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BEAUFORT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of the Beaufort County Partnership for Children (Beaufort Partnership) for the year ended June 30, 2003. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*.

The accounts and operations of the Beaufort 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 Beaufort Partnership was made in conjunction with the Early Childhood Initiatives (Smart Start) program authorized by General Statutes 143B-168.10-.16. These statutes created the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. and required the implementation of local demonstration projects (local partnerships). The Beaufort Partnership is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Beaufort Partnership is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and is required by General Statute 143B-168.14(b) to have a financial and compliance audit conducted by the Office of 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 – To express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

Results – The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the amounts and disclosures made in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL (CONCLUDED)

2. Objective – To present significant deficiencies, if any, in internal control over financial reporting which could adversely affect the Beaufort Partnership's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data in the financial statements and present instances of noncompliance, if any, with laws, regulations, contracts, or grants.

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

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of 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.

Ralph Campbell, Jr.

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State Auditor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Beaufort County Partnership for Children Washington, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Beaufort County Partnership for Children (Beaufort Partnership) as of June 30, 2003, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Beaufort 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 misstatements. 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 modified cash basis of accounting, 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 Beaufort County Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations arising from modified cash basis transactions 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 June 4, 2004 on our consideration of the Beaufort 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 Beaufort 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 Schedules 1, 3, 4, and 5 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. The information in Schedule 2 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

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.

Ralph Campbell, Jr. State Auditor

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June 4, 2004

Beaufort County Partnership for Children Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2003 Exhibit A

\$	Smart Start Fund		Other Funds		Restricted Funds		Total Funds
\$			Funds		Funds		Funds
\$							
\$							
	495,790	\$	308,745	\$	0	\$	804,535
			1,691				1,691
			113				113
							4,238
	-		1,511	-			1,511
	495,790		316,296				812,086
			222		(222)		
	495,790		316,518		(222)		812,086
	234,316		2,782				237,098
			······································				770, 107
			296,950				299,224
	107,330		12,175				119,505
							42,785
			2,961			-	2,961
	494,475		314,868				809,343
	1,315		1.650		(222)		2,743
	6,533		2,849		255	-	9,637
\$	7,848	\$	4,499	\$	33	\$	12,380
8	4.442	S	4,499	S	33	S	8,974
	3,406						3,406
\$	7,848	\$	4,499	\$	33	\$	12,380
	5	495,790 234,316 107,770 2,274 107,330 42,785 494,475 1,315 6,533 \$ 7,848 \$ 7,848 \$ 3,406	495,790 234,316 107,770 2,274 107,330 42,785 11,315 6,533 \$ 7,848 \$ \$ 7,848 \$ \$ 3,406	4,236 1,511 495,790 316,296 222 495,790 316,518 234,316 2,782 107,770 2,274 296,950 107,330 12,175 42,785 107,330 2,961 494,475 314,868 1,315 1,650 6,533 2,849 \$ 7,848 \$ 4,499 3,406	495,790 316,296 316,518 222 34,316 2,782 107,770 2,274 296,950 314,785 314,868 31,315 1,650 6,533 2,849 \$ 3,406 \$ \$ 7,848 \$ 4,499 \$ \$	4,236 1,511 495,790 316,296 222 (222) 495,790 316,518 (222) 234,316 2,782 (222) 107,770 2,274 296,950 107,330 12,175 42,785 494,475 314,868 (222) \$ 7,848 4,499 \$ 33 \$ 7,848 4,499 \$ 33 \$ 3,406 \$ 34,499 \$ 33	4,236 1,511 495,790 316,296 222 (222) 495,790 316,518 (222) 107,770 2,782 (222) 107,330 12,175 42,785 2,961 2,961 494,475 314,868 1,315 1,650 (222) 256 \$ 7,848 4,499 \$ 33 \$ \$ 4,442 4,499 \$ 33 \$ \$ 3,406 3,406 \$ 33 \$

Beaufort County Partnership for Children Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Exhibit B

