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February 16, 2016

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: The Lotus Center for Autism, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for filing is an original and (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check in the amount of \$78.75 payable to Department of State to cover the filing fee, designation of registered agent, and certified copy.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Yours very truly,

Tara Cortopassi

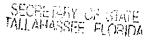


# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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## Article I

The name of the corporation shall be The Lotus Center for Autism, Inc.



### Article II

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation shall be 338 Pine Glen Court, Englewood, Florida 34223.

### Article III

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. More specifically, the corporation shall provide educational, therapeutic, and applied behavior analysis services, adaptive living and vocational skills to students with autism, training and resources for their families, consultation services to medical and educational professionals, and community outreach programs.

### Article IV

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The number of directors of this corporation shall never be less than three (3). The initial directors shall be appointed by the incorporator pursuant to Section 617.0205. Florida Statutes.

### Article V

The initial directors and/or officers of the corporation are:

Tara Cortopassi, President, Director 338 Pine Glen Court Englewood, FL 34223

Savannah Mills Wiersma, Vice-President, Director 16302 Cypress Mulch Circle #2704, Tampa, FL 33624

Debra M. Allspach, Secretary, Director 913 North Boundary Road Englewood, FL 34223

Linda Roeske, Treasurer, Director 2048 Larson Street Englewood, FL 34223

# Article VI

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, 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 in the purpose clause hereof. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### Article VII

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, 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 the Court of Common Pleas 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 VIII

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Tara Cortopassi 338 Pine Glen Court Englewood, FL 34223

Article IX

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Tara Cortopassi 338 Pine Glen Court Englewood, FL 34223

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.

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