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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.**

I, the undersigned, a natural person competent to contract, being desirous of forming a non-profit corporation known as an association for charitable and educational purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do execute and adopt these Articles of Incorporation in a manner and form as follows:

**ARTICLE I
Name and Location of Organization**

- Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC.
- Section 2. The principal place of business and mailing address of this organization shall be 3150 N.W. 10th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The Corporation may have offices within the County as the members may determine or the affairs of the organization may require.

**ARTICLE II
Mission, Purpose and Responsibilities**

- Section 1. The mission of the Corporation is to provide all children, from birth to five, with quality educational opportunities in order to increase their chances of achieving future educational success and becoming productive members of society.
- Section 2. The purpose of the Corporation is to provide oversight and develop a plan, which facilitates the stated goals of the School Readiness Act, Florida Statute 411.01, making adequate provision for the education of all children residing in Okeechobee County; recognizing the primacy of parents as their children's first teachers and the importance of children entering the educational system ready to learn; and, assisting parents by providing opportunities for the state's at-risk birth to kindergarten population and enhance their chances for educational success by participating in quality school readiness programs that can better prepare them for school.
- Section 3. In carrying out the intent of the "School Readiness Act", the Corporation shall develop a plan for implementing the school readiness program to meet the requirements of the act and the performance and standards and outcome measures established by the Florida Partnership for School Readiness. The school readiness program shall provide the elements necessary to prepare

children for school, including health and educational services. The plan for the school readiness program must include the minimum standards and provisions set forth in the "School Readiness Act" (Florida Statute 411.01) and in any subsequent legislative revisions.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. The Corporation shall have 25 members or such other number as permitted by law and approved by the Corporation.

Section 2. Membership in the Corporation shall be of four types: 1) Those who are specifically named in the School Readiness Act, 2) Those who are appointed in a representative capacity pursuant to the School Readiness Act, 3) Those who are appointed by the Corporation from a list of nominees presented by local chamber(s) of commerce and/or economic development council(s), and 4) Those appointed as at-large members of the Corporation.

A. Eight members of the Corporation are mandated in the "School Readiness Act" in their individual capacity. These individuals serve continuously while they are in their respective positions. A member who no longer represents the constituency he or she represents shall notify the Chair in writing and their seat shall remain vacant until a new representative is identified by the organization or group they represent. The eight statutorily mandated members are:

A Department of Children and Family Services district administrator.

The district superintendent of schools of Okeechobee County.

A regional workforce development board chair or director, where applicable.

The Okeechobee County health department director or his or her designee.

The Okeechobee County children's services council or juvenile welfare board chair or executive director.

A childcare licensing agency head.

A central childcare agency administrator.

The Okeechobee County head start director.

B. Five members of the Corporation are appointed for three-year terms in their representative capacities as follows:

1. A member appointed by a Department of Children and Family Services district administrator.
 2. A member appointed by a board of county commissioners of Okeechobee County.
 3. A member appointed by a district school board of Okeechobee County, Florida.
 4. A representative of private child-care providers appointed by the Corporation.
 5. A representative of faith-based child-care providers appointed by the Corporation.
- C. Nine members of the Corporation must be appointed from a list of nominees presented to the Corporation by local chamber of commerce and/or economic development council within Okeechobee County, Florida. These nine members must be from the private sector, and neither they nor their families may earn an income from the early education and childcare industry. Corporation members seats from this group (private sector) must comprise more than one-third the total number of Corporation members.
- D. The Corporation shall appoint three additional at-large members representing the Okeechobee County community.

ARTICLE IV.
Initial Officers

The names and addresses of the initial officers of the Corporation are:

Chairman - ANN MANSON, 3150 N.W. 10th Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34972

Vice Chairman - KAY MULLINS, 2319 S.W. 21st Street Okeechobee, FL 34974

Secretary - DEBORAH SCHOOLEY, 6876 N.W. 147th Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Treasurer - GAY CARLTON, 604 S.W. 14th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974

ARTICLE V.
Board of Directors

1. The business, property and affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have four directors initially and the number of

directors may be increased from time to time as maybe provided in the bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3).

2. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation.

3. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office as provided in the bylaws.

4. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors for the ensuing year or until the first annual meeting of the corporation are:

ANN MANSON, 3150 N.W. 10th Terrace, Okeechobee, FL 34972

KAY MULLINS, 2319 S.W. 21st Street Okeechobee, FL 34974

Secretary -

DEBORAH SCHOOLEY, 6876 N.W. 147th Terrace, Okeechobee, 34974

GAY CARLTON, 604 S.W. 14th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974

ARTICLE VI.

Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The initial registered agent for the Corporation is ANN MANSON, whose street address is 3150 N.W. 10th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

ARTICLE VII.

By-Laws

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

2. The By-Laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose and upon proper notice given to all directors.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, and upon the proper notice thereof to the members, by a majority vote of those present.

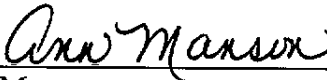
ARTICLE IX.
Dissolution

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In the event of dissolution, all of the assets of this corporation remaining after the payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations and institutions devoted to the purposes for which this corporation is organized and operated and which have qualified for tax exemption under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this corporation.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the subscriber have hereunto set my hand and seal to these Articles of Incorporation, at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, this ____ day of ~~November~~, 2000.



Ann Manson

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I certify that I am a permanent resident of Okeechobee County, Florida, whose address is 3150 N.W. 10th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida. I hereby accept the designation as Registered Agent for OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL READINESS COALITION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation.



Ann Manson