

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF TEEN COURTS, INCORPORATED

A Florida corporation not for profit

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of this corporation is: Florida Association of Teen Courts, Incorporated.

ARTICLE 2

DURATION

The duration of this corporation is perpetual. The date and time of commencement of the corporate existence is the time of filing of the articles of incorporation by the Department of State of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 3

GENERAL PURPOSES

The general nature and purpose of the corporation shall be:

1. To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, namely to promote the work of Teen Court agencies throughout the State of Florida as they:
 - a. Provide their communities assistance with resolving delinquency cases by providing a sentencing hearing whereby juvenile offenders who have admitted guilt to a misdemeanor crime, traffic offense, or school rule violation are held accountable in a courtroom procedure under the tutelage of an adult judge or attorney with sanctions determined by teen volunteers.

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b. Provide a productive community service activity;

c. Educate all participants regarding the justice system.

d. Promote the opportunity for youthful offenders to avoid development of a delinquency record.

e. Promote diversification of referral sources to include direct law enforcement agencies, school administrators, Department of Juvenile Justice, traffic court, juvenile court, and State Attorney (juvenile department).

2. 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 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) or (b) 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).

3. To employ, contract for, or otherwise obtain the services of agents to perform all services required in connection with the carrying out of its aforesaid purposes.

4. To borrow money, to contract debts when necessary to the transaction of its business or for the exercise of its corporate rights, privileges or franchises, or for any other lawful purpose of its incorporation; to issue, from time to time, bonds, promissory notes, Bills of Exchange, debentures, and other obligations and evidences of indebtedness, secured or

unsecured, payable at a specified time or times, or payable upon the happening of a specified event or events, for monies borrowed, or in payment for property acquired, or for any of the other objects or purposes of the corporation.

5. To have one or more offices, and to conduct its business and promote its objectives within the State of Florida without restriction as to place or manner.

6. To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property, rights, privileges, franchises and other assets.

7. To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for or otherwise acquire, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with shares and other interests or obligations of, corporations, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.

8. To purchase, take receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real and personal property, or any interest therein, in its own right, as trustee, or in any other fiduciary capacity, wheresoever situate.

9. To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

10. To do all and everything necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of any of its purposes or of any of its objects, the furtherance of the powers enumerated in this Charter or any amendment thereof, or necessary or incidental to the protection and benefit of the corporation, as principal, agent, trustee, or otherwise.

11. To distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code).

12. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

13. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its trustees, officers or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

14. The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

15. The corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

16. The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

17. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable,

educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE 4

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The qualification of the members of this corporation and the manner of their admission shall be as set forth in the by-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE 5

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is 2002 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34236. The name and address of the initial registered agent of the corporation is M. Kathleen Self, 2002 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34236.

ARTICLE 6

DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is nine (9) and the name and address of each person who is to serve as a member thereof are as follows:

Kathleen Self	2002 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34236
Deborah Dye McKay	2002 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34236
Mary Vardy	P.O. Box 9000, Drawer J-111 Bartow, FL 33831-9000

Fran Crandall	Juvenile Arbitration 118 West Olympia Avenue Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Sharon Zehner	Bay County Teen Court P.O Box 1206 Panama City, FL 32402-1206
Lana Arnold	P.O. Box 1540 Mayo, FL 32066
Brandi Noegel	1018 N. Temple Avenue Starke, FL 32091
Bonnie Holbach	20 N. Main Street, Room 251 Brooksville, FL 34601
Russ Landry	Leon County Courthouse Courtroom 1-A 301 South Monroe Tallahassee, FL 32301

The number of directors may be changed from time to time by the by-laws, except that the number shall at no time be less than six (6). Directors shall be elected in the manner set forth in the by-laws.

ARTICLE 7

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation are as follows:

James Andrew Hagan
111 North Orange Avenue
Suite 1800
Orlando, Florida 32801-2386

ARTICLE 8

INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any Officer, Director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE 9

BY-LAWS

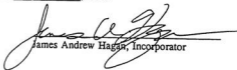
The By-Laws of this corporation shall be adopted by the board of Directors and may be elected, amended, or rescinded in the manner provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 10

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation by a majority vote of all voting rights of all members of the corporation and all rights conferred upon the members herein are granted subject to this reservation. Upon such approval, such amendment shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State of the State of Florida and approved by such office before the same shall become effective.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator does hereby execute and acknowledge these articles this 6th day of June, 1997.


James Andrew Hagan, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 6th day of June, 1997, by James Andrew Hagan, who is personally known to me ~~or has produced~~ as identification, and has not taken an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC:

Sign: Sarah E. Baty
Print: SARAH E. BATY
State of Florida At Large
(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: _____
Title/Rank: _____
Commission Number: _____



SARAH E. BATY
MY COMMISSION # CC47894 EXPIRES
October 23, 1999
BONDED THRU TRU FARM INSURANCE, INC.