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CRAVEN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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 our financial statement audit of the Craven County Partnership for Children (Craven Partnership) for the year ended June 30, 2004. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*.

The accounts and operations of the Craven 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 Craven 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 Craven Partnership is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Craven 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.

2. Objective – To present significant deficiencies, if any, in internal control over financial reporting which could adversely affect the Craven 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.

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Ralph Campbell, Jr. State Auditor

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 – Modified Cash Basis of the Craven County Partnership for Children (Craven Partnership) as of June 30, 2004, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash 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 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 Craven County Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2004, 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 September 3, 2004 on our consideration of the Craven Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should considered in assessing the results of our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Craven County Partnership for Children's basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1, 3, 4, and 5 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. These Schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are 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 basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

Raph Campbell, J.

Ralph Campbell, Jr. State Auditor

September 3, 2004

Craven County Partnership for Children	
Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis	
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004	Exhibit A

		Unrestric	ted F	unds		Temporarily		
		Smart Start		Other		Restricted		Total
		Fund		Funds		Funds		Funds
Receipts:								
State Awards (less refunds of \$22,811)	\$	735,125	\$	12,000	\$	0	\$	747,125
Private Contributions				5,661		1,237		6,898
Special Fund Raising Events				5,877		327		6,204
Interest and Investment Earnings				99				99
Sales Tax Refunds				2,826				2,828
Other Receipts				800				800
Total Receipts		735,125		27,263		1,564		763,952
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:								
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions				586		(586)		
		735,125		27,849		978		763,952
		100,120		21,040		010		100,002
Expenditures:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability		38,464						38,464
Child Care and Education Affordability		60,811						60,811
Child Care and Education Quality		223,709		7,691				231,400
Family Support		164,457		118				164,575
Health and Safety		70,887		88				70,975
Support:								
Management and General		130,467		25,293				155,760
Program Evaluation		49,813						49,843
Other:								
Refund of Prior Year Grant				706				708
Sales Tax Paid				4,026				4,028
Total Expenditures		738,608		37,952				776,560
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures		(3,483)		(10,103)		978		(12,608
Net Assets at Beginning of Year (Note 11)		22,246		16,440		2,267		40,953
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	18,763	\$	6,337	\$	3,245	\$	28,345
Net Assets Consisted of:								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	18,677	\$	6,337	\$	3,245	\$	28,259
Refunds Due From Contractors	•	86		0,001	• 	0,240	*	88
	\$	18,763	\$	6,337	\$	3,245	\$	28,345

Craven County Partnership for Children Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

nart Start Fund: Programs: Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability Child Care and Education Affordability	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	E	Other Operating Expenditures	Charges and Other penditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants	т	articipant Training penditures
Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability						-					
Child Core and Education Affordability	\$ 38,464	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 38,464	\$	0
	60,811								60,811		
Child Care and Education Quality	223,709	126,197	5,062	10,532		27,624	21,972	20,890	9,700		1,732
Family Support	164,457	56,006							108,451		
Health and Safety	 70,887	51,073	 	 			 	 	 19,814		
	 558,328	 233,276	 5,062	 10,532		27,624	 21,972	 20,890	 237,240		1,732
Support:											
Management and General	130,467	99,879	2,704	2,995		11,543	8,595	4,751			
Program Evaluation	49,813	39,704	371	1,572		4,696	2,281	1,189			
	 180,280	 139,583	 3,075	 4,567		16,239	 10,876	 5,940	 		
otal Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 738,608	\$ 372,859	\$ 8,137	\$ 15,099	\$	43,863	\$ 32,848	\$ 26,830	\$ 237,240	\$	1,732
ther Funds:											
Programs:											
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 7,691	\$ 0	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,728	\$	1,699	\$ 71	\$ 2,813	\$ 0	\$	130
Family Support	118			38					80		
Health and Safety	 88	 	 88	 1 700		1.000	 	 	 		
·····	7,897	 	 1,338	 1,766		1,699	 71	 2,813	 80		130
Support: Management and General	25,293	5,128	6,622	2,513		3,472	618	6,940			
Program Evaluation	20,290	5,120	0,022	2,515		30	010	0,340			
- rogram Evaluation	 25,323	 5,128	 6,622	 2,513		3,502	 618	 6,940	 		
)ther:	 	 	 	 			 	 	 		-
Refund of Prior Year Grant	706						706				
Sales Tax Paid	 4,026	 	 	 4,026			 	 	 		
	 4,732			 4,026			706				
otal Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 37,952	\$ 5,128	\$ 7,960	\$ 8,305	\$	5,201	\$ 1,395	\$ 9,753	\$ 80	\$	130
e accompanying notes to the financial statements are an inte											