		Total	P	ersonnel		ntracted ervices		upplies and laterials		Other perating penditures	Cl	Fixed harges d Other enditures	Eq	perty and uipment Outlay	С	Gervices/ ontracts/ Grants	Tra	icipant iining nditures
Smart Start Fund:	_																	
Programs:																		
Child Care and Education Quality	\$	234,316		134,612		1,477		23,145		18,851		12,563		9,781		33,887		
Health and Safety	\$	107,770														107,770		
More at Four	\$	2,274						2,274										
	\$	344,360	\$	134,612	\$	1,477	\$	25,419	\$	18,851	\$	12,563	\$	9,781	\$	141,657	\$	0
Support:				·	•	·	•	·	•				•			·		
Management and General	\$	107,330		79,340		1,205		3,117		11,752		7,496		4,420				
Program Evaluation	\$	42,785		39,255		189		121		1,399		1,556		265				
-	\$	150,115	\$	118,595	\$	1,394	\$	3,238	\$	13,151	\$	9,052	\$	4,685	\$	0	\$	0
	_					·												
otal Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$	494,475	\$	253,207	\$	2,871	\$	28,657	\$	32,002	\$	21,615	\$	14,466	\$	141,657	\$	0
 Other Funds:																		
Programs:																		
Child Care and Education Quality	\$	2,782						2,732		50								
More at Four	\$															296,950		
	\$	299,732	\$	0	\$	0	\$	2,732	\$	50	\$	0	\$	0	\$	296,950	\$	0
Support:																		
Management and General	\$	12,175	\$	6,105	\$	4,094	\$	238	\$	548	\$	250	\$	940	\$	0	\$	0
Other:																		
Sales Tax Paid	S	2,961					\$	2,961										
Calco TaxT and	LΨ	2,301					ΙΨ.	2,301							_			
otal Other Funds Expenditures	\$	314,868	\$	6,105	\$	4,094	\$	5,931	\$	598	\$	250	\$	940	\$	296,950	\$	0
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BEAUFORT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2003

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** The Beaufort County Partnership for Children (Beaufort Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on April 16, 1996. The Beaufort Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Beaufort 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 Beaufort Partnership's Board of Directors is responsible. Pursuant to the provisions of 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. 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 Beaufort Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2003.

C. Basis of Accounting - The accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. 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.

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.** Cash and Cash Equivalents This classification appears on the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets Modified Cash Basis and consists of cash on deposit with private bank accounts.
- **E. 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.
- **F.** Compensated Absences As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, liabilities related to accrued compensated absences are not recorded in the financial statements. Expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded when paid. The amount of accrued compensated absences for accumulated, unpaid leave and compensatory time, along with the related employer costs that would be due to employees upon termination is reported as a commitment in Note 9.
- **G.** Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the other comprehensive basis of accounting used by the Beaufort Partnership requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as allocation of joint costs); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. It is management's belief that these estimates are reasonable and fair.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

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

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

Smart Start Program - The Beaufort 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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

the State could have an adverse effect on the operations of the Beaufort Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the Beaufort 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 North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) entered into contracts with and made payments to service providers selected by the Beaufort 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 Beaufort Partnership was awarded and has received \$503,064 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 \$7,861 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2003.

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

More at Four – The Beaufort Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Beaufort Partnership was awarded \$304,800 and received \$296,950 under a current year cost-reimbursement contract. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new More at Four contracts with the State.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Beaufort Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Beaufort 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 – Modified Cash Basis. Also, the Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash 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 for upgrades, child care resource and referral, or curriculum enhancements.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including prenatal/newborn services, child care health consultants, or special needs – early intervention services/special education.

More at Four – Used to account for development and implementation of More at Four prekindergarten program for at-risk four-year-olds who are at risk of failure in kindergarten. The goal is to provide quality prekindergarten services in order to enhance kindergarten readiness.

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, utilities and maintenance) and communication costs (telephone and printing) were allocated based on utilization data.

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$16,942.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLANS

- A. Retirement Plans The Beaufort Partnership has a Simplified Employee Pension plan (SEP Plan) covering all full-time employees. Each full-time employee of the Beaufort Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an Individual Retirement Account through an outside insurance company. The Beaufort Partnership contributed up to 6% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2003. The Beaufort Partnership does not own the accounts nor is liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. For the year ended June 30, 2003, the Beaufort Partnership contributed \$9,522 for pension benefits during the year.
- **B.** Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Retirement Income Plans IRC Section 403(b) Plan All permanent employees who are at least half time can participate in a tax sheltered annuity plan (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. These Plans are exclusively for employees of universities and certain charitable and other nonprofit organizations. All costs of administering and funding these Plans are the responsibility of the Plan participants. No costs are incurred by the Beaufort Partnership.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Beaufort Partnership is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees' health and life; and natural disasters. The Beaufort Partnership manages these various risks of loss as follows:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

