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October 6, 2008

Mr. Philip DeLuca, Executive Director Family Services, Inc. of Gaston County 214 E. Franklin Boulevard Gastonia, NC 28054

RE: State Grants from:

Department of Administration-

State Fiscal Year 2006, \$15,530

State Fiscal Year 2007, \$16,020

Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

State Fiscal Year 2006, \$25,000

State Fiscal Year 2008, \$36,305

Department of Health and Human Services

State Fiscal Year 2006, \$38,462

State Fiscal Year 2007, \$43,539

State Fiscal Year 2008, \$12,500

Grant Overview:

<u>Department of Administration</u>— Displaced Homemaker and Divorce Filing Fees--All funds budgeted for Displaced Homemaker and Divorce Filing Fees were for salary related expenditures travel and providing training or education pertaining to displaced homemakers toward self-sufficiency.

<u>Department of Crime Control and Public Safety</u>- The Victims of Crime Act grant provides services to current and past victims of sexual assault. All funds budgeted were for salary related expenditures.

<u>Department of Health and Human Services</u>- These funds included both Adult Health Promotion and Family Services Administration. These funds were used to provide staff for counseling referrals and child advocacy services.

Dear Mr. DeLuca:

We have completed a special review described below at Family Services, Inc. of Gaston County related to its management of state grant funds.

Our objective was to identify whether there were any instances of noncompliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grants agreements; deficiencies in internal control; and/or deficiencies in the management of financial resources based on the performance of the procedures described below.

Procedures included, but were not limited to, interviewing personnel; examining accounting and other grant records for the purpose of identifying state grant transactions; and reviewing available policies and procedures.

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The results of the special review did not disclose instances of noncompliance, internal control deficiencies, and/or other matters of concern. Since no significant matters of concern were detected, we do not require a response from your entity.

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Sincerely,

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CC: Secretary Britt Cobb

Department of Administration

Secretary Bryan Beatty

Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Secretary Dempsey Benton

Department of Health and Human Services

Ms. Laketha Miller, Comptroller

Department of Health and Human Services