

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF
RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR
CHILDREN, INC.
SPINDALE, NORTH CAROLINA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of the Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2002. Crisp Hughes Evans LLP performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

The audit of the Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. 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., Inc. and required the implementation of local partnerships. The Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and is required by G.S. 143B-168.14 to have an annual financial and compliance audit conducted by the State Auditor. The State Auditor's authority to perform or coordinate all audit functions for state government is set forth in Article 5 of Chapter 147 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The significant Smart Start expansion authorized in the 1998 fiscal year almost doubled the related audit burden placed on the Office of the State Auditor. Therefore, the General Assembly, in its 1998-99 Expansion Budget, gave recognition to the resources needed to provide the audit oversight required by statute. Those resources incorporated a combination of permanent positions and contract funding to make the Smart Start audit effort self-sustaining.

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of all audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor may be obtained through one of the options listed in the back of this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph Campbell, Jr." in a cursive script.

Ralph Campbell, Jr.
State Auditor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc.
Spindale, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Regulatory Basis of the Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Rutherford Partnership) as of June 30, 2002, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures - Regulatory Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Rutherford 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 statements are 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of the Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONCLUDED)

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 13, 2003 on our consideration of the Rutherford 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 auditors' report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. 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.

February 13, 2003

Crisp Hughes Evans LLP

RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND NET ASSETS--REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 **EXHIBIT A**

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Temporarily</u>	
	<u>Smart Start</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Receipts:				
State Awards (less refunds of \$82,055)	\$ 1,638,087	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 1,650,087
Private Contributions	-	406	-	406
Interest and Investment Earnings	-	2,464	-	2,464
Sales Tax Refunds	-	541	-	541
Other Receipts	-	200	-	200
Total Receipts	<u>1,638,087</u>	<u>15,611</u>	-	<u>1,653,698</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:				
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	-	1,458	(1,458)	-
	<u>1,638,087</u>	<u>17,069</u>	<u>(1,458)</u>	<u>1,653,698</u>
Expenditures:				
Programs:				
Child Care and Education Quality	455,130	4,887	-	460,017
Child Care and Education Affordability	692,804	-	-	692,804
Health and Safety	101,807	1,273	-	103,080
Family Support	294,014	-	-	294,014
Support:				
Management and General	146,029	14,054	-	160,083
Program Evaluation	27,735	-	-	27,735
Other:				
Sales Tax Paid	-	138	-	138
Total Expenditures	<u>1,717,519</u>	<u>20,352</u>	-	<u>1,737,871</u>
Excess of Receipts Under Expenditures	(79,432)	(3,283)	(1,458)	(84,173)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>82,055</u>	<u>32,024</u>	<u>1,558</u>	<u>115,637</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,623</u>	<u>\$ 28,741</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 31,464</u>
Net Assets Consisted of:				
Cash on Deposit	\$ 251	\$ 28,741	\$ 100	\$ 29,092
Refunds Due from Contractors	<u>2,372</u>	-	-	<u>2,372</u>
	<u>\$ 2,623</u>	<u>\$ 28,741</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 31,464</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES--REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

EXHIBIT B

	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	Other Operating	Fixed Charges and Other	Services/Contracts/Grants
Smart Start Fund:							
Programs:							
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 455,130	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 443,130
Child Care and Education Affordability	692,804	-	-	-	-	-	692,804
Health and Safety	101,807	-	-	-	-	-	101,807
Family Support	294,014	-	-	-	-	-	294,014
Support:							
Management and General	146,029	119,512	2,072	1,534	11,099	11,812	-
Program Evaluation	27,735	-	-	-	-	-	27,735
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$1,717,519	\$ 131,512	\$ 2,072	\$ 1,534	\$ 11,099	\$ 11,812	\$ 1,559,490
Other Funds:							
Programs:							
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 4,887	\$ 543	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,344
Health and Safety	1,273	-	-	-	-	-	1,273
Support:							
Management and General	14,054	663	12,428	-	-	963	-
Other:							
Sales Tax Paid	138	-	-	138	-	-	-
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 20,352	\$ 1,206	\$ 12,428	\$ 138	\$ -	\$ 963	\$ 5,617

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization and Purpose - The Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Rutherford Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on January 30, 1997. The Rutherford Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Rutherford 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 Rutherford 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 Rutherford Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2002.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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. 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.

