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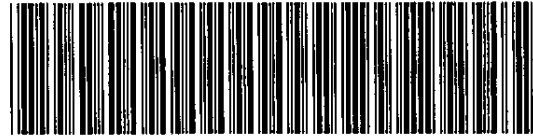
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**SUBJECT:** CHOICE ACADEMY Inc.

(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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**FROM:** Trevor Nelson  
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Name (Printed or typed)  
  
P.O. Box 1277  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
  
Brandon, Florida 33509  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip  
  
(813) 369-3341  
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Daytime Telephone number

Choiccfamilycare@yahoo.com  
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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  
OF  
CHOICE ACADEMY INC.**

We, the undersigned subscribes, do hereby form this corporation under the provisions of the Not-For-Profit corporation statues of the state of Florida.

**ARTICLE I**

**CORPORATE NAME AND ADDRESS OF CORPORATION**

**The name of the corporation shall be:**

CHOICE ACADEMY INC.

**The address of the corporation shall be:**

3508 Hillgrove Road, Valrico, Florida 33596

**The mailing address of the corporation shall be:**

P. O. Box 1277 Brandon, Florida 33509

**ARTICLE II**

**DURATION**

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III**

**CORPORATE PURPOSE: POWERS**

The purpose for which this Corporation is exclusively for education, counseling and training of at risk youths who have experienced intense distress, expulsion, court involved, or special education needs purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Revised Code of 1998, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Law of the United States).

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**1. The Corporation shall without limiting the generality of foregoing, the purpose and activities of the Corporation is as follows:**

- A) This corporation is established to provide education services to support and improve the lives and skills of youth and families by providing an array of integrative services. It will work to strengthen the family system and maintain both youth and parents; and encourage and advance self determination and self reliance by providing education, skill building training, and social service assistance.
- B) Provide a safe and humane environment for the care and protection of individuals who are, have been, or may be subject to compulsory care, supervision, treatment and/or incarceration in public or private institutions.
- C) Provide therapeutic assessments which will include but is not limited to, behavioral and developmental, individual and family counseling, educational assessment, psycho-educational and psychotherapeutic groups, and bio-psychosocial assessment.
- D) Provide protection to youth from abuse and cruelty, or the placing of youth not otherwise provided for in families or other alternative placement.
- E) Provide and promote safety, education, and training to youth and families who are, have been, or may be subject to disruption and/or transitional issues.
- F) In furtherance of the foregoing, request, receive, hold and utilize funds, appropriations for grants made available for such purpose by the government of the United State of America, the government of the State of Florida or any local government and to request, receive, and hold and utilize contributions, gifts or grants made available for such purpose by any private individual, organization, corporation, or foundation.
- G) Do all things necessary, suitable, proper, convenient, and incidental to the foresaid purposes or which may be done by a non-profit corporation organization for such purposes under the laws of the State of Florida.

**2. As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and the methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:**

- A) To accept, receive, take and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal of whatever kind, nature of description and wherever situated.
- B) To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease transfer or otherwise dispose of, any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the

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C) To borrow money, and from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bill of exchange, and other obligations of the Corporation for moneys borrowed or in payment for property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the Corporation, and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement, or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights, or privileges of the Corporation whenever situated, whether now owned or hereafter to be acquired.

D) To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred, bonds, debentures, mortgages, or in such other securities and property, real and personal, as it shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions are not in conflict with the provisions of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and applicable regulations hereunder, as they now exist or as they may be amended.

A) The Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly in any activity, that would invalidate its status:

- (1) as a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation and organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law); **or**
  - (2) as 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) The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational, and literary purposes; and 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 to it and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this article.
- C) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it in any manner or to any extent participate in, or intervene in (including the

publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, under applicable federal, state or local laws.

D) The Corporation shall not:

- (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit, except for minor fund raising activities;
- (2) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status, except for prudentially defined treasury management activities; **or**
- (3) except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

E) The Corporation's operations are to be conducted principally in the United States of America, although the Corporation also may conduct operations in other foreign countries, subject, however, to the laws of Florida.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### **MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS & MANNER OF ELECTION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed or under the direction of its Board of Directors which shall be four directors (4) a president, vice –president, secretary, and treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the board of directors. Such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary may be elected or appointed by the board of directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority of the directors, as provided by the Corporation's Bylaws, but at no time shall there be fewer than three (3) directors of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

##### **DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

The Corporation's first Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following natural persons' name, address, and specific title(s) for each of the members as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Street Address</u></b>
Trevor Nelson	Director	P.O. Box 1277 Brandon, FL 33509

