

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF
CRAVEN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
NEW BERN, 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, Craven County Partnership for Children

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of the Craven County Partnership for Children 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 Craven County Partnership for Children 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 Craven County Partnership for Children is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Craven County Partnership for Children 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
Craven County Partnership for Children
New Bern, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets--Regulatory Basis of the Craven County Partnership for Children (Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven County Partnership for Children 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 April 2, 2003 on our consideration of the Craven Partnership's internal control over financial

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONCLUDED)

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 Craven County Partnership for 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.

April 2, 2003

Crisp Hughes Evans LLP

**CRAVEN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
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>	<u>Funds</u>
Receipts:				
State Awards (Less Refunds of \$37,123)	\$ 1,068,596	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ 1,080,596
Private Contributions	-	4,313	-	4,313
Special Fund Raising Events	-	15,949	-	15,949
Interest and Investment Earnings	-	294	-	294
Other Receipts	<u>3,700</u>	<u>6,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,678</u>
Total Receipts	<u>1,072,296</u>	<u>39,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,111,830</u>
Net Assets Released From Restrictions:				
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>9,190</u>	<u>(9,190)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,072,296</u>	<u>48,724</u>	<u>(9,190)</u>	<u>1,111,830</u>
Expenditures:				
Programs:				
Child Care and Education Quality	393,552	4,724	-	398,276
Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability	51,135	-	-	51,135
Child Care and Education Affordability	82,144	-	-	82,144
Health and Safety	201,690	19	-	201,709
Family Support	138,104	3,700	-	141,804
Support:				
Management and General	124,534	24,292	-	148,826
Program Evaluation	47,577	-	-	47,577
Other:				
Sales Tax Paid	<u>-</u>	<u>3,489</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,489</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,038,736</u>	<u>36,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,074,960</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under)				
Expenditures	33,560	12,500	(9,190)	36,870
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>33,423</u>	<u>1,792</u>	<u>10,150</u>	<u>45,365</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 66,983</u>	<u>\$ 14,292</u>	<u>\$ 960</u>	<u>\$ 82,235</u>
Net Assets Consisted of:				
Cash on Deposit	\$ 62,854	\$ 14,142	\$ 960	\$ 77,956
Petty Cash	-	150	-	150
Refunds Due from Contractors	<u>4,154</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,154</u>
	67,008	14,292	960	82,260
Less: Funds Held for Others	<u>(25)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(25)</u>
	<u>\$ 66,983</u>	<u>\$ 14,292</u>	<u>\$ 960</u>	<u>\$ 82,235</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**CRAVEN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
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	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/Contracts/Grants	Participant Training Expenditures
Smart Start Fund:									
Programs:									
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 393,552	\$ 215,637	\$ 2,784	\$ 30,046	\$ 22,951	\$ 16,693	\$ 457	\$ 97,490	\$ 7,494
Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability	51,135	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,135	-
Child Care and Education Affordability	82,144	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,144	-
Health and Safety	201,690	-	-	-	-	-	-	201,690	-
Family Support	138,104	43,354	492	9,566	5,987	2,272	-	76,433	-
Support:									
Management and General	124,534	94,500	2,712	2,266	12,587	11,841	628	-	-
Program Evaluation	47,577	42,101	1,077	1,555	2,378	466	-	-	-
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$1,038,736	\$ 395,592	\$ 7,065	\$ 43,433	\$ 43,903	\$ 31,272	\$ 1,085	\$ 508,892	\$ 7,494
Other Funds:									
Programs:									
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 4,724	\$ -	\$ 1,356	\$ -	\$ 18	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ 3,310	\$ -
Health and Safety	19	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-
Family Support	3,700	-	3,400	32	268	-	-	-	-
Support:									
Management and General	24,292	1,486	12,379	268	10,134	25	-	-	-
Other:									
Sales Tax Paid	3,489	-	-	3,489	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 36,224	\$ 1,486	\$ 17,135	\$ 3,808	\$ 10,420	\$ 65	\$ -	\$ 3,310	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**CRAVEN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2002**

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization and Purpose - The Craven County Partnership for Children (Craven Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on August 6, 1998. The Craven Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven 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, amounts withheld from employee paychecks or other amounts received in an agency capacity are recorded as funds held for others.

- 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. Funds Held for Others** - Funds held for others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the Partnership acts in an agency capacity. For the year ended, the Craven Partnership was holding amounts withheld from employee pay checks for health insurance premiums and retirement contributions.
- 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 Craven 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 Craven Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2002 the Craven Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$93,802.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Associated with these contracts, the Craven 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, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) entered into contracts with and made payments to service providers selected by the Craven Partnership. These service provider contracts are not reflected on the accompanying financial statements. However, a summary of the service provider contracts entered into by DHHS is presented on Schedule 2 accompanying the financial statements.

