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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC.

LILLINGTON, 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, Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc.

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of the Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Harnett Partnership) for the year ended June 30, 2005. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the *North Carolina General Statutes*.

The accounts and operations of the Harnett 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 Harnett 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 Harnett Partnership is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Harnett 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 Harnett Partnership's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data in the financial statements and present instances of noncompliance or other matters, if any, with laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements.

Results – Our tests disclosed no significant deficiencies in the internal control over financial reporting and no instances of noncompliance or other matters 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.

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. Lillington, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Harnett 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 Harnett 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 Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. 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 June 9, 2006 on our consideration of the Harnett Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts

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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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc.'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 audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP

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June 9, 2006

Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005 Exhibit A

		Unrestric		
	,	Smart Start Fund	Other Funds	 Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards (less refunds of \$34,161) Private Contributions Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds	\$	1,043,614	\$ 591,888 8,246 184 253	\$ 1,635,502 8,246 184 253
Total Receipts		1,043,614	600,571	1,644,185
Expenditures: Programs: Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety More at Four Support:		47,913 55,000 279,478 224,813 64,924 181,483	2,079 559,509	47,913 55,000 279,478 226,892 64,924 740,992
Management and General Program Coordination Other: Refund of Prior Year Grant Sales Tax Paid		150,152 56,392	22,001 199 131 1,511	172,153 56,591 131 1,511
Total Expenditures		1,060,155	585,430	1,645,585
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year		(16,541) 16,541	 15,141 29,025	 (1,400) 45,566
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$ 44,166	\$ 44,166
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due From Contractors	\$	4,370 13,198	\$ 44,166	\$ 48,536 13,198
		17,568	44,166	61,734
Less: Due to the State	-	17,568	 	 17,568
	\$	0	\$ 44,166	\$ 44,166

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

Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Exhibit B

		Total		Personnel		Contracted Services		Supplies and Materials	Other Operating xpenditures	Fixed Charges and Other xpenditures	roperty and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants	Tra	icipant aining nditures
Smart Start Fund:	_													J
Programs:														
Child Care and Education Accessibility and Availability	\$	47,913	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 47,913	\$	0
Child Care and Education Affordability		55,000										55,000		
Child Care and Education Quality		279,478										279,478		
Family Support		224,813		37,053		99		4,902	6,435	4,169	2,073	170,082		
Health and Safety		64,924										64,924		
More at Four		181,483	_	38,930		100	_	2,458	 6,480	 3,785	 1,530	 128,200		
		853,611		75,983		199		7,360	12,915	7,954	3,603	745,597		
Support:										 <u> </u>				,
Management and General		150,152		117,314		745		744	9,312	15,355	6,682			
Program Coordination		56,392		44,103		100		258	5,626	 3,255	 3,050			
		206,544		161,417		845		1,002	14,938	18,610	9,732	 _		
					_							 	-	
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$	1,060,155	\$	237,400	\$	1,044	\$	8,362	\$ 27,853	\$ 26,564	\$ 13,335	\$ 745,597	\$	0
Other Funds: Programs: Family Support	\$	2,079	\$	0	\$	0	\$	500	\$ 579	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0
More at Four		559,509		4,905				571	190			553,843		
		561,588		4,905				1,071	769	1,000		 553,843		
Support: Management and General Program Coordination		22,001 199				7,546		5,485	7,100	930 199	940			
		22,200				7,546		5,485	7,100	1,129	940		'	
Other: Refund of Prior Year Grant Sales Tax Paid		131 1,511			_			1,511	131	 				
		1,642			_			1,511	 131	 		 		
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$	585,430	\$	4,905	\$	7,546	\$	8,067	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,129	\$ 940	\$ 553,843	\$	0

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

HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A.** Organization and Purpose The Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Harnett Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on October 18, 1994. The Harnett Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Harnett 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 Harnett 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.

The Harnett 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. 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. Property and Equipment** Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year occurred. However, Harnett Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Harnett 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 9.
- Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Harnett 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 Harnett 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 Harnett Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. The Harnett Partnership has an Automated Investment Plan to invest excess balances over an established target amount. The investment is in the bank's government securities and is not insured by the FDIC. Consequently, the Harnett Partnership bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit totaled \$49,022 at June 30, 2005.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Harnett 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 Harnett 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 Harnett Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,077,708 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Harnett Partnership has returned \$17,553 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2005.

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

More at Four – The Harnett Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Harnett Partnership was awarded \$605,670 and received \$579,955 under a current year contract. The Harnett 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 Harnett Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Harnett Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Harnett 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 Harnett 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 associated with child care subsidy programs outside of the Division of Child Development.

Child Care and Education Quality – Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for upgrades, professional development, or salary supplements.

Family Support – Used to account for service activities **i**ncluding ongoing parenting education or community outreach information and resources.

Health and Safety – Used to account for service activities associated with 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 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.

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 - OPERATING LEASES

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

	Operating				
Fiscal Year	Leases				
2006	\$	30,451			
2007		15,746			
2008		4,946			
2009		4,946			
2010		4,121			
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$	60,210			

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$21,600.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

IRC Section 403(b) Plan – Each employee of the Harnett Partnership, is provided, as part of the benefit package, and additional 6% of his/her salary to be applied to the retirement plan. The Partnership has no liability for any other cost than the required percentage. All permanent employees that are at least half time can participate in a tax sheltered annuity 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. The Harnett Partnership contributed \$6,391 for retirement benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

<u>Type of Loss</u>	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 Harnett 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 Harnett 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 \$5