



**State of Rhode Island
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services
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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Rhode Island Self-Direct Coalition

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is X Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

THE RHODE ISLAND SELF-DIRECT COALITION (RISDC) WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION, RESOURCES, AND GUIDANCE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES INTERESTED IN SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES.

1. HOLD MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS AROUND TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THOSE THAT SELF-DIRECT.

2. PROVIDE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS.

3. FORM AN EMPLOYMENT HUB FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS TO BE PARTNERED WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES NEEDING A DSP.

4. BE A STARTING POINT FOR BUSINESSES TO CONNECT AND ALIGN QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WITH JOB OPENINGS.

5. INCREASE AWARENESS AROUND THE POTENTIAL OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT.

6. PROVIDE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO SELF-ADVOCACY, PERSONAL SAFETY, AND SELF-EMPOWERMENT

TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY, PERSON CENTERED LIFE.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 601 GREAT RD

City or Town: NORTH SMITHFIELD

State: RI

Zip: 02896

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is

SHEILA COYNE

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 7 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	CLAUDIA M LOWE	298 ARLINGTON AVE WARWICK, RI 02889 US
DIRECTOR	SHEILA E COYNE	925 TARKILN RD HARRISVILLE, RI 02830 US
DIRECTOR	SUSAN BABIN	3 LLOYD BROWN CT CHEPACHET, RI 02814 US
DIRECTOR	DEBRA MORAIS	1 RUTLAND HOUSE RD NORTH SCITUATE, RI 02857 USA
DIRECTOR	BRIAN LAFAUCI	1405 CHOPMIST HILL RD SCITUATE, RI 02857 US
DIRECTOR	RICHARD CHAMPAGNE	199 RIDGE ROAD SMITHFIELD, RI 02917 US
DIRECTOR	KARYN CARFAGNA	161 BALCH ST PAWTUCKET, RI 02861 US

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	SHEILA E COYNE	925 TARKILN RD HARRISVILLE, RI 02896 US

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 09/15/2021
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 15 Day of September, 2021 at 11:47:27 AM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.
SHEILA COYNE



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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,

hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions

of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this

office on this day:

September 15, 2021 11:46 AM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

