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NWF Partnership for Better Communities, Inc.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NWF PARTNERSHIP FOR BETTER COMMUNITIES, INC.

The undersigned incorporator to these articles of incorporation hereby forms a corporation not for profit (the "Corporation") under the laws of the State of Florida as follows:

ARTICLE I Name, Principal Place of Business, and Mailing Address

The name of this Corporation is: NWF Partnership for Better Communities, Inc. The principal office and mailing address of this Corporation are: 525 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

ARTICLE II Term of Existence

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be the date of the filing of these articles of incorporation by the office of the Florida Department of State and the Corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

ARTICLE III Purpose

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, including, but not limited to:

- (a) ensuring that Big Bend Community Based Care, Inc. ("BBCBC") is able to provide the highest quality child welfare, substance abuse, and mental health services to children, adults, and their families within their communities through a managed network of accredited providers; and
- (b) developing and managing a comprehensive services and support network that will include (i) foster placement and extended foster care and independent living services, (ii) the coordinated, community-based system of care provided by BBCBC to children and families of northwest Florida who have been victims of, or at risk of, abuse, neglect or abandonment, and (iii) providing additional guidance to families regarding their day-to-day needs designed to increase the stability and resiliency of such families and children in order to promote permanency.

The Corporation shall have all powers now or hereafter granted by law, and in addition thereto shall have all powers lawfully necessary or required to carry out its

purposes and objects. All of the assets or earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual, and no part of its activities shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

ARTICLE IV Members

The Corporation shall not have any members.

Name

ARTICLE V Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 525 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32301, and the name of its registered agent at such address is Mike Watkins.

ARTICLE VI Directors

The Corporation shall have nine (9) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time and their election and appointment shall be as specified in the bylaws of the Corporation, provided that the Corporation shall always have at least three directors. The name and address of each initial director of the Corporation who shall serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified are:

	
Jeffrey Pic	525 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32301
Reggie Johns	525 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32301
Denise Meyers	525 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32301
Linda Nelson	525 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32301

Address

Kathy Milton

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Tallahassee, FL 32301

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525 N. Martin Luther King

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Pauline Patrick

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Michael Beedie

525 N. Martin Luther King

Boulevard

Tallahassee, FL 32301

ARTICLE VII Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator signing these articles of incorporation are:

Name

<u>Address</u>

Cristin C. Keane

4221 W. Boy Scout Blvd.

Suite 1000

Tampa, FL 33607

ARTICLE VIII Bylaws

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX Amendment

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE X Dissolution

Upon a dissolution of the Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE XI Limitations

Section 1. <u>Legislative and Political Activity</u>. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements in connection with) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 2. <u>Property</u>. The property, assets, profits, and net income of the Corporation are dedicated irrevocably to the purposes set forth herein. No part of the Corporation's profits or net earnings shall inure to the benefit of its directors, officers, members, or to the benefit of any private individual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation this 6 day of 5 thruste. 2017.

Cristin C. Keane, Incorporato

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the Corporation, at the place designated as the registered office, the undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of its duties, and is familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of its position as registered agent.

Dated this ____ day of _______2017.

Registered Agent