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MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC..

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, and respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of such incorporation under the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of this corporation shall be MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC., and its initial principal office shall be 312 NE Duval Street, Madison, Florida 32340, and its mailing address shall be 312 NE Duval Street, Madison, Florida 32340.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The general purpose and objects of this corporation shall be to:

- a. Prepare preschool children to enter kindergarten ready to learn, as measured by the criteria established by the Florida Partnership for School Readiness,
- b. Provide extended-day, extended-year services to the maximum extent possible to meet the needs of parents who work,
- c. Coordinate staff development and teaching opportunities,
- d. Provide expanded access to community services and resources for families to help achieve economic self-sufficiency,
- e. Provide a single point of entry and unified waiting list,

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- f. Serve at least as many children as were served prior to the implementation of the School Readiness Program,
- g. Develop a community plan to address the need to all eligible children,
- h. Meet all state licensing guidelines, where applicable,
- j. And own, manage, operate and maintain a center and all purposes related thereto and for which not-for-profit corporations may be organized.

ARTICLE III.

AUTHORIZED SHARES OF STOCK

This corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. This corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of statements. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United State internal revenue law, or 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. On the dissolution of this corporation the board of directors shall dispose of all of the assets of this corporation exclusively

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for the purposes of this corporation in the manner or to the organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for programs for preschool children and related purposes which shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of this corporation. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the principal office of this corporation is then located exclusively for the stated purposes or to the organizations that the court determines are organized and operated exclusively for programs for preschool children and related purposes.

ARTICLE IV.

USE OF REVENUE

All revenue, profit, income and money received from the conduct of such business or enterprise is to be used and employed for the purposes described in Article II of these Articles of Incorporation, and related purposes and not for the benefit of the members of said corporation, either individually or collectively.

ARTICLE X.

POWERS

This corporation is to have the power to do any and all things necessary or expedient for carrying out the said objects and purposes of the corporation and in general to possess all rights, privileges and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits granted to corporations of similar character under the law of the State of Florida.

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ARTICLE XI.

RESTRICTIONS

The activities of this corporation shall be limited to the purposes described in Article II of these Articles of Incorporation, and other purposes that permit a corporation to qualify as a tax exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3), of the Internal Revenue Code as presently enacted or might hereinafter be amended. Any activity in violation of such section of law is strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE XII

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Coalition shall consist of at least 18 but not more than 25 members. Members refer to both statutorily mandated members and appointed members. More than one-third of the members must be from the private sector, and neither they nor their families may earn an income from the early education and child care industry. No member may appoint a designee to act in his or her place (other than the county health director).

Membership shall be comprised of statutorily mandated members, appointed members and more than one-third of the members from the private sector, as prescribed by the School Readiness Act.

A. Designated Members:

1. Department of Children and Families district administrator
2. District superintendent of schools
3. Regional workforce development board chair or director
4. County health department director or designee
5. Child care licensing agency head
6. Central agency administrator
7. Head Start director

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B. Appointed Members by the:

1. Children and Families district administrator
2. County commissioners
3. District school board
4. Chamber of Commerce and/or economic development council
5. Representative of private childcare providers
6. Representative of faith-based providers

C. Additional members may be appointed by the Coalition as needed.

Terms of office and all other matters relating to members shall be governed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII

TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, and shall commence its corporate existence as of the date of the filing of these Articles.

ARTICLE XIV

NAME OF INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lucile Day	312 NE Duval Street Madison, Florida 32340

ARTICLE XV

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The method of election of directors and officers shall be as stated in the By-Laws.

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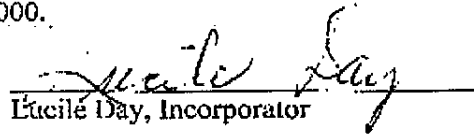
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ARTICLE XVI

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND RESIDENT AGENT

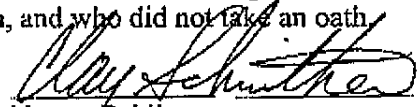
The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be 312 NE Duval Street, Madison, Florida 32340, and the mailing address is 312 NE Duval Street, Madison, Florida 32340, and the initial resident agent of the corporation shall be Lucille Day, whose business office is 312 NE Duval Street, Madison, Florida 32340,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said incorporator has hereunto set her hand and seal this 27th day of March, A. D. 2000.

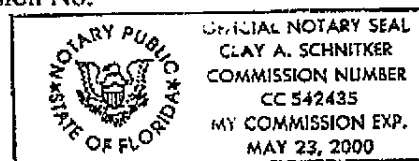

Lucile Day, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MADISON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly authorized in the State an County named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared LUCILE DAY, who is personally known to me to be the person described as the incorporator in, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that they subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation, and who did not take an oath.


Notary Public
Commission No.

My Commission Expires:



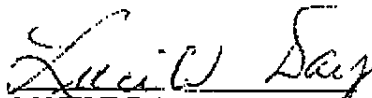
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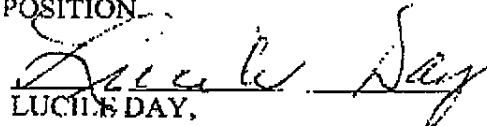
CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OR PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLA. STAT. 48.091, AND 617.0501, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC., TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF FLORIDA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT 312 NE DUVAL STREET, MADISON, FLORIDA 32340, COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED LUCILE DAY, WHOSE PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS 312 NE DUVAL STREET, MADISON, FLORIDA 32340, AND WHOSE MAILING ADDRESS IS 312 NE DUVAL STREET, MADISON, FLORIDA 32340, COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF FLORIDA, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.


LUCILE DAY, Incorporator
Dated: March 27, 2000

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH, AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF THAT POSITION.


LUCILE DAY,
Resident Agent
Dated: March 27, 2000

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