Exhibit B

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. 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, and permanently restricted net assets. As permitted by this Statement, temporarily restricted 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, 2004.

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 of North Carolina 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 includes all demand and savings accounts and certificate of deposits or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.
- **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. Property and Equipment Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year occurred. However, Craven Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Craven Partnership has a policy to track purchases of property and equipment items with an individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Such items are valued at their original purchase price, which may be different from their valuation as of June 30, 2004. Donated items are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.
- **G.** 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 that would be due to employees upon termination is reported as a commitment in Note 9.
- **H.** Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the other comprehensive basis of accounting used by the Craven 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 Craven Partnership are deposited with a commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subjects the Craven Partnership to a concentration of credit risk.

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.

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 North Carolina 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 \$757,936 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Craven Partnership has returned \$18,605 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2004.

The Craven 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 representative 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 Craven 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 Craven 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 Accessibility and Availability - Used to account for service activities associated with increasing child care availability.

Child Care and Education Affordability - Used to account for service activities including public pre-K classes or part-day care programs.

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for upgrades or child care resource and referral.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including ongoing parenting education, family literacy projects, or community outreach information and resources.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including child care health consultants or comprehensive health 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 – Direct allocation based on employee time reports.

Other Costs - Other costs including occupancy cost (rent, utilities and maintenance, and janitorial salary), supplies and materials, and communication costs (telephone and printing) were indirectly allocated based on utilization data.

Allocated Expenses	 Amount
Personnel	\$ 5,361
Contracted Services	6,335
Supplies and Materials	5,347
Other Operating Expenses	21,426
Fixed Charges and Other Expenses	19,993
Property and Equipment	 3,019
Total Allocated Costs	\$ 61,481

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2004:

Fiscal Year	C	Derating Leases
2005	\$	18,392

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$21,434.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

Retirement Plans - The Craven Partnership has a SIMPLE - IRA Plan covering all full-time employees who receives a minimum of \$5,000 in compensation. Each full-time employee of the Craven Partnership has an

option to participate in the Plan. An Individual Retirement Account is provided to the employee through an outside financial institution. The Craven Partnership contributed 3% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2004. The Craven Partnership does not own the accounts nor is liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. The Craven Partnership contributed \$2,981 for pension benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Craven 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 Craven Partnership manages these various risks of loss as follows:

Type of Loss	Method Managed	<u>Risk of Loss</u> <u>Retained</u>
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

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Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Craven 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 Craven 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, 2004, is \$4,677. 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, 2004 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	 Amount
Basic School Aged Children Welcome Baby Project	\$ 2,008 1,237
	\$ 3,245

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	A	mount
Basic School Aged Children	\$	586

NOTE 11 - RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Our review of the beginning net asset balances for the Craven Partnership identified the misclassification of several activities in a prior period, particularly between unrestricted and temporarily restricted funds. Reclassification entries were recorded to restate the beginning net asset balances and to properly present the following activities:

	 Smart Start Funds	 TemporarilyOtherRestrictedFundsFunds			 Total
Net Assets June 30, 2002 as Previously Reported FY2003 Receipts/Disbursements (Net) Building Capacity Activity Basic School Aged Children Activity	\$ 66,983 (44,737)	\$ 14,292 3,455 960 (2,267)	\$	960 (960) 2,267	\$ 82,235 (41,282)
Net Assets June 30, 2003 as Restated	\$ 22,246	\$ 16,440	\$	2,267	\$ 40,953

