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RE: The Okaloosa County Readiness Coalition, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$78.75 to file the enclosed Articles of Incorporation (original and one copy enclosed). If you find the enclosures in order, please endorse your approval to the Articles of Incorporation on the duplicate copy, certify the same, and return it to the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact m

Very truly yours,

Anchors, Foster, McInnis & Keefe, P.A.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE OKALOOSA COUNTY READINESS COALITION, INC. (A Florida Corporation Not-for-Profit)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is THE OKALOOSA COUNTY READINESS COALITION, INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation")

ARTICLE II - DURATION

The Corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing upon filing with the Secretary of State of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III - 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 five 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 OKALOOSA COUNTY 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 OKALOOSA COUNTY 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 IV - NON-STOCK CORPORATION

This Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Corporation shall be established and regulated by the By-Laws of the Corporation and the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE, REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is 120 Lowery Place, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548. The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 909 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 1014, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547 and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is Michelle Anchors.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL 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.

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is as follows: Michelle Anchors, Anchors, Foster, McInnis & Keefe, P.A., 909 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 1014, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547.

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall provide By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE X - 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 XI - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Upon proper notice, these Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (%) vote of all of the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XII - CHARITABLE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, 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 purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

- B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or participation in, or intervening in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign for, or against, any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:
 - (i) a not-for profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any other corresponding provision of any future Florida Statutes; or
 - (ii) any corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law; or
 - (iii) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE XIII - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this Corporation, all of its assets, remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be distributed to organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described under Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or to the Federal Government, or to a

State or local government, for a public purpose, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or director of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIV - NON-DISCRIMINATION

This Corporation is committed to the concepts of equity and equal opportunity and commits itself not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or handicap in the exercise of its operations and/or activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the und	ersigned has executed these Articles of
Incorporation on the <u>And</u> day of <u>MO</u>	, 2000, for the purpose
of forming this Corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida.	
WITNESSES:	INCORPORATOR:
Print: KAREN SELL	Michelle Anglos MICHELLE ANCHORS
Printi Derrie L. Barrett	
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKALOOSA	
The foregoing Articles of Incorporation of THE OKALOOSA COUNTY READINESS COALITION, INC. was acknowledged before me this day of	

My Commission Expires

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED OFFICE OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE AND NAMING REGISTERED AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

THE OKALOOSA COUNTY READINESS COALITION, INC.

("Corporation"), desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its registered office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at Anchors, Foster, McInnis & Keefe, P.A., 909 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 1014, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32547 has named MICHELLE ANCHORS as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.