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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

ORANGE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Michael F. Easley, Governor The General Assembly of North Carolina Board of Directors, Orange County Partnership for Young Children

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of the Orange County Partnership for Young Children (Orange Partnership) for the year ended June 30, 2001. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of G.S. §147.

The accounts and operations of the Orange Partnership were subject to audit procedures as we considered necessary for us to report on the accompanying financial statements and supplementary information. The audit procedures were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The audit of the Orange Partnership was made in conjunction with the Early Childhood Initiatives (Smart Start) program authorized by G.S. 143B-168.10-.16. This statute created the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. and required the implementation of local demonstration projects (local partnerships). The Orange Partnership is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Orange Partnership is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and is required by G.S. 143B-168.14(b) to have an annual financial and compliance audit conducted by the State Auditor.

The purpose of this report is to present the results of our audit on the accompanying financial statements. A summary of our reporting objectives and audit results are:

1. Objective - Express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplementary information.

Results – The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the amounts and disclosures made in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting established by the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. The accompanying supplementary information presents information that is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements.

2. Objective - Present instances of noncompliance, if any, with laws, regulations, contracts, or grants.

Results - Our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance which require disclosure herein under *Government Auditing Standards*.

3. Objective - Present significant deficiencies, if any, in internal control over financial reporting which could adversely affect the Orange Partnership's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data in the financial statement.

Results - Our tests disclosed no material weaknesses in the internal control over financial reporting which require disclosure herein under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Orange County Partnership for Young Children Chapel Hill, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets -Regulatory Basis of the Orange County Partnership for Young Children (Orange Partnership) as of June 30, 2001, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Regulatory Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Orange Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements were prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of the Orange County Partnership for Young Children as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 11, 2002 on our consideration of the Orange Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with the independent auditor's report in considering the results of our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Orange County Partnership for Young Children taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information in these schedules has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the partnership, the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., the Governor, and the General Assembly and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

apph Campbell, J.

Ralph Campbell, Jr. State Auditor

April 11, 2002

| For the Year Ended June 30, 2001 | | | | | | | | Exhibit A |
|---|----|-------------------|-------|----------|----|-------------|----|-----------|
| | | Unrestric | tod F | unde | | Temporarily | | |
| | | Smart Start | | Other | | Restricted | | Total |
| | | Fund | | Funds | | Funds | | Funds |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| State Awards (less refunds of \$41,366) | \$ | 3,815,167 | \$ | 12,000 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 3,827,167 |
| Private Contributions | | | | 26,112 | | 4,995 | | 31,107 |
| Interest and Investment Earnings | | | | 22,464 | | | | 22,464 |
| Sales Tax Refunds | | | | 1,707 | | | | 1,707 |
| Total Receipts | | 3,815,167 | | 62,283 | | 4,995 | | 3,882,445 |
| ······································ | | | | | | | | |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions: | | | | | | | | |
| Satisfaction of Program Restrictions | | | | 312 | | (312) | | |
| | | 3,815,167 | | 62,595 | | 4,683 | | 3,882,445 |
| | | | | | | • | | • |
| Expenditures: | | | | | | | | |
| Programs: | | | | | | | | |
| Child Care and Education Quality | | 512,795 | | 43,785 | | | | 556,580 |
| Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability | | 12,500 | | | | | | 12,500 |
| Child Care and Education Affordability | | 2,083,050 | | | | | | 2,083,050 |
| Health and Safety | | 204,855 | | 2,207 | | | | 207,062 |
| Family Support | | 667,333 | | 11,045 | | | | 678,378 |
| Support: | | | | | | | | |
| Management and General | | 286,215 | | 12,381 | | | | 298,596 |
| Program Evaluation | | 84,536 | | 2,436 | | | | 86,972 |
| Other: | | | | | | | | |
| Sales Tax Paid | | | | 2,115 | | | | 2,115 |
| Total Expenditures | | 3,851,284 | | 73,969 | | | | 3,925,253 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures | | (36,117) | | (11,374) | | 4,683 | | (42,808 |
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year | | 41,366 | | 58,502 | | 312 | | 100,180 |
| Net Assets at End of Year | \$ | 5,249 | \$ | 47,128 | \$ | 4,995 | \$ | 57,372 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Net Assets Consisted of: | r | (477 700) | r | 17 100 | r | 1 005 | r | (405 670 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ | (177,796) | \$ | 47,128 | \$ | 4,995 | \$ | (125,673 |
| Investments Refunds Due From Contractors | | 177 ,856 5 190 | | | | | | 177,856 |
| | | 5,189 | | | | | | 5,189 |
| | \$ | 5,249 | \$ | 47,128 | \$ | 4,995 | \$ | 57,372 |

