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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporation  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**SUBJECT: State of Florida Child Protective Service, Inc.**

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

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FROM: Diedrelaithea Stepherson  
P.O. Box 473201  
Miami, Florida 33247  
(305) 957-7555

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December 29, 2001

Florida Department of State  
Division of Corporation  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

**Re: State of Florida Child Protective Service, Inc.**

Dear Florida Department of State:

Please be advised that the Federal Identification Number assigned to our program is shown below as follows:

**65-1141207**

If you have any further questions please feel free to call (305) 828-6882

Diedrelaithea Stepherson  
Director

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617.0202, Florida statute adopts the following articles of incorporation.

**ARTICLES I**

The name of the non-profit corporation shall be known as:

**State of Florida Child Protective Service, Inc.**

*(The above non-profit corporation is not affiliated in any way with the State of Florida)*

**ARTICLES II**

The principal place of business mailing address shall be:

P.O. Box 473201  
Miami, Florida 33247

**ARTICLE III**

The principal place of business shall be located at:

3810 NW 167<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, FL 33054

**ARTICLE IV**

The specific purpose(s) for which the organization is (are):

Research shows that when parent-child bonds are broken through separation, children seldom recover emotionally. Loss of parental attachment results in alienated children who are withdrawn and reject even the kindest and most effective adult efforts. This program was established to meet community's need for a safe and structured environment where children at risk of alienation will be able to visit with non-custodial parents on a regular basis. In doing this the program will:

- a. Promote and provide Florida's children and their families with the safest and most efficient comprehensive supervised visitation location, staffed with qualified personnel and volunteers.
- b. Recognize parental behavior that sabotages the relationship between the child and the other parent.

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- c. Identify underlying principals in providing services to families experiencing family violence issues as domestic violence, substance abuse, child abuse and/or neglect
- d. Re-unite families through parent education courses, peer counseling, training and alternatives to enhance troubled families.

Achievement of these goals will be enhanced by the use of court-ordered services available through:

1. The family mediation program of the Administrative Office of the Court in the appropriate Judicial Circuit.
2. Community mental health services within local public and private agencies.
3. Public school system and/or through other governmental agencies not excluding various community based organizations.
4. Parent education, including:
  - a. Information and referral to appropriate counseling resources
  - b. Handouts, brochures, and reading lists on parenting issues
5. Child protection, including:
  - a. Investigating and placing children in protective care in a safe and structured location pending placement of foster care when the courts and/or the Department has determined that a child is in immediate danger in the home the child resides in.
  - b. Provide a safe place for families who have been victimized by family violence and needs referrals to appropriate shelters.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed are as follows:

- a. In pursuant to F.S. 617.0802, all directors of this corporation, must be a natural person who is 18 years of age or older but need not be residents or members of this state.

- b. At all times the board of directors must consist of a minimum of three individuals and not more than 12 members shall sit on the Board of Directors
- c. Directors shall be elected or appointed initially by the incorporators of these articles and thereafter the sitting chairman of the board with approval of the majority vote of the existing board shall choose any directors to fill vacancies on the corporation.
- d. Directors may be divided into classes pursuant to F.S. 617.0806 each director shall hold office for the term to which he or she is elected or appointed and until his or her successor has been elected or appointed and qualified or until his or her earliest resignation, removal from office or death.

#### ARTLICE VI

The manner in which a director may resign or be removed shall be listed accordingly:

- a. A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the board of directors or its chair of the corporation.
- b. A resignation is effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later effective date.
- c. Any member of the board of directors may be removed from office with or without cause by the vote or argument in writing by majority of all votes of members.
- d. The notice of the meeting of all the members to recall a member of the board of directors shall state the specific directors sought to be removed.
- e. A proposed removal of a director at a meeting shall require a separate vote for each board member sought to be removed where removal is sought b written agreement, a separate agreement is required for each board member to be removed.
- f. If the removal is effective at a meeting, any vacancies created thereby shall be filled by the members at the same meeting.
- g. Any officer or director who is removed from the board shall not be eligible to stand for re-election until the next annual meeting of the members

- h. Any director removed from office shall turn over to the board of directors within 72 hours any and all records of the corporation in his or her possession.
- i. If the director fails to comply eth circuit court in the county where the corporation's principal office is located may summarily order the director to relinquish his or her office and turn over any and all documents.

### **ARTICLE VII**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes, within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or Corresponding section of any future federal tax code).

### **ARTICLE VIII**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to it's members, trustees, directors, 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 section 501 (c)(3) purposes. 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 interfere in any political campaign on behalf or in any opposition to any candidate for public office.

### **ARTICLE IX**

Upon dissolution of this corporation assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 510 (c)(3) of the Internal revenue code, i.e. charitable, educational, religious or scientific, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or too a state or local government for public purposes.

### **ARTILCE X**

However, if the named recipient is not then in existence or no longer a qualified distributor, or unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the assets of this corporation shall be distributed to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purpose specified in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE XI**

The initial registered agent and street address shall be:

**Diedrelaithea Stepherson  
20849 NW 9<sup>th</sup> Court  
Miami, FL 33169**

**ARTICLE XII**

The below incorporators shall serve as the initial officers and directors, until such time as the incorporators appoints additional directors as outlines in these articles:

Incorporator's addresses are the same as the principal office.

Seaner Robbins  
Diedrelaithea Stepherson

Edward Dennison  
Ricky T. Barbary

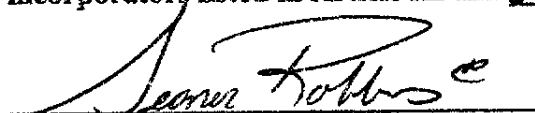
**ARTICLE XIII**


The above incorporators shall establish and adopt by laws within the first four (4) years of operation, until such time as bylaws can be created, the articles of incorporation shall act as bylaws until such time as bylaws are created. At no time shall or will the bylaws be inconsistent with the herein articles.

**ARTICLE XIV**

Amendments to these articles must be in pursuant to Florida Statue 617.1002 and at no time should articles VI, VII or IX be amended to change the language without written consent from the Internal revenue as prescribed in section 501 (c)(3) or by corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

The undersigned incorporator has been issued power of attorney to initiate these articles of incorporation and or sign on behalf of the members of the initial incorporators listed in Article XI this 29 day of December 2001.

  
**Seaner M. Robbins**  
Incorporator

  
**Diedrelaithea Stepherson**  
Incorporator

**DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Pursuant to the provisions of F.S. the undersigned corporation organized under the laws of Florida submits the following statement to appoint its registered agent.

1. The name of the Corporation shall be known as: state of Florida Child Protection Services, Inc.
2. The mailing address of the corporation is: P.O. Box 473204, Miami, Florida 33247
3. The name and address of the appointed registered agent and office shall be:

**Diedrelaithea Stepherson  
3810 NW 167<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33054**

Having been named as the registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

BY: *Diedrelaithea Stepherson*  
Signature of Registered Agent

12/29/01  
Date

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