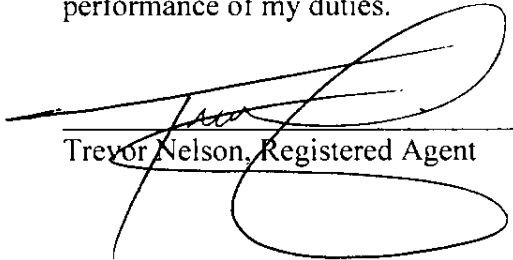
Marie Mason	Director	8245 Cressida Court Land O' Lakes, FL 34637
Amanda Eagle	Director	8245 Cressida Court Land O' Lakes, FL 34637
Heidi Greenslade	Director	7001 Interbay Blvd. Tampa, FL 33616

## ARTICLE VI

### REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The corporation has named Trevor Nelson as its registered agent. The registered office of the corporation and registered agent's office is 3508 Hillgrove Road, Valrico, Florida 33596. Trevor Nelson, as the corporation's registered agent, will accept services of process within the state of Florida and a director of the Corporation.

Having been named as registered agent to accept services of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designed in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent, and I hereby agree to act in this capacity in complete performance of my duties.

  
Trevor Nelson, Registered Agent

10-30-14  
Date

## ARTICLE VII

### CORPORATE NATURE

This Corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

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## ARTICLE VIII

### MEMBERS

**8.1 Number of Members.** The Corporation shall have only ONE (1) member ("Member").

**8.2 Membership Certificates.** No membership certificates shall be issued to the Member.

**8.3 Termination.** The Corporation cannot terminate the membership.

**8.4 Transferability.** The Member cannot transfer its membership in the Corporation without amendment to these Articles of Corporation.

**8.5 Voting.** The Corporation shall have only ONE (1) class of membership issued and outstanding, and this membership class shall have all voting power to elect directors

**8.6 Name of Member.** The sole Member of the Corporation shall be **Children Having Opportunities in a Caring Environment Inc. (C.H.O.I.C.E. Inc.)** a Florida non for Profit Corporation organized as of January 2006 (the Sole Member").

**8.7 Reservation of Rights to Member.** The advance approval of the Sole Member shall be required for each of the following actions by the Corporation:

- a. Amendment of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;
- b. Changes to the mission statement of the Corporation;
- c. Changes to the fiscal year of the Corporation;
- d. The Corporation's annual capital and operating budgets;
- e. The strategic plan and fund raising campaigns of the Corporation;
- f. The merger, consolidation, dissolution, or joint venture of the Corporation;
- g. The sale or other transfer of substantially all of the assets of the Corporation or any other changes causing a fundamental reorganization of the Corporation;
- h. The purchase of an asset with a price of more than **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)** if such purchase is not included in the annual capital or operating budget;
- i. The sale or disposition of any asset with a value of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00);
- j. Entering into a contract which will require the expenditure by the Corporation of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in any TWELVE (12) month period if such expenses are not included in the annual capital or operating budget;
- k. Policies applicable to all employees;
- l. Documents reflecting the philosophy, purpose, programs and services of the Corporation;
- m. Establishment of affiliates or subsidiaries of the Corporation; and
- n. Incurrence of indebtedness of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), if such debt not included in the annual capital or operating budget



## ARTICLE IX

### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, all of the Corporation's assets, real and personal, shall be distributed to such charitable organization or organization as are qualified as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal income tax laws, as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall determine. However this action is only to occurred after payment or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, cost and expenses of the Corporation for one or more exempt purposes under 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 of the property or assets not so disposed of, for whatever reason, 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 to such charitable organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENTS

10.1 **Bylaws.** The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors and the Sole Member and may be altered, amended or rescinded as provided therein, subject to the approval of the Sole Member.

10.2 **Amendments.** The Corporation reserve the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Article of Incorporation may be adopted by two third (2/3) of a majority of the directors and the approval of the Sole Member.

10.3 **Indemnification and Immunity from Civil Liability.** The Corporation shall indemnify each Director and officer, including former Directors and officers to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statues Chapter 617. It is intended that the Corporation be an organization the Officers and Directors of which are immune from civil liability to the fullest extent provided under Florida Statue Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

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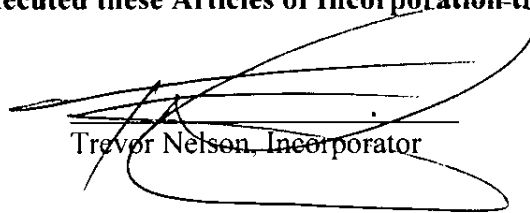
**ARTICLE XI**

**INCORPORATOR**

**The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is:**

Trevor Nelson, Director/Owner  
Children Having Opportunities in a Caring Environment Inc.(C.H.O.I.C.E. Inc.)  
3512 Hillgrove Road  
Valrico, Florida 33596

**The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of October 2016**

  
Trevor Nelson, Incorporator

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Trevor Nelson after presenting proper identification  
(Florida driver's license) subscribers to the Article of Incorporation of Choice Academy  
have set their hands and seals and acknowledge and file the foregoing Article of  
Incorporation under the not- for-profit this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October,  
2016.



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