| For the Year Ended June 30, 2001 | | | | | | | | | Exhib |
|---|------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Total | Personnel | Contracted Services | Supplies and Materials | Other Operating Expenses | Fixed Charges and Other Expenses | Property and Equipment Outlay | Services/ Contracts/ Grants | Participant Training Expense |
| Smart Start Fund: | | | | | | | , | | |
| Programs: | | | | | | | | | |
| Child Care and Education Quality | 512,795 | 27,193 | 7,421 | 3,291 | 8,297 | 85 | | 466,508 | |
| Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability | 12,500 | | | | | | | 12,500 | |
| Child Care and Education Affordability | 2,083,050 | | | | | | | 2,083,050 | |
| Health and Safety | 204,855 | | | | | | | 204,855 | |
| Family Support | 667,333 | 45,114 | 435 | 5,560 | 6,424 | | | 609,800 | |
| | 3,480,533 | 72,307 | 7,856 | 8,851 | 14,721 | 85 | 0 | 3,376,713 | 0 |
| Support: | | | | | | | | | |
| Management and General | 286,215 | 172,442 | 29,121 | 10,009 | 23,447 | 44,946 | 6,250 | | |
| Program Evaluation | 84,536 | 50,550 | 27,825 | | 6,161 | | | | |
| | 370,751 | 222,992 | 56,946 | 10,009 | 29,608 | 44,946 | 6,250 | 0 | 0 |
| Fotal Smart Start Fund Expenditures | 3,851,284 | 295,299 | 64,802 | 18,860 | 44,329 | 45,031 | 6,250 | 3,376,713 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Funds: | | | | | | | | | |
| Programs: | | | | | | | | | |
| Child Care and Education Quality | 43,785 | 5,862 | 5,000 | 695 | 4,368 | | | 27,860 | |
| Health and Safety | 2,207 | | | | 0.45 | | 2,207 | 40.000 | |
| Family Support | 11,045 57,037 | 5.862 | 5,000 | 695 | 245 4,613 | 0 | 2,207 | 10,800 38,660 | 0 |
| Support: | 51,031 | 5,802 | 5,000 | 695 | 4,013 | 0 | 2,207 | 38,000 | 0 |
| Management and General | 12,381 | 5,028 | 7,849 | 28 | | | (877) | 353 | |
| Program Evaluation | 2,436 | 0,020 | 2,436 | 20 | | | (011) | | |
| | 14,817 | 5,028 | 10,285 | 28 | 0 | 0 | (877) | 353 | 0 |
| Other: | | | | | | | | | |
| Sales Tax Paid | 2,115 | 0 | 0 | 2,115 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 73,969 | 10,890 | 15,285 | 2,838 | 4.613 | | 1,330 | | 0 |

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** The Orange County Partnership for Young Children (Orange Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on August 24, 1993. The Orange Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Orange Partnership is tax-exempt as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **B.** Basis of Presentation The accompanying financial statements present all funds for which the Orange Partnership's Board of Directors is responsible. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117 "Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations," the accompanying financial statements present information according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. As permitted by this Statement, temporarily restricted contributions received and expended in the same year are reported as unrestricted receipts rather than as temporarily restricted receipts.

Contributions that are temporarily restricted and not expended within the year received are reported as an increase in temporarily restricted net assets. When the restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of receipts, expenditures, and net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

The Orange Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2001.

C. Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements were prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. This basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because it recognizes long lived assets and other costs which benefit more than one period as expended in the year purchased; it recognizes revenue when received rather than when earned; and it recognizes expenditures when paid rather than when incurred.

However, unexpended advances to contractors that revert back to the State are recognized as a reduction to expenditures and an increase to net assets.

