

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

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WINDSOR, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

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

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of the Bertie 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 Bertie 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. and required the implementation of local partnerships. The Bertie County Partnership for Children, Inc. is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Bertie 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
Bertie County Partnership for Children, Inc.
Windsor, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets--Regulatory Basis of the Bertie County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Bertie 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 Bertie 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 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 Bertie 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2003 on our consideration of the Bertie Partnership's internal control over financial

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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 Bertie 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.

January 31, 2003

Crisp Hughes Evans LLP

BERTIE 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>Total</u>
	<u>Smart Start</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Funds</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	
Receipts:				
State Awards (less refunds of \$42,797)	\$ 502,095	\$ 9,683	\$ -	\$ 511,778
Federal Awards	-	49,513	-	49,513
Private Contributions	-	7,588	16,627	24,215
Interest and Investment Earnings	-	1,357	452	1,809
Sales Tax Refunds	-	2,500	-	2,500
Other Receipts	<u>2,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,992</u>
Total Receipts	<u>505,087</u>	<u>70,641</u>	<u>17,079</u>	<u>592,807</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:				
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>9,902</u>	<u>(9,902)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>505,087</u>	<u>80,543</u>	<u>7,177</u>	<u>592,807</u>
Expenditures:				
Programs:				
Child Care and Education Quality	115,447	1,626	-	117,073
Child Care and Education Affordability	202,645	14,085	-	216,730
Health and Safety	38,360	12,699	-	51,059
Family Support	34,431	-	-	34,431
Support:				
Management and General	126,724	50,240	-	176,964
Program Evaluation	13,779	1,796	-	15,575
Other:				
Sales Tax Paid	<u>-</u>	<u>1,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,188</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>531,386</u>	<u>81,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>613,020</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under)				
Expenditures	(26,299)	(1,091)	7,177	(20,213)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>40,560</u>	<u>3,118</u>	<u>12,888</u>	<u>56,566</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 14,261</u>	<u>\$ 2,027</u>	<u>\$ 20,065</u>	<u>\$ 36,353</u>
Net Assets Consisted of:				
Cash on Deposit	\$ 14,256	\$ 1,899	\$ 20,065	\$ 36,220
Refunds Due From Contractors	5	-	-	5
Funds Due From Others	<u>-</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128</u>
	<u>\$ 14,261</u>	<u>\$ 2,027</u>	<u>\$ 20,065</u>	<u>\$ 36,353</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

BERTIE 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 Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/Contracts/Grants	Participant Training Expenditures
Smart Start Fund:									
Programs:									
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 115,447	\$ 44,883	\$ 37,177	\$ 3,270	\$ 8,974	\$ 4,345	\$ 2,714	\$ 9,924	\$ 4,160
Child Care and Education Affordability	202,645	24,488	-	295	2,612	636	-	174,614	-
Health and Safety	38,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,360	-
Family Support	34,431	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,431	-
Support:									
Management and General	126,724	95,727	3,432	2,670	15,218	9,147	530	-	-
Program Evaluation	13,779	11,418	-	118	1,550	693	-	-	-
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 531,386	\$ 176,516	\$ 40,609	\$ 6,353	\$ 28,354	\$ 14,821	\$ 3,244	\$ 257,329	\$ 4,160
Other Funds:									
Programs:									
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 1,626	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67	\$ -	\$ 1,559	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Child Care and Education Affordability	14,085	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	13,085	-
Health and Safety	12,699	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,699	-
Support:									
Management and General	50,240	-	44,005	3,976	2,089	-	170	-	-
Program Evaluation	1,796	-	502	394	900	-	-	-	-
Other:									
Sales tax paid	1,188	-	-	1,188	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 81,634	\$ -	\$ 44,507	\$ 6,625	\$ 2,989	\$ 1,559	\$ 170	\$ 25,784	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization and Purpose - The Bertie County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Bertie Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on April 15, 1996. The Bertie Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Bertie 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 Bertie 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 Bertie 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. In addition, other amounts received in an agency capacity are recorded as funds due from others.

- D. Refunds Due From Contractors** - Refunds due from contractors represent the unexpended amount of advances to contractors at year end that 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. Funds Due From Others** - Funds due from others includes amounts received and/or expended that are fiduciary in nature in which the Partnership acts in an agency capacity. For the year ended June 30, 2002, the Bertie Partnership was owed amounts to be withheld from employee paychecks related to employee benefits.
- F. 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 Bertie Partnership are deposited with two commercial banks and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subject the Bertie Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2002, the Bertie Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$3,572

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Bertie 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 Bertie Partnership. These

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service provider contracts are not reflected on the accompanying financial statements. However, a summary of the service provider contracts entered into by NCPC and/or DHHS is presented on Schedule 2 accompanying the financial statements.

The Bertie Partnership was awarded and has received \$542,575 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 \$11,189 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.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Bertie Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Bertie 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 NCPC and/or 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 (UPGRADE) grants, child care resource and referral, salary supplements and provider training.