Craven County Partnership for Children Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2004 Schedule 1

	Amount Advanced		Refund Due		Amount	l	Refund
	Advanced		Due				
					Advanced		Due
* \$	38,464	\$	0	\$	0	\$	
*	45,501		(13)				
*	19,815						
	77,681						
	46,092		·····				
	227,553		(13)				
	9,774		(74)		80		
	9,774		(74)		80		
\$	237,327	\$	(87)	\$	80	\$	(
	*	* 35,404 * 45,501 * 19,815 77,681 46,092 227,553 9,774	* 36,404 * * 45,501 * 19,815 77,681 46,092 227,553 9,774 9,774	* 35,404 * 0 * 45,501 (13) * 19,815 (13) * 19,815 (14) 46,092 (13) (13) 227,553 (13) (13) 9,774 (74) (74) 9,774 (74) (74)	* 36,404 * 0 * * 45,501 (13) * * 19,815	* 36,404 * 0 * 0 * 45,501 (13) (13) * 19,815 - - 77,681 - - - 46,092 - - - 227,553 (13) - - 9,774 (74) 80 9,774 (74) 80	* 36,404 * 0 * 0 * * 45,501 (13) * 19,815 * 1 * 19,815 1 1 * 1 1 46,092 1 1 1 1 1 1 227,553 (13) 1 1 1 1 1 9,774 (74) 80 1

Craven County Partnership for Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

Schedule 2

	Organization Name			DHHS Contracts
	Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$		\$	180,500
	Craven County Department of Social Services	*		621,274
		0	\$	801,774
*	These organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Not Contracts with Board Member Organizations.	ə 4	- St	ervice Provider
	The information on this schedule provides a listing of service provider contracts entered in Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as described in Note 3 - Funding from			

ied Casi	h Basis	·····	·····		
				S	chedule 3
	Contract #		Parainte	Fv	penditures
	Contract #		receipto		penditares
	Various	\$	382	\$	(61)
	N/A		(21,070)		(633)
*	1-23-5-09-001		757,936		739,331
	N/A		12,000		12,000
	N/A		(2,123)		(29)
		\$	747,125	\$	750,608
erial effect o	n the financial sta	tement	S.		
		N/A * 1-23-5-09-001 N/A N/A	Contract #	Contract # Receipts Various \$ 382 N/A (21,070) * 1-23-5-09-001 757,936 N/A 12,000 N/A (21,123)	Contract # Receipts Ex Contract # Receipts Ex Various \$ 382 \$ N/A (21,070) \$ * 1-23-5-09-001 757,936 N/A 12,000 N/A N/A (2,123) \$ N/A (2,123) \$

Craven County Partnership for Children Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis			
For the Year Ended June 30, 2004		Schedule 4	
Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment	\$	17,952	
Computer Equipment/Printers		48,819	
Leasehold Improvements		10,125	
Total Property and Equipment	\$	76,896	
Note: The information on this schedule provides a summary of property and o 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.	The valuation:	

	f Qualifying Match (Non-GAAP) ar Ended June 30, 2004		Schedule 5
Match	Provided at the Partnership Level:		
Cash		5	1,582
	Goods and Services		20,818
		\$	22,400
Match	Provided at the Contractor Level:		
Cash		\$	130,252
In-Kind	Goods and Services		40,698
		\$	170,950
North C and all each fis are ver requirer purpose	This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement a carolina Session Law 2003-397, Section 10.38(c). The North Carolina Partnership local partnerships are required to match the total amount budgeted for the Smart scal year. The match is comprised of both cash and in-kind amounts. Only in-kind fiable, quantifiable, and related to the Smart Start Program can be applied to t nent, including volunteer services. The law allows for volunteer services to be es, a concept that deviates from generally accepted accounting principles. This s mounts allowable for this partnership in meeting the statewide match requirement.	for Sta con he valu	Children, Inc art Program in tributions tha in-kind match ied for match



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated September 3, 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.

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 an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

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 grant agreements, 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

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

objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management of the Craven 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.

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