- **D.** Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit with commercial banks and certificates of deposit acquired within 90 days of maturity.
- **E.** Investments This classification includes money market funds reported at cost.
- **F. Refunds Due From Contractors** Refunds due from contractors represent the unexpended amount of advances to contractors at year end which are to be refunded back to the State. As recoveries are collected, the receivable balance is reduced. Payments to the State for the recovered advances are recorded as a reduction to the state awards balance.

NOTE 2 - **DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

- A. Deposits Cash of The Orange Partnership is deposited with one commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits are fully insured by the FDIC at year end.
- **B. Investments** The Orange Partnership has an Automated Investment Plan to invest excess cash balances over an established target amount. The investment is in a money market investment fund and is not insured by the FDIC and is not subject to categorization of custodial credit risk.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

Smart Start Program - The Orange Partnership's major source of revenue and support is from the State of North Carolina based on cost-reimbursement contracts with the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. (NCPC) for the Smart Start Program. A significant reduction in the level of funding from the State could have an adverse effect on the operations of the Orange Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the Orange Partnership is responsible for developing a comprehensive, collaborative, long-range plan of services to children and families for the service-delivery area. During the year, NCPC and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) entered into contracts with and made payments to service providers selected by the Orange Partnership. These service provider contracts are not reflected on the accompanying financial statement. However, a summary of the service

provider contracts entered into by NCPC and DHHS are presented on Schedule 2 accompanying the financial statements.

The Orange Partnership was awarded and has received \$3,856,533 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Partnership has returned \$5,189 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2001.

The Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Smart Start contracts with the State.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Orange Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Orange Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Partnership entered into contracts with board member organizations for program activities as identified on Schedule 1 accompanying the financial statements. In addition, Schedule 2 identifies contracts entered into by DHHS with board member organizations for activities funded by the Partnership's Smart Start Allocation.

NOTE 5 - **FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES**

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Regulatory Basis. Also, the Statement of Functional Expenditures – Regulatory Basis provides detail of the functional costs by their natural classification. Following are the services associated with the functional categories presented in the accompanying financial statements and the methods utilized to allocate joint cost:

A. Program Functions

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants, program upgrade projects, child care resource and referral, professional development, child care provider support, special needs training for child care professionals, and information and resources.

Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability - Used to account for service activities associated with an increase in child care spaces.

Child Care and Education Affordability - Used to account for service activities including comprehensive child care cost supports, a scholarship program, or cooperative play groups.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including dental screenings, vision screening, outreach nurses, special needs – early intervention services, or outreach materials.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including a family resource center, parenting education, parenting skills training, general family support, family crisis intervention, special needs – family support, or literacy projects.

B. Support Functions

Management and General - Expenditures that are not identifiable with a single program or fund-raising activity but are indispensable to the conduct of those activities and to an organization's existence, including expenditures for the overall direction of the organization, its general board activities, business management, general recordkeeping, budgeting, and related purposes.

Program Evaluation - Expenditures that are incurred to monitor the performance of service providers as to the delivery of services and adherence to the specific terms and conditions of the contracts.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

IRC Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7) Plans - All permanent employees who are at least half-time can participate in tax sheltered annuity plans created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7). The employee's eligible contributions, made through salary reduction agreements, are exempt from federal and state income taxes until the annuity is received or the contributions are withdrawn. All costs of administering and funding these plans are the responsibility of the plans. No costs are incurred by the Orange Partnership. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$14,663 during the year ended June 30, 2001.

NOTE 8 - **RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS**

A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2001 are available for the following purposes:

| Purpose | Amount |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Head Start Training Outreach | \$ 4,995 |

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

| Purpose | A | mount |
|-------------------------|----|-------|
| Smart Start Family Fest | \$ | 312 |

| Orange County Partnership for Young Children | | |
|--|---|--------|
| Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Regulatory Basis | | |
| For the Year Ended June 30, 2001 | - | Schedu |

