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

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children for the year ended June 30, 2005. Langdon & Company performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

The audit of the Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Beaufort/Hyde 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Washington, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children (Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde 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/Hyde Partnership for Children 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 March 22, 2006 on our consideration of the Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children's 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 basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

Langdon " Company

Garner, North Carolina

March 22, 2006

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit A

	Unrest		
	Smart Start Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards (less refunds of \$17,730) Federal Awards Local Awards Private Contributions Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$ 521,108 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	60,357 9,825 1,452 85 3,726	\$ 936,932 60,357 9,825 1,452 85 3,726 2,521
Total Receipts	521,108	493,790	1,014,898
Expenditures: Programs:			
Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety More at Four Support:	5,074 236,318 0 112,987 0	14,925 60,357 0	5,074 251,243 60,357 112,987 391,824
Management and General Program Evaluation Other:	136,983 47,246		161,795 47,246
Refund of Prior Year Grant Sales Tax Paid	0	1,417 4,260	1,417 4,260
Total Expenditures	538,608	497,595	1,036,203
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year	(17,500 17,500		(21,305 26,907
Net Assets at End of Year	\$0	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due From Contractors	\$ 14,686 4,260 18,946	0	\$ 20,288 4,260 24,548
Less: Due to the State	18,946		18,946
	\$ 0	\$ 5,602	\$ 5,602

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

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

	т	otal	F	Personnel	Ċ	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	Other Operating spenditures	C an	Fixed harges d Other enditures	operty and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants	articipant Training penditures
Smart Start Funds:													
Programs:													
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$	5,074	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 5,074	\$ 0
Child Care and Education Quality		236,318		132,176		1,970	32,572	21,495		10,726	5,915	28,817	2,647
Health and Safety		112,987		0		0	 0	 0		0	 0	 112,987	 0
		354,379		132,176		1,970	32,572	21,495		10,726	5,915	146,878	2,647
Support:		334,373		152,170		1,570	 52,572	 21,433		10,720	 5,915	 140,070	 2,047
Management and General		136,983		105,351		440	1,632	15,573		8,444	5,543	0	0
Program Evaluation		47,246		42,194		0	314	2,330		858	1,550	0	0
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		184,229		147,545		440	1,946	17,903		9,302	7,093	0	0
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Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$	538,608	\$	279,721	\$	2,410	\$ 34,518	\$ 39,398	\$	20,028	\$ 13,008	\$ 146,878	\$ 2,647
Other Funds: Programs: Child Care and Education Quality Family Support More at Four	\$	14,925 60,357 391,824	\$	0 0 0	\$	3,500 0 0	\$ 10,052 0 0	\$ 1,373 0 0	\$	0 0 0	\$ 0 0 0	\$ 0 60,357 391,824	\$ 0 0 0
Support:		467,106		0		3,500	 10,052	 1,373		0	 0	 452,181	 0
Management and General		24,812		16,956		6,079	 926	 298		553	 0	 0	 0
	_	24,812		16,956		6,079	 926	298		553	 0	 0	0
Other:							_	_					
Refund of Prior Year Grant		1,417		0		0	0	1,417		0	0	0	0
Sales Tax Paid		4,260		0		0	 4,260	 0		0	 0	 0	 0
		5,677		0		0	 4,260	 1,417		0	 0	 0	 0
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 4	497,595	\$	16,956	\$	9,579	\$ 15,238	\$ 3,088	\$	553	\$ 0	\$ 452,181	\$ 0

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

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization and Purpose - The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children (Beaufort/Hyde Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on April 16, 1996. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership is tax-exempt as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Hyde County Partnership for Children dissolved in June, 2004. Effective July 1, 2004, the Beaufort County Partnership for Children changed its name to Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children and amended its purpose to include children in Hyde County.

B. Basis of Presentation – The accompanying financial statements present all funds for which the Beaufort/Hyde 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.

The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership did not have any temporarily or 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. 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. Property and Equipment** Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year incurred. However, Beaufort/Hyde Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Beaufort/Hyde 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.
- **H.** 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.
- I. Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Beaufort/Hyde 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/Hyde Partnership are deposited with commercial banks and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subject the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2005, the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's bank deposits were not in excess of the FDIC insured limit.