E. Use of Estimates - The financial statements include estimates and assumptions made by management for the allocation of joint costs. It is management's belief that these estimates are reasonable and fair.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

All funds of the Rutherford Partnership are deposited with one commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subject the Rutherford Partnership to a concentration of credit risk.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

Smart Start Program - The Rutherford 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 Rutherford Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the Rutherford Partnership is responsible for developing a comprehensive, collaborative, long-range plan of services to children and families for the service-delivery area.

The Rutherford Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,720,142 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 \$2,623 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2002.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Rutherford Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Rutherford 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.

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 costs:

A. Program Functions

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service activities including: quality enhancement (UPGRADE) grants, child care resource and referral, professional development, salary supplements, and health insurance benefits for child care providers.

Child Care and Education Affordability - Used to account for service activities including: subsidy, Head Start classrooms, enrolled part day child care programs, and child care subsidy administration.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities associated with comprehensive health support.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including: ongoing parenting education, general family support, family literacy, and transportation services.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

C. Allocation of Joint Costs

Expenditures benefiting more than one program were allocated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits - Allocated based on employee time cards.

NOTE 6 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Rental payments for all operating leases during the year totaled \$10,214.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

IRC Section 403(b) - All permanent employees who are at least half-time can participate in a tax sheltered annuity plan created under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). 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 this plan are the responsibility of the plan. No costs are incurred by the Rutherford Partnership. The Rutherford County Partnership contributed \$11,280 for pension benefits during the year ended June 30, 2002. The employees did not contribute to the plan during the year ended June 30, 2002.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

NOTE 8 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2002 are available for the following purposes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Child Care and Education Quality	<u>\$ 100</u>

B. Net Assets Released from Donor Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year end June 30, 2002, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Child Care and Education Quality	<u>\$ 1,458</u>

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
 SCHEDULE OF CONTRACT AND GRANT EXPENDITURES--REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 1

Organization Name	Smart Start Fund		Other Funds	
	Amount Advanced	Refund Due	Amount Advanced	Refund Due
Cleveland County Health Department	\$ 37,146	\$ (461)	\$ 1,274	\$ -
Family Resources of Rutherford County	* 902,463	(260)	1,314	-
Liberty Baptist	* 4,321	-	-	-
Merritt Research	27,734	-	-	-
Rutherford County Schools	* 378,139	(1,575)	-	-
Rutherford Hospital, Inc.	* 58,000	-	-	-
United Way of Rutherford County	* 7,198	(76)	-	-
Individuals:				
Various daycare providers	146,861	-	3,029	-
	\$ 1,561,862	\$ (2,372)	\$ 5,617	\$ -

* These organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4 - Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations.

See Independent Auditors' Report.

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
 SCHEDULE OF STATE AWARDS--REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 2

<u>State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program</u>	<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
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)	1-01-3-06-001	\$ (82,055)	\$ -
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (current year)	*1-12-3-06-001	1,720,142	1,717,519
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant		<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Total State Awards		<u>\$ 1,650,087</u>	<u>\$ 1,729,519</u>

* Programs with compliance requirements that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

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**RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 3

Furniture and Non-Computer Equipment	\$ 13,110
Computer Equipment/Printers	<u>11,996</u>
Total Property and Equipment	<u>\$ 25,106</u>

Note: The information on this schedule provides a summary of property and equipment with acquisition or donated cost of \$500 or more which were held by the Partnership at year-end. On the regulatory basis of accounting, these items are expensed in the year purchased.

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**RUTHERFORD COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING MATCH (NON-GAAP)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 4

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:

Cash	\$	406
In-Kind Goods and Services		<u>1,254</u>
	\$	<u><u>1,660</u></u>

Match Provided at the Contractor Level:

Cash	\$	182,458
In-Kind Goods and Services		<u>3,780</u>
	\$	<u><u>186,238</u></u>

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 1999-237, Section 11.48(1). The law allows for volunteer services to be valued for match purposes, a concept that deviates from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

See Independent Auditors' Report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Directors
Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc.
Spindale, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Rutherford County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Rutherford Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2003. 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 Rutherford 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 Rutherford 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

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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 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.

February 13, 2003

Crisp Hughes Evans LLP

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