| | | Smart St | art Fund | Other Fu | inds |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| | | Amount | Refund | Amount | Refund |
| Organization Name | | Advanced | Due | Advanced | Due |
| | ÷ | | | | |
| Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools | | 48,373 | | | |
| Chapel Hill Training Outreach Project | * | 146,850 | | 17,940 | |
| Child Care Services Association | * | 2,400,509 | | 9,920 | |
| El Centro Latino de Orange Co. | | 61,780 | (175) | | |
| Family Support Network | | 8,870 | | | |
| nter-Faith Council | | 98,162 | | | |
| Vi Escuelita | | 12,500 | | | |
| OPC Mental Health Services | * | 72,410 | | | |
| Orange County Department of Social Services | * | 112,198 | | | |
| Orange County Friends of the Dept. of Social Services | | | | 250 | |
| Orange County Health Dept. | * | 195,218 | (4,668) | | |
| Orange County Library | * | 10,226 | | | |
| Orange County Literacy Council | | 9,846 | | | |
| Orange County Schools | * | 30,595 | | | |
| Piedmont Health Services | | 85,736 | (346) | 903 | |
| The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | * | 88,629 | · · · · · | 10,000 | |
| | | 3,381,902 | (5,189) | 39,013 | |

Orange County Partnership for Young Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | |
|---|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | DHHS | NCPC | Total |
| Organization Name | | Contracts | Contracts | Contracts |
| Child Care Services Association - WAGES Program | * | 233,246 | | 233,246 |
| National Society to Prevent Blindness - North Carolina Affiliate | | | 23,242 | 23,242 |
| | | 233,246 | 23,242 | 256,488 |
| | | | | |
| *These organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as descri Contracts with Board Member Organizations. | bed in N | ote 4 - Service | Provider | |
| | | | | |
| The information on this schedule provides a listing of service provider contra Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the North Carolina P as described in Note 3 - Funding From Grant Awards. | | | | |
| | | | | |

Schedule 2

| Orange County Partnership for Young Chi | ldren | ļ | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| Schedule of State Awards - Regulatory Bas | | | | | |
| For the Year Ended June 30, 2001 | | | | | Schedule 3 |
| State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program | | Contract # | | Receipts | Expenditures |
| State Awards: | | | | | |
| North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services | | | | | |
| Division of Child Development | | | | | |
| Pass-through from the North Carolina Partnership for | | | | | |
| Children, Inc. | | | | | |
| Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Prior Year) | | 1-90-1-10-001 | \$ | (41,366) | \$ (60) |
| Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year) | * | 1-01-1-10-001 | | 3,856,533 | 3,851,344 |
| Accounting and Contracting Services Grant | | | | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| Total State Awards | | | \$ | 3,827,167 | \$ 3,863,284 |
| *Programs with compliance requirements that have a direct ar | nd mate | rial effect on the fi | nancia | ıl statement. | |

| Orange County Partnership for Young Children Schedule of Property and Equipment | | | |
|--|----------------|------------|------------|
| For the Year Ended June 30, 2001 | | | Schedule 4 |
| | | | |
| Furniture and Non-Computer Equipment | \$ | 16,968 | |
| Computer Equipment/Printers | | 54,355 | |
| Leasehold Improvements | | 550 | |
| Total Property and Equipment | 5 | 71,873 | |
| | | | |
| Note: The information on this schedule provides a summary of propert | | | ····· |
| acquisition or donated cost of \$500 or more which were held by | | | d. |
| On the regulatory basis of accounting, these items are expens | ed in the year | purchased. | |

| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | unty Partnership for Young Children f Qualifying Match (Non-GAAP) | ······ | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------|-----------|------------|
| r the Ye | ar Ended June 30, 2001 | | | Schedule 5 |
| | | | | |
| Match | Provided at the Partnership Level: | ······· | | |
| Cash | | \$ | 2,670 | |
| In-Kind | Goods and Services | | 12,300 | |
| | | \$ | 14,970 | |
| Match | Provided at the Contractor Level: | 0 | | |
| 274440-76 | | | | |
| Cash | | \$ | 403,451 | |
| In-Kind | Goods and Services | | 264,297 | |
| | | \$ | 667,748 | |
| | | | | |
| | This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match require provided for by North Carolina Session Law 1999-237, Section 11.48(I). T for volunteer services to be valued for match purposes, a concept that dev generally accepted accounting principles. | he la | aw allows | |



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Board of Directors Orange County Partnership for Young Children Chapel Hill, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Orange County Partnership for Young Children (Orange Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 11, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Orange Partnership's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Orange Partnership's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (CONCLUDED)

timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the partnership, the North Carolina Partnership for Children, the Governor, and the General Assembly and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

apph Campbell, J.

Ralph Campbell, Jr. State Auditor

April 11, 2002

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