NOTE 3 - **FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS**

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

Associated with these contracts, the Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde 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/Hyde Partnership was awarded and has received \$557,784 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership has returned \$18,946 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2005.

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

More at Four – The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership was awarded \$397,760 and received \$391,824 under a current year contract. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new More at Four contracts with the State.

Multi-County Accounting and Contracting – The Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership was awarded and has received \$24,000 under a current year contract for the payment of accounting services. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership has returned \$512 of this contract to the State subsequent to June 30, 2005.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde 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 Affordability - Used to account for service activities including public pre-K classes and child care cost supports (Division of Child Development).

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service including quality enhancement grants for upgrades, child care resource and referral, professional development, salary supplements, and provider training.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities associated with teen parent/child programs and ongoing parenting education.

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

More at Four – Used to account for development and implementation of More at Four pre-kindergarten program for at-risk four-year-olds who are at risk of failure in kindergarten. The goal is to provide quality pre-kindergarten 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 – 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) was indirectly allocated based on utilization data.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS

A. Retirement Plan - The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership has a Simplified Employee Pension plan (SEP Plan) covering all full-time employees. Each full-time employee of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an Individual Retirement Account through an outside insurance company. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership contributed 6% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2005. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership does not own the accounts nor is liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership contributed \$10,553 for pension benefits during the year.

B. 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 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 were incurred by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Beaufort/Hyde 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/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde 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 \$4,582. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 1

		Smart	Start Fu	Other Funds				
	Amount			Refund	Amount Advanced		R	efund
Organization Name	A	Advanced						Due
BCDC, Inc. BHM Regional Library Beaufort County Health Department - Breastfeeding Beaufort County Health Department - Child Service Coordinator Beaufort County Health Department - Health Consultant Beaufort County Schools - APP Beaufort County Schools - More At Four	* \$ * * * *	42,932 28,350 28,990 8,506 34,448	\$	1,366 133 907 11 1,843	\$	60,357 257,103	\$	
Hyde County Health Department - Child Service Coordinator Ocracoke Child Care, Inc. PBLA/Care-O-World - More At Four	*	2,238 5,074 150,538		4,260		134,721 452,181		0
Individuals: Creative Curriculum Grants		600						
		600		0		0		0
	\$	151,138	\$	4,260	\$	452,181	\$	0

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

Schedule 2

Organization Name	<u> </u>	DHHS Contracts	S
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ - Beaufort County Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ - Hyde County	S	\$	
Department of Social Services - Beaufort County	*	263,3	
Department of Social Services - Hyde County	-	16,56	69
	9	\$ 398,30	00

* These organizations are 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 North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as described in Note 3 - Funding from Grant Awards.

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership For Children Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards: Adolescent Parenting Program Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public Health Women's Health	93.778 *	#01474-05	\$ 60,357	\$ 60,357
Total Federal Awards			60,357	60,357
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	*	Various N/A	(17,730) 538,838 24,000	(230) 538,838 23,488
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program	*	#2090004298	391,824	391,824
Total State Awards			936,932	953,920
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 997,289	\$ 1,014,277

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

Note: The More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program is contracted jointly by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Governor. The allocations for the More at Four program are included in the budget for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; therefore, the above schedule identifies that agency as the State Grantor. The Office of the Governor is responsible for oversight of the More at Four Program.

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Leasehold Improvements	\$ 34,601 19,606 234
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 54,441

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 cash basis of accounting, these items are expensed in the year of purchase.

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:

Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 10,834 40,512
	\$ 51,346
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 51,050 892
	\$ 51,942

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 2003-397, 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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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

Board of Directors Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Washington, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children (Beaufort/Hyde Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated March 22, 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Beaufort/Hyde 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 Beaufort/Hyde 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 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*.



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)

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership in a separate letter dated March 22, 2006.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children, 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.

Langdon " Company

Garner, North Carolina

March 22, 2006

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