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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
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**SUBJECT:** The Portage Institute for Child and Family Development, Inc  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☐ \$70.00  
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**FROM:** David E. Shearer  
Name (Printed or typed)

31040 Chatterly Drive  
Address

Wesley Chapel, FL 33543  
City, State & Zip

813-333-4446  
Daytime Telephone number

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

March 12, 2007

DAVID E. SHEARER  
31040 CHATTERLY DRIVE  
WESLEY CHAPEL, FL 33543

SUBJECT: THE PORTAGE INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
DEVELOPMENT, INC  
Ref. Number: W07000012297

We have received your document for THE PORTAGE INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, INC and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6962.

Valerie Herring  
Document Specialist  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

The Portage Institute for Child and Family Development, Inc

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

31040 Chatterly Drive, Wesley Chapel, Florida, 33543

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Dedicated to helping children with, or at risk of, developmental delays and disabilities and their families by developing and implementing education, research and advocacy models and approaches.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

By appointment of the officers *as stated in the by-laws.*

**ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

David E. Shearer, M.S. President, 31040 Chatterly Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543.

Darlene L. Shearer, Vice President, Dr. PH, 31040 Chatterly Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

Viviam Sifontes, Secretary, 15821 Country Lake Drive, Tampa, FL 33624

**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Roland Hofmann, 31149 Harthorn Court, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

David E. Shearer, 31040 Chatterly Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

*Roland Hofmann*  
Signature/Registered Agent *Roland Hofmann*

*2/6/07*  
Date

*David E. Shearer*  
Signature/Incorporator *David E. Shearer*

*3/6/07*  
Date

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