Type of Loss	Method Managed	Risk of Loss Retained
Torts, errors and omissions, health and life	Purchased commercial insurance	None
Workers Compensation – Employee injuries	Purchased commercial insurance	None
Physical property loss and natural disasters	Purchased commercial insurance	None

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Beaufort Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compensated Absences – As a result of the Beaufort Partnership's use of the modified cash basis of accounting, accrued liabilities related to compensated absences (vacation only; sick leave does not vest) and any employer-related costs earned and unpaid, are not reflected in the financial statements. The compensated absences commitment for vacation leave at June 30, 2003, is \$3,851. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2003 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	An	nount
Community Awareness and Access	\$	33

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	A	Mount
Community Awareness and Access	\$	222

Beaufort County Partnership for Children		
Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis		
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003		Schedule 1

		Smart S	tart Fund		Other Fu	ınds
		Amount	Refund		Amount	Refund
Organization Name		Advanced	Due	,	Advanced	Due
Beaufort County Board of Education	*				235,000	
Beaufort County Center, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service	*	35,601	(457)			
Beaufort County Developmental Center, Inc.	*	40,920	(1,464)			
Beaufort County Health Department	*	34,583	(1,413)			
BHM Regional Library		30,959	(72)			
Pamlico Beach Ladies Auxiliary, Inc. dba Care-O-World Enrichment Center					61,950	
Various Child Care Centers		3,000				
		\$ 145,063	\$ (3,406)	\$	296,950	\$ (
ese organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4 - Service	Provid	er Contracts with	Board Memb	er Orgai	nizations.	

Beaufort County Partnership for Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 2

	Organization Name			DHHS ontracts
	Beaufort County Department of Social Services			244,055
	Child Care Services Association - WAGES Program			82,660
			\$	326,715
*	These organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4 Contracts with Board Member Organizations.	1 - :	Servic	ce Provide
	The information on this schedule provides a listing of service provider contracts entered Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as described in Note 3 - Awards.			•

Beaufort County Partnership for Children					
Schedule of State Awards - Modified Cash Basi:	······································				
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003					Schedule 3
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State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Contract #		Receipts	E	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 Years)	Various	\$	(7,274)	\$	(742)
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year)	* N/A		503,064		495,218
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Prior Year)	N/A		(205)		
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Current Year)	WA		12,000		11,404
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services					
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program	2090002840	-	296,950		296,950
Total State Awards		\$	804,535	\$	802,830
* Programs with compliance requirements that have a direct and materi	al effect on the finan	cial sta	atements.		
Note: The More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program is contracted jointly	hy the North Carel	na Dev	partment of He	alth	
and Human Services and the Office of the Governor. The allocations for the budget for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; agency as the State Grantor. The Office of the Governor is responsible f	the More at Four pro therefore, the above	gram a e sched	are included in dule identifies	the that	

Beaufort County Partnership for Children		
Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis		
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003		Schedule 4
Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment	\$	31,956
Computer Equipment/Printers		26,690
Leasehold Improvements		234
Total Property and Equipment	\$	58,880
Note: The information on this schedule provides a summary of property and e or donated cost of \$500 or more which were held by the Partnership at represent historical cost. On the modified basis of accounting, these items of purchase.	year end. Th	e valuations

***C 1C	ar Ended June 30, 2003		Schedu	ue :
Match	Provided at the Partnership Level:			
Cash		\$	3,422	
In-Kind	Goods and Services		44,494	
		\$	47,916	
Match	Provided at the Contractor Level:			
Cash		\$	65,056	
In-Kind	Goods and Services		1,229	
		\$	66,285	
by Nort	This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match r th Carolina Session Law 2001-424, Section 21.72(c). The law allows for match purposes, a concept that deviates from generally accepted	for volunteer se	rvices to be	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Beaufort County Partnership for Children Washington, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Beaufort County Partnership for Children (Beaufort Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated June 4, 2004. 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 Beaufort 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 Beaufort 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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 (CONCLUDED)

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, 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.

Ralph Campbell, Jr.

apph Campbell, J.

State Auditor

June 4, 2004

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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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