

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Gulf County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00
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\$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

\$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

\$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Gulf County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.
Name (Printed or typed)
Gulf County Health Department
502 4th Street
Address
Port St. Joe, FL 32456
City, State & Zip
850-227-1276
Daytime Telephone number

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE GULF COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION
A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation**

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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 Gulf County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
Principal Office**

The principal office and address of the organization is Gulf County Health Department, 502 4th Street, Port St. Joe, FL 32456.

**ARTICLE III
Registered Agent and Registered Office**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 502 4th Street, Port St. Joe, FL 32456. 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 J. Patrick Floyd whose address is 408 Long Avenue, Port St. Joe, FL 32456.

**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 and as necessary for children ages 5 – 12 for the administration of child care.
2. To create a program to be administered by the Gulf 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 Gulf 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 Bylaws.
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 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 4943C 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 VII 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 the Section 411.01 (5) (a), Florida Statutes and appointed and elected as stated and provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII Officers

The officers of this corporation shall be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for two terms. There shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a 2nd Vice Chairman, each of who 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 IX Duration

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

ARTICLE X Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all corporate liabilities shall be conveyed to (1) such 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 170C (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 XI
Incorporators**

The Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:


Name
Douglas Kent


Address
502 Fourth Street
Port St. Joe, FL 32456

David Warriner

P. O. Box 280
Port St. Joe, FL 32457

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purposes of forming this corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, the undersigned Incorporators of the Gulf County School Readiness Coalition have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 17 day of August 2000.




Incorporator


Incorporator

Acceptance of Registered Agent:

I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent:



J. Patrick Floyd, Attorney at Law
408 Long Avenue
Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF GULF**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Douglas Kent and David Warriner who are personally known to me or produced _____ as identification, and who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the Gulf County School Readiness Coalition to be the duly authorized act and deed of said corporation, for the purpose therein expressed and who did not take an oath.

Notary Signature: Gwendolyn M. Allen
Notary's Printed Name: Gwendolyn M. Allen
Notary Public Commission: _____



Gwendolyn M. Allen
MY COMMISSION # CC896316 EXPIRES
June 14, 2001
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

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