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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: **Families Matter 1st Corporation**

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: **Renae Ellis**  
Name (Printed or typed)

**5811 West Commercial Blvd.**  
Address

**Tamarac, FL 33319**  
City, State & Zip

**954-549-6800**  
Daytime Telephone number

**ellisrenae@gmail.com**  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I    NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: Families Matter 1st Corporation

**ARTICLE II    PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal street address:

See Attached

Mailing address, if different is:

**ARTICLE III    PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

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**ARTICLE IV    MANNER OF ELECTION** The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed:

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

Name and Title: See Attached Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

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

Name: Renae Ellis

Address: 5811 West Commercial Blvd.

Tamarac, FL 33319

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Renae Ellis

Address: 5811 West Commercial Blvd

Tamarac, FL 33319

*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*

  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

4/21/15  
Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

  
Required Signature of Incorporator

4/21/15  
Date

**Articles of Incorporation  
Families Matter 1<sup>st</sup> Corporation  
(A Florida Not For Profit Corporation)**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes as amended, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

**Article I: Name**

The name of the corporation shall be Families Matter 1<sup>st</sup> Corporation hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation."

**Article II: Principal Office and Mailing Address**

The Principal office of the Corporation and the mailing address is 5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.

**Article III: Duration**

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

**Article IV: Purposes**

The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, community and educational purposes, including but not limited to those specific and general purposes listed below, within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

A. The specific and primary purposes are:

1. To develop and implement programs for the purpose of positively and effectively engaging in initiatives focus on alcohol and substance abuse by youth; youth from all demographical backgrounds; including but not limited to foster care. This program will also include the following: teenage pregnancy and parenting counseling, youth offender's redirection assistance and job placement & counseling.
2. To develop and implement educational and economic development initiatives (i.e. establish childcare services, summer camp services, etc.) designed to change the educational and economic landscape of the State of Florida and beyond.

B. The general purposes and powers are to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on corporations formed under the Florida Not For Profit Act, provided, however,

that the Corporation shall not, except to an unsubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance thereof.

#### **Article V: Initial Registered Agent and Office**

The principal office of the Corporation and the mailing address is 5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.

#### **Article VI: Limitations on Activities**

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (ii) by a corporation; contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Corporation participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

#### **Article VII: Initial Board of Directors**

The Corporation shall have an initial Board of Directors consisting of no less than three (3) natural persons. Those persons shall be elected as provided in the By-Laws, The manner in which Directors shall be chosen and removed from office, their qualifications, powers, duties, compensation, if any, tenure of office, the manner of filling vacancies on the Board, and the manner of calling and holding meetings of the Board of Directors, shall be as stated in the By-Laws. The authorized number of directors may be increased as provided in the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3).

Director	Title	Address
Patricia Ellis	Chairperson	5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.
Corey Ellis	Vice Chairperson	5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.
Mickaelle Bouchereau	Secretary	5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.
Jean-Max Andre	Treasurer	5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.

Tamika Hamilton	Director	5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.
Angela Fogle	Director	5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.
Enjoli Paul	Director	5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319.

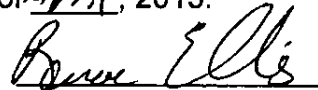
### Article VIII: Membership

The Corporation shall be a non-membership organization unless otherwise provided in the By-Laws.

### Article IX: Dissolution Or Winding Down of Corporation

The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, community development, and educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

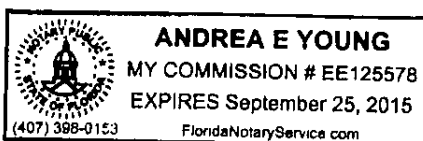
**In Witness Whereof**, I, the undersigned incorporator of the Corporation, have executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of Families Matter 1<sup>st</sup> Corporation consisting of three (3) pages, this page being numbered 3 of 3, on this 21 day of April, 2015.

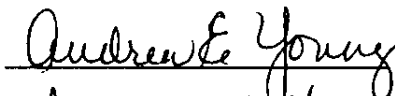
  
Renae Ellis  
CEO

State of Florida  
County of Miami-Dade

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 21 day of April, 2015 by Renae Ellis as incorporator of Families Matter 1<sup>st</sup> Corporation who personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, who is personally know to me or has produced a Florida Driver's License as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC



SIGN:   
PRINT: Andrea E Young

**Certificate Designating Place of Business or Domicile for service or process within the State, naming agent upon whom process may be served.**

Pursuant to provision of Section 48.091 and 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Acts:

First that Families Matter 1<sup>st</sup> Corporation desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of Tamarac, County of Broward, State of Florida, has named Renae Ellis located at 5811 West Commercial Blvd. Tamarac, Florida 33319 County of Broward, State of Florida as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

***-Acceptance of Agent-***

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Acts relative to keeping open said office.

By:   
Renae Ellis

Date: 4/21/15