The Craven Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,002,545 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Partnership returned \$48,000 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 Craven Partnership are representatives of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Craven 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:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

A. Program Functions

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service activities including: quality enhancement (upgrade) grants, quality enhancement (maintenance) grants, child care resource and referral, professional development, and curriculum enhancement.

Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability - Used to account for service activities associated with increased child care availability.

Child Care and Education Affordability - Used to account for service activities including public pre-K classes, child care cost supports (DCD), and part day care programs.

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

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including: family resource center, ongoing parenting education and community outreach.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

Other Costs - Other costs, including occupancy costs (rent, utilities, maintenance, and janitorial) are allocated based on square footage. Liability insurance is allocated based on number of employees. Postage is allocated based on actual usage.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Total rental payments for all operating leases were \$17,271 for the year ended June 30, 2002.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

The Craven Partnership has a SIMPLE - IRA Plan covering all full-time employees and regular part-time employees who earned over \$5,000 per year. Each full-time employee and regular part-time employee of the Craven Partnership has an option to participate in the plan and can contribute up to \$7,000 per year. An Individual Retirement Account is provided to the employee through an outside financial institution. The Craven Partnership matches employee contributions dollar for dollar up to 3% of the employee's gross salary. The Craven Partnership does not own the accounts, nor is it liable for any cost other than the required contribution.

For the year ended June 30, 2002, the Craven Partnership had a total covered payroll of \$328,116. The Partnership contributed \$4,756 for pension benefits during the year. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$7,885.

NOTE 8 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2002 are available for building capacity.

**Craven County Partnership for Children
 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
Bonus for Increased Stars--Home Providers	\$ 3,551	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bonus for 4/5 Star--Centers	2,450	-	-	-
Craven - Cherry Point Child Development Center	33,080	(119)	-	-
Craven - Cherry Point Child Development Center	8,989	-	-	-
Craven County Health Department	* 122,208	(165)	-	-
Craven County Schools	* 165,515	(3,726)	-	-
Cooperative Extension	* 47,574	(141)	-	-
James City Historical Society, Inc.	29,000	-	-	-
KFH Group, Inc.	18,174	-	-	-
Lion and the Lamb	8,989	-	-	-
Little Hands	-	-	156	-
Miracle Learning Center	43,432	(3)	-	-
New Bern - Craven Public Library	* -	-	240	-
Trinity Presbyterian	8,989	-	-	-
TEACH Stipend-Rainbow	-	-	574	-
TEACH Stipend-Trinity Presbyterian	-	-	880	-
Individuals:				
Curriculum Training Participant Bonus	18,900	-	-	-
NAFCC Accreditation Scholarship for Paula Messmer	695	-	-	-
School Age Teacher/Director/Center of the Year Awards	-	-	1,460	-
Teacher/Director/Provider of the Year Awards	1,500	-	-	-
	\$ 513,046	\$ (4,154)	\$ 3,310	\$ -

* 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.

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

SCHEDULE 2

Organization Name	DHHS Contracts
Child Care Services Association-WAGE\$ Program	\$ 137,541
Craven County Department of Social Services	* 501,429
	\$ 638,970

* This organization is represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4 - Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations.

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

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

SCHEDULE 3

<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)	1-01-5-09-001	\$ (37,123)	\$ -
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (current year)	* 1-12-5-09-001	1,002,545	954,878
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant	-	12,000	12,000
Capacity Building Grant	1-12-5-09-002	85,000	65,684
Encumbrance Grant	-	<u>18,174</u>	<u>18,174</u>
Total State Awards		\$ <u>1,080,596</u>	\$ <u>1,050,736</u>

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

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

SCHEDULE 4

Furniture and Non-Computer Equipment	\$ 16,024
Computer Equipment/Printers	38,750
Leasehold Improvements	<u>10,172</u>
Total Property and Equipment	<u>\$ 64,946</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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**CRAVEN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN
SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING MATCH (NON-GAAP)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

SCHEDULE 5

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:

Cash	\$	20,262
In-Kind Goods and Services		<u>22,223</u>
	\$	<u>42,485</u>

Match Provided at the Contractor Level:

Cash	\$	131,617
In-Kind Goods and Services		<u>66,867</u>
	\$	<u>198,484</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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
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Board of Directors
Craven County Partnership for Children
New Bern, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Craven County Partnership for Children (Craven Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated April 2, 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 Craven 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 Craven 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

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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.

April 2, 2003

Crisp Hughes Evans LLP

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