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Child Care and Education Affordability - Used to account for service activities including: child care cost supports (DCD) and child care subsidy.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including: prenatal/newborn services, child care health consultants/outreach nurses, comprehensive health support; special needs--early intervention services, and developmental screenings.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities associated with general family support.

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 purpose were allocated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits - Allocated based on employee time reports.

Other Costs - Other costs including occupancy cost (rent and utilities) and communication costs (telephone and printing) were allocated based on estimates of utilization.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN

Retirement Plans - The Bertie Partnership has a SIMPLE - IRA Plan covering all full-time employees. Each full-time employee of the Bertie Partnership has an option to participate in the plan. An Individual Retirement Account is provided to the employee through an outside financial institution. The Bertie Partnership matches up to 3% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2002; however, there were no employee contributions for the year. The Bertie Partnership does

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not own the accounts, nor is it liable for any other cost other than the required contribution.

For the year ended June 30, 2002, the Bertie Partnership had a total payroll of \$147,956, of which \$30,000 was covered under the plan. The Partnership contributed \$900 for pension benefits during the year.

NOTE 7 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2002 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	Amount
Literacy Training Project	\$ 956
R.J. Reynolds Child Care Scholarships	2,900
Staff Development	5,455
Lending Library	36
UNC Transition Forum	50
Child Care Health Consultant	8,753
R.J. Reynolds Scholarships for Teen Mothers	1,915
	<u>\$ 20,065</u>

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	Amount
R.J. Reynolds Child Care Scholarships	\$ 7,500
R.J. Reynolds Educational Supplies	1,000
UNC Transition Forum	950
Flood Relief Grant	452
	<u>\$ 9,902</u>

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

SCHEDULE 1

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Smart Start Fund</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
	<u>Amount Advanced</u>	<u>Refund Due</u>	<u>Amount Advanced</u>	<u>Refund Due</u>
Bertie County Board of Education	* \$ 42,681	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bertie County Health Department	* 24,460	(5)	12,699	-
Bertie County Schools	* 7,654	-	-	-
Child Care Grant	-	-	12,556	-
Chowan College	9,924	-	-	-
Choanoke Area Development	1,656	-	-	-
Greater Victory	* 5,877	-	-	-
Kiddie World	* 66,543	-	529	-
Loving Arms	* 1,767	-	-	-
Roanoke Chowan Hospital	8,656	-	-	-
Roanoke Chowan Human Services	* 5,250	-	-	-
Individuals:				
Child Care Subsidy	82,745	-	-	-
Supplemental Special Needs	121	-	-	-
	\$ 257,334	\$ (5)	\$ 25,784	\$ -

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

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**BERTIE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
 SCHEDULE OF STATE LEVEL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 2

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>DHHS Contracts</u>	<u>NCPC Contracts</u>	<u>Total Contracts</u>
Child Care Services Association--WAGES Program	\$ 25,537	\$ -	\$ 25,537
North Carolina State University	-	31,385	31,385
	\$ 25,537	\$ 31,385	\$ 56,922

The information on this schedule provides a listing of service provider contracts entered into by either the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or the North Carolina Partnership for Children (NCPC) as described in Note 3 - Funding From Grant Awards.

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

SCHEDULE 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards:				
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:				
Pass through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services--Division of Child Development:				
Pass through from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:				
Child Care Health Consultant Program	93.575	6028	\$ 49,513	\$ 49,513
Total Federal Awards			<u>49,513</u>	<u>49,513</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)	N/A	*1-01-4-02-001	(40,480)	-
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (current year)	N/A	*1-12-4-02-001	542,575	531,386
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (prior year)	N/A	-	(2,317)	-
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (current year)	N/A	-	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Total State Awards			<u>511,778</u>	<u>543,386</u>
Total Federal and State Awards			<u>\$ 561,291</u>	<u>\$ 592,899</u>

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

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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 4

Furniture and Non-Computer Equipment	\$ 30,467
Computer Equipment/Printers	<u>15,379</u>
Total Property and Equipment	<u>\$ 45,846</u>

Note: The information on this schedule provides a summary of property and equipment with acquisition or donated cost of \$500 or more that 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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**BERTIE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.
SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING MATCH (NON-GAAP)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 5

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:

Cash	\$	24,215
In-Kind Goods and Services		<u>19,659</u>
	\$	<u><u>43,874</u></u>

Match Provided at the Contractor Level:

Cash	\$	54,986
In-Kind Goods and Services		<u>1,108</u>
	\$	<u><u>56,094</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(l). 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.

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GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Directors
Bertie County Partnership for Children, Inc.
Windsor, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Bertie County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Bertie Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated January 31, 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 Bertie 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 Bertie 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

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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 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.

January 31, 2003

Crisp Hughes Evans LLP

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In accordance with General Statutes 147-64.5 and 147-64.6(c)(14), copies of this report have been distributed to the public officials listed below. Additional copies are provided to other legislators, state officials, the press, and the general public upon request.

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