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## Articles of Incorporation

### **Business Information**

***Business Type:*** Non-Profit Corporation  
***Business Name:*** Families First for Mississippi  
***Business Email:*** garrigshields@gmail.com  
***Future Effective Date:*** 12/08/2017  
***Period of Duration:*** Perpetual  
***Initial planned non-profit activity:*** Other

### **NAICS Code/Nature of Business**

624190 - Other Individual and Family Services

### **Registered Agent**

***Name:*** William Garrigues Shields  
***Address:*** 221 Westfield Rd  
Ridgeland, MS 39157

### **Signature**

The undersigned certifies that:

- 1) he/she has notified the above-named registered agent of this appointment;
- 2) he/she has provided the agent an address for the company, and;
- 3) the agent has agreed to serve as registered agent for this company

By entering my name in the space provided, I certify that I am authorized to file this document on behalf of this entity, have examined the document and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete as of this day ***12/08/2017***.

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## Families First for Mississippi

The initial planned activity of this non-profit corporation shall be for charitable and education purposes.

Specifically, Families First for Mississippi shall support and promote healthy families through programs and initiatives centered around community education. Families First for Mississippi will provide services based on **Five Pillars: literacy, parenting, youth development, education, and job and work readiness** for all Mississippi communities. Families First for Mississippi will promote shared resources in order to have a greater impact for low-income and needy families. Initial planned activities will include:

1. Provide direct services in local communities around the five pillars of success.
2. Collaborating with agencies and organizations working for the best interest of families
3. Providing persons interested in learning more about children and how to provide a nurturing, healthy home environment and opportunity to gain information;
4. Increasing the knowledge and understanding of community leaders as to the need to plan adequately for and to promote a family centered community;
5. Bringing relevant issues about the needs of children and their families to the attention of the public;
6. Working to improve the quality of care found in group care settings of children;
7. Providing support to families in times of crisis or in chronic stress situations as to reduce the chances of child abuse by family members.
8. Providing centers to represent those engaged in or supportive of community education
9. Making individuals and governmental entities throughout the state aware of the benefits of community education and its potential for human development.
10. Assisting local communities and school districts in learning about and promoting a holistic approach to self-sufficiency for all Mississippi families.
11. Promoting the concept of life-long learning.
12. Promoting the concept of community education and self-sufficiency as an integral part in the development of the professional educator.
13. Providing in-service opportunities in community education.
14. Assisting in the development of evaluation strategies for community education and self-sufficiency.
15. Promoting improved communication among community educators.
16. Addressing the needs of a changing society.
17. Educating State legislators to the fact that community education and self-sufficiency are a life-long process and that community education and self-sufficiency will maximize the use of facilities and provide services to all citizens of the community.
18. Serving as a forum for discussing key issues confronting community educators and those wishing to achieve self-sufficiency.
19. Networking for the purpose of dissemination information and other needs.