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Jackson School Readiness Coalition
450 Jenks Avenue
Panama City, Florida 32401

February 16, 2001

Hon. Katherine Harris
Florida Department of State
Division of Corporations
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

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Re: Jackson County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Jackson County School Readiness Coalition, Inc. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover costs of filing and returning one certified copy.

Please contact me at (850) 872-7550, ext. 2223, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vicky Patterson

Vicky Patterson, Administrative Assistant
Jackson Co. School Readiness Coalition

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE JACKSON 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 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 Jackson County School Readiness Coalition, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
Principal Office**

The principal office and address of the organization is Early Childhood Services, 450 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32401.

**ARTICLE III
Registered Agent and Registered Office**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 450 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32401. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the registered office to any other address in the State of Florida. The initial registered agent of this corporation is Renea Black whose address is 450 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, Florida 32401.

**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.

A. 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 Jackson 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-day 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 simplified point of entry and a unified waiting list.
8. To serve at least as many children as were served prior to the implementation of the Jackson County School Readiness Coalition. Inc. Program, as long as--funding or eligible population do not decrease.
9. To ensure there is a community plan to address the needs of all eligible children.

B. The purpose for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the United State Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE V

Powers

This corporation shall have the following powers:

- A. 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 this Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws.
- B. 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.
- C. 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 holding) as defined in Section 4943(c) 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 eighteen (18) but not more than twenty-five (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 one term. There shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and three additional members, comprising the executive committee, 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 IX

Duration

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

ARTICLE X

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by an organization or organizations selected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided, however, that such organization or organizations are recognized as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law.

ARTICLE XI
Incorporators

The names and addresses of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporators are:

Pam Medlock (Chair)
2944 Park Street
Marianna, FL 32446

Norma Edwards
4452 East Clinton Street
Marianna, FL 32446

Billie Dickson (Vice-Chair)
P. O. Box 5958
Marianna, FL 32447

Dee Cochrane
3804 Missouri Road
Marianna, FL 32447

Bobby Nowell
450 Jenks Avenue
Panama City, FL 32401

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board, proposed to them from the board members and approved at a meeting by at least a majority of the members entitled to vote, unless all of the members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as Incorporators, have executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on this 8th day of December, 2000.

Pam S. Medlock Billie F. Dickson
Dee Cochrane Norma Edwards
Bobby Nowell

State of Florida

County of Jackson

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, personally appeared to me known to be the persons described as Incorporators and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that they subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation this 8th day of December, 2000.

SAMUEL D. SWEAZY
Notary Public - State of Florida
My Commission Expires Mar.24, 2003
Commission No. CC 820683

Samuel D. Sweazy
Notary Public

My commission expires 3-24-03

I hereby accept the designation as resident agent as contained in the above charter and I agree to comply with Florida Law relative to keeping the designated office open.

Ronnie Black

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