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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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SUBJECT: Lee County Association for the Education of Young Children  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX) Corp.

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

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FROM: SUZANNE GELLEN  
Name (Printed or typed)

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City, State & Zip

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN CORP.**

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of Lee County Association for the Education of Young Children Corp., adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 617.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be Lee County Association for the Education of Young Children Corp. (the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for scientific, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. Within the scope of the foregoing, the Corporation is specifically organized for the purpose of serving the needs and interests of young children by providing developmental and educational resources to adults who work with children and furthering the national, voluntary accreditation system for early childhood programs as are necessary, appropriate, or convenient to the furtherance of the foregoing stated purposes and permitted under the laws of Florida and the United States.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall have one class of members with voting power and provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The membership criteria for the Corporation shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IV - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Suzanne Gellens, and the street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 3026 West Main Street, Tampa, Florida 33607.

**ARTICLE V - MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is, 3026 West Main Street, Tampa, Florida 33607.

**ARTICLE VI - DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE**

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing with the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

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## ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of at least three directors. The Corporation shall initially have seven directors, and thereafter, the number of directors of the Corporation may be changed in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation, provided that the number of directors will never be less than three. The qualifications to serve as a director, the terms for which the directors shall serve, the rights and powers of the directors, and the manner and selection of the directors shall be as specified in the bylaws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ellen M. Blake	7564 Woodland Bend Fort Myers, Florida 33912
Elizabeth M. Elliott	10501 FGCU Blvd S Fort Myers, Florida 33965
Joanne M. Fuciu	1605 Covington Cir E Fort Myers, Florida 33919
Martha Kebhart	6666 Plantation Pines Blvd Fort Myers, Florida 33966
Rose Nelson	19133 Acorn Road Fort Myers, Florida 33967
Zani L. Raney	2342 Woodland Terrace Fort Myers, Florida 33907
Sharon Ann Williams	2481 Brownell Ct North Fort Myers, Florida 33917

## ARTICLE VIII - INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws. In addition, the following provisions shall apply

(a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 the purposes set forth above. 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.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code). Or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

## **ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all the assets of the Corporation to one or more organizations that qualify for exemption from federal income tax as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the board of directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE X - BYLAWS**

The board of directors of the Corporation shall have the exclusive power to adopt, amend and repeal the bylaws of the Corporation, as more fully provided in the bylaws.

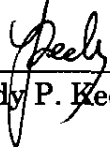
## **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner prescribed by law.

## **ARTICLE XII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is Jody P. Keeling, 100 North Tampa Street, Suite 4100, Tampa, Florida 33602.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2011

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jody P. Keeling, Incorporator

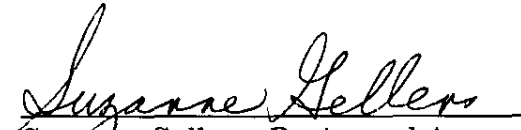
**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED  
IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Lee County Association for the Education of Young Children Corp., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, has named Suzanne Gellens as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-referenced corporation at 3026 West Main Street, Tampa, Florida 33607, the undersigned hereby agrees to act in this capacity, agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of the duties of a registered agent, and accepts the duties and obligations of Florida Statutes Section 617.0503.

Dated this 18 day of May, 2011

  
Suzanne Gellens, Registered Agent

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