

Hardee County School Readiness Coalition

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ATTN: New Corporation Filing

Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed is the Hardee County School Readiness Coalition's Articles of Incorporations and By-Laws which are required to be filed with the Department of State as per Florida Statutes 617.0122 and 617.0125.

Attached is Coalition warrant issued in the amount of \$78.75 for cost of filing (\$70.00) and a certified copy (\$8.75) to be returned to us at the above address.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Vida A. Tomlinson

Vida A. Tomlinson
Chairman

Enclosures (3)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

March 30, 2000

VIDA A. TOMLINSON
P O BOX 2326
WAUCHULA, FL 33873

SUBJECT: THE HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.
Ref. Number: W00000008548

We have received your document for THE HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

The registered agent and street address must be consistent wherever it appears in your document.

The effective date is not acceptable since it is not within five working days of the date of receipt.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.")

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6915.

Pamela Hall
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.

A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

In Compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, all of whom are residents of the state of Florida and all of whom are of full age, have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I

Name of Corporation

The name of the corporation is The Hardee County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Principle Office

The principle office of the corporation is located c/o the Hardee County School Board Office, 1009 North Sixth Avenue, Wauchula, Florida 33873 and whose mailing address is P.O. Box 2326, Wauchula, Florida 33873.

ARTICLE III

Registered Agent and Registered Office

The street address of the registered office of this corporation in the state of Florida is 1009 North Sixth Avenue, Wauchula, Florida 33873. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the registered office to any other address in Florida. The initial registered agent of this corporation is Vida A. Tomlinson whose address is 1009 North Sixth Avenue, Wauchula, Florida 33873.

ARTICLE IV

Purpose

This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members, and is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The specific purpose for which this corporation is formed is to implement section 411.01, Florida Statutes. Under section 411.01, the purposes for forming this corporation include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. To prepare children from birth to 5 years of age, or until the child enters kindergarten, to enter kindergarten ready to learn.
2. To create a program to be administered by The Hardee County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.
3. To implement a comprehensive program of readiness services that enhance the cognitive, social, and physical development of children to achieve the performance standards and outcome measures specified by the partnership.
4. To accommodate the needs of children for extended-day and extended-year services, without compromising the quality of the program, by providing extended-day and extended-year services to meet the needs of parents who work.
5. To ensure coordinated staff development and teaching opportunities.
6. To provide expanded access to community services and resources for families to help achieve economic self-sufficiency.
7. To ensure a single point of entry and a unified entry list.
8. To serve at least as many children as were served prior to implementation of The Hardee County School Readiness Coalition, Inc. program, as long as funding or eligible populations do not decrease.
9. To ensure there is a community plan to address the needs of all eligible children.

ARTICLE V

Powers

This corporation shall have the following powers:

1. The corporation shall have the power to do all lawful acts which are, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and accomplish the objectives of the corporation, and which are consistent with the provisions of Florida Statutes. The corporation shall have all powers granted to corporations not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, whether or not specifically enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws.
2. 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 on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. The corporation shall remain a corporation not for profit. No dividends shall be paid by the corporation, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the

benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors or officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes set forth in these Articles.

ARTICLE VI

Operating Restrictions

If the corporation is at any time deemed to be a private foundation, it shall be subject to the following rules: The corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943© of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of at least 18, but not more than 25, members. The composition of the Board must conform to the provisions of section 411.01 (5) (a), Florida Statutes as stated in the By-Laws.

The names and addresses of the Directors to these Articles of Incorporation

Vida Tomlinson
803 Shady Nook Circle
Wauchula, FL 33873

Denise Grimsley
515 S. 6th Ave
Wauchula, FL 33873

Dr. Josephine Thompson
324 North 6th Ave
Wauchula, FL 33873

Derrel Bryan
P.O. Box 1678
Wauchula, FL 33873

Dan Costello
P.O. Box 368
Lakeland, FL 33802-0368

Sue Gray
4720 Old Hwy 37
Lakeland, FL 33831

Talmdage Albritton
1586 Thompson Dr.
Wauchula, FL 33873

Mae Gambler
P.O. Box 2362
Wauchula, FL 33873

Jim Gose
600 West College Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825

Gordon Norris
412 W Orange St., Rm A-203
Wauchula, FL 33873

Linda Clark
117 Illinois Ave
Wauchula, FL 33873

Jan Platt
P.O. Box 1678
Wauchula, FL 33873

Sandra Griffin
115 K.D. Revell Road
Wauchula, FL 33873

Angel Rodriguez
P.O. Box 1549
Wauchula, FL 33873

Tomasita Cortez
414 West Townsend
Wauchula, FL 33873

Harold Tatum
2915 Schoolhouse Rd
Wauchula, FL 33873

Gloria Davis
P.O. Box 516
Wauchula, FL 33873

Janet Hendry
P.O. Box 683
Wauchula, FL 33873

Jill Fallon
520 Carlton Street
Wauchula, FL 33873

Mary Jane Lloyd
930 SE Lakeview Dr.
Sebring, FL 33870

Barbara Mainster
420 West Main Street
Immokalee, FL 34142

Gilbert Vasquez
P.O. Box 1789
Wauchula, FL 33873

Yolanda Villarreal
P.O. Box 1161
Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

Gaye Williams
1 West Main Street
Avon Park, 33825

ARTICLE IX

Officers

The officers of this corporation shall be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for one-year terms. There shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect or appoint additional officers who shall also be members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

Duration

The corporation shall exist perpetually, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE XI

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all corporate liabilities shall be conveyed to (1) such organization or organizations as shall be selected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided, however, that such organization or organizations must be recognized as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 170 © (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law; or (2) to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE XII

Incorporators

The Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Name	Address
<u>Vida A. Tomlinson</u>	<u>803 Shady Nook Circle, Wauchula, FL 33873</u>
<u>Denise Grimsley</u>	<u>515 South 6th Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873</u>
<u>Dr. Josephine Thompson</u>	<u>324 North 6th Ave., Wauchula, FL 33873</u>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purposes of forming this corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, the undersigned incorporators of THE HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC. have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20th day of March, 2000.

Vida A. Tomlinson
Incorporator Vida A. Tomlinson

Denise Grimsley
Incorporator Denise Grimsley

Josephine Thompson, Ed.D.
Incorporator Dr. Josephine Thompson

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 607.0501 OR
617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION
ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA,
SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING
THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

THE HARDEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

VIDA A. TOMLINSON
1009 North 6th Avenue
Wauchula, Florida 33873

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.


VIDA A. TOMLINSON

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