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Re: Incorporation of Florida Chapter of AFCC, INC.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the Articles of Incorporation Florida Chapter of AFCC, INC. I also enclose my check in the amount of **\$87.50** for the filing fee of \$35.00, Designation of Resident agent fee of \$35.00, Certified Copy \$8.75 and Certificate of Status \$8.75. Please forward the Certified copy and the Certificate of Status to me after the Articles are filed by your office.

If you have any questions in regard to any of the enclosures, or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,


Michael F. Dignam

Enclosure

Sheldon D. Finman, J.D.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FLORIDA CHAPTER OF AFCC, INC.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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The undersigned incorporators, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes), do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1
NAME**

The name of the Corporation is : Florida Chapter of AFCC, INC.

The principal address is: 2215 First Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901

**ARTICLE 2
NOT FOR PROFIT**

The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

**ARTICLE 3
DURATION**

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE 4
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized not for profit and the objects and purposes to be transacted and carried on are:

- A. To provide an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of ideas and the development of procedures to assist families in conflict;
- B. To encourage development of courts and court procedures emphasizing collaborative methods of dispute resolution;
- C. To develop and improve the provision of services that aid in the resolution of family disputes; and
- D. To protect the interests of children in relation to all aspects of family law, child protection proceedings and all other legal proceedings affecting children. To strengthen the family unit and minimize family strife.

- E. To engage in any lawful activity for which not-for profit corporations may be organized.

ARTICLE 5 LIMITATION

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Directors or Officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV (Purposes) hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign or on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have Voting Members as may be provided by the Bylaws, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as set forth in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may also provide for Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE 7 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is: Sheldon E. Finman, J.D., 2215 First Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901. The name of the initial Registered Agent is Sheldon E. Finman, J.D.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Sheldon E. Finman, an individual residing in the State of Florida, having a business office identical with registered office of the Corporation and having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation of FLORIDA CHAPTER OF AFCC, is familiar with and does hereby accept the

obligations of the position of Registered Agent under Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes. I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Date: April 12, 2001

Sheldon E. Finman
Sheldon E. Finman, J.D.

ARTICLE 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be three (3). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three(3). The Voting Members shall elect the Directors at an annual meeting of Voting Members. The initial Board of Directors shall be elected at the first meeting of the Voting Members.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Directors and Officers are subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE 11 NONSTOCK BASIS

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated on a nonstock basis and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock or other certificates or writings evidencing an ownership or proprietary interest in the Corporation.

**ARTICLE 12
INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation may indemnify each Officer and Director, including former Officers and Directors, to the full extent permitted by the Florida General Corporation Act and the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

**ARTICLE 13
DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of pursuant to Florida law and exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE 14
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATION EXISTENCE**

The date when corporate existence shall commence as of the time and date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of Florida pursuant to Section 617.0123, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 15
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of each Incorporator is as follows:

Sheldon E. Finman, J.D.
2215 First Street
Fort Myers, FL 33901

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned Incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 12th day of April, 2001.


Sheldon E. Finman, J.D.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12th day of April, 2001, by SHELDON E. FINMAN, ✓ who is personally known to me or who produced _____ as identification.



Melissa J Butler
My Commission CC668387
Expires October 17, 2001

Melissa J. Butler
Notary Public - Signature
Printed Name: Melissa J. Butler
Commission No. and Expiration
Date: October 17, 2001