FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

HOKE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

RAEFORD, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of the Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families for the year ended June 30, 2005. Langdon & Company performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report in submitted herewith.

The audit of the Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families 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 Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Raeford, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families (Hoke Partnership) as of June 30, 2005, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Hoke 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 Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families as of June 30, 2005, 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 May 18, 2006 on our consideration of the Hoke 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 of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that 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 be 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 Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families' basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1 through 5 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Schedules 1, 3, 4 and 5 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 audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

Garner, North Carolina

Langdon & Company

May 18, 2006

Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit A

	Unrestricted Funds			т	emporarily		
		Smart Start Fund		Other Funds		Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards (less refunds of \$ 18,787) Private Contributions Special Fund Raising Events Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$	1,056,849 - - - -	\$	12,000 483 - 1,158 2,607	\$	- (663) - -	\$ 1,068,849 483 (663) 1,158 2,607
Total Receipts		1,056,849		16,248		(663)	 1,072,434
Net Assets Released from Restrictions: Satisfaction of Program Restrictions		1,056,849		7,830 24,078		(7,830) (8,493)	 1,072,434
Expenditures: Programs:						<u> </u>	
Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety Support:		402,085 286,830 56,523 173,779		- - -		- - -	402,085 286,830 56,523 173,779
Management and General Program Coordination Program Evaluation Other:		101,056 33,709 21,549		20,687		- - -	121,743 33,709 21,549
Sales Tax Paid		-		698	-	-	 698
Total Expenditures		1,075,531		21,385		-	 1,096,916
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year		(18,682) 18,682		2,693 1,558		(8,493) 11,003	 (24,482) 31,243
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	-	\$	4,251	\$	2,510	\$ 6,761
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due From Contractors	\$	4,300 9,412	\$	9,176 -	\$	2,510 -	\$ 15,986 9,412
Lance		13,712		9,176		2,510	 25,398
Less: Due to the State Funds Held for Others		13,712 -		- 4,925		- -	 13,712 4,925
		13,712		4,925			 18,637
	\$		\$	4,251	\$	2,510	\$ 6,761

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit B

	Total	Person	nel		ntracted ervices		Supplies and Materials		Other Operating openditures	á	Fixed Charges and Other spenditures	Equ	erty and ipment outlay		Services/ Contracts/ Grants
Smart Start Funds:															
Programs: Child Care and Education Affordability	\$ 402,085	\$ 59.	279	\$	_	\$	2,725	\$	5,802	\$	10,424	\$		\$	323,855
Child Care and Education Anordability Child Care and Education Quality	286,830	φ ээ,	-	φ	-	φ	2,723	Φ	5,602	φ	10,424	Φ	-	Φ	286,830
Family Support	56,523		_		_		968		_		_		_		55,555
Health and Safety	173,779		-		-		-		-		-		-		173,779
, in the second	919,217	59,	279		_		3,693		5,802		10,424		-		840,019
Support:		·			_		·	-	·	-	<u> </u>				
Management and General	101,056	55,	836		8,077		1,536		10,746		24,711		150		-
Program Coordination	33,709	32,	137		-		290		1,282		-		-		-
Program Evaluation	21,549										1,549		-		20,000
	156,314	87,	973		8,077		1,826		12,028		26,260		150		20,000
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 1,075,531	\$ 147,	252	\$	8,077	\$	5,519	\$	17,830	\$	36,684	\$	150	\$	860,019
Other Funds: Support:															
Management and General	20,687				13,013		3,451		954		2,124		-		1,145
Other: Sales Tax Paid	698						698						-		
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 21,385	\$		\$	13,013	\$	4,149	\$	954	\$	2,124	\$	-	\$	1,145

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HOKE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** The Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families (Hoke Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on October 17, 1994. The Hoke Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Hoke 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 Hoke 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 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 Hoke Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2005.

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. Amounts withheld from employee paychecks or other amounts received in an agency capacity are recorded as funds held for others. In addition, Smart Start funds advanced to the local Partnership that are unexpended and unearned at year end are recorded as a Due to the State.

- **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. Due to the State** The funding provided by the State of North Carolina for the Smart Start program is funded on a cost reimbursement basis. The money is earned to the extent of allowable costs incurred. Any unexpended funds as of June 30 are required to be reverted to The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. to be returned to the State of North Carolina.
- **G.** Funds Held For Others Funds held for others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the Hoke Partnership acts in an agency capacity. For the year ended June 30, 2005, the Hoke Partnership was holding amounts in an agency capacity for the Healthy Hoke Task Force.
- **H.** Property and Equipment Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year incurred. However, Hoke Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Hoke 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, 2005. Donated items are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.
- **I.** 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 8.

J. Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Hoke 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 Hoke 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 Hoke Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2005, the Hoke Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$0.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Hoke 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 a contract with and made payments to a service provider selected by the Hoke Partnership. This service provider contract is 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 Hoke Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,089,348 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Hoke Partnership has returned \$13,712 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2005.

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

Multi-County Accounting and Contracting – The Hoke Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for their participation in the Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Program. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Hoke Partnership was awarded and has received \$12,000 under a current year contract for the payment of administrative and accounting services. The Hoke Partnership expended the entire balance during the current year.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- A. Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations The board members of the Hoke Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Hoke Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Hoke 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 Hoke Partnership's Smart Start Allocation.
- **B.** Other Related Parties The Hoke Partnership is party to a contract with the County of Hoke (County) for a recreational vehicle that is used as a mobile resource center. A representative from the County is a board member of the Hoke Partnership. The amounts paid included:

<u>Expenditures</u>	 Amount
Annual Lease Automobile Liability Insurance	\$ 1 1,138
	\$ 1,139

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 Affordability – Used to account for service activities including public pre-K classes and part-day programs.

Child Care and Education Quality – Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for upgrades, child care resource and referral and salary supplements.

Family Support – Used to account for service activities including ongoing parenting education and family literacy projects.

Health and Safety – Used to account for service activities including speech and hearing screenings, comprehensive health services, and special needs – early intervention services/special education.

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 Coordination – Expenditures that are incurred to coordinate the policies, procedures, and daily practices of service delivery. Also, costs associated with monitoring in-house and direct service provider activities.

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), supplies and materials, and communication costs (telephone and printing) were allocated based on utilization data.

NOTE 6 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Operating Lease Obligations – Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2005:

Fiscal Year	 Operating Leases
2006	\$ 35,640
2007	37,260
2008	 38,880
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 111,780

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$32,415.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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 Hoke Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compensated Absences – As a result of the Hoke 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, 2005, is \$2,279. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

NOTE 9 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2005 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	<i></i>	Amount		
Mobile Preschool Parent Fundraiser	\$	37		
Pre-Literacy ESL Class		17		
Healthy Hoke Task Force		2,456		
	\$	2,510		

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions – Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	 Amount
Healthy Hoke Task Force	\$ 7,830

Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 1

		Smar	Other Funds				
Organization Name		Amount Advanced	Refund Due	Amount Advanced			fund ue
Cape Fear Valley Health System Child Care Connections Healthy Hoke Task Force	*	\$ 15,044 289,100 40,636	2,270	\$	- 540	\$	0
Hoke County Cooperative Extension Hoke County Health Department Hoke County Schools	*	89,000 328,504					
National Fire & Safety Council, Inc. Pediatric Developmental Therapy Sandhills Childrens Center		25,000 20,000	-		605		
Sandhill Regional Library System Speech Connections, LLC	*	17,000 25,147	- -				
Individuals:	-	849,431	9,412		1,145		0
Program Evaluation Services	-	20,000	_				
	_	20,000	0		0		0
	=	\$ 869,431	\$ 9,412	\$	1,145	\$	0

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

Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 2

Organization Name	(DHHS Contracts
Hoke County Department of Social Services	* \$	59,795

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

Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Schedule of State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 3

State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program		Contract #		Receipts		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 Year) Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year) Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant	*	N/A N/A N/A	\$	(18,787) 1,075,636 12,000	\$	(105) 1,075,636 12,000		
Total State Awards			\$	1,068,849	\$	1,087,531		

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

Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers	\$ 10,294 40,727
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 51,021

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. The valuations represent historical cost. On the modified basis of accounting, these items are expensed in the year of purchase.

129,904

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:	
Cash	\$ 3,372
In-Kind Goods and Services	 20,336
	\$ 23,708
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash	\$ 42,646
In-Kind Goods and Services	87,258

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 2003-284, Section 10.38(c). The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. and all local partnerships are required to match the total amount budgeted for the Smart Start Program in each fiscal year. The match is comprised of both cash and in-kind amounts. Only in-kind contributions that are verifiable, quantifiable, and related to the Smart Start Program can be applied to the in-kind match requirement, including volunteer services. The law allows for volunteer services to be valued for match purposes, a concept that deviates from generally accepted accounting principles. This schedule identifies those amounts allowable for this partnership in meeting the statewide match requirement.



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Board of Directors Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families Raeford, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Hoke County Partnership for Children and Families (Hoke Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2006. 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.

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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Hoke 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 would not necessarily disclose all matters in 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 Hoke 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



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

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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Hoke Partnership in a separate letter dated May 18, 2006.

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

Garner, North Carolina

Langdon & Company

May 18, 2006

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