast Children's Services Practices and Activities With the Upstream Investments Initiative

Resolution No: \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLUTION of River to Coast Children's Services

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 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading | 20. Reduced poverty                 |
| 10. Improved 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade math   | 21. Reduced unemployment            |
| 11. Improved high school completion       | 22. Improved health insurance rates |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that River to Coast Children's Services 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:

- ✓ Reduced Child Maltreatment and domestic violence through our counseling program.
- ✓ Improved Preschool attendance through our Alternative Payment contracts and Family Child Care Contracts (child care) with the State Department of Education.
- ✓ Improved 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading and math through our school readiness, kindergym and literacy activities.
- ✓ Reduced poverty through our child care contracts and emergency resources programs.
- ✓ Reduced unemployment through our child care contracts.
- ✓ Most of the programs above are in collaboration with organizations throughout Sonoma County such as First 5 Commission, Human Services Commission, SCOE (Aiming High), members of the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council and other west county non profits and service organizations.
- ✓ We will promote knowledge and understanding of Upstream Investments to our clients and to others in the west county area whenever possible.

Approved and adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2011. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number \_\_\_\_\_ was duly adopted by the River to Coast Children's Services Board.

Following Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:

10

Nos:

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Absent:

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*Brian Hill*

Secretary for River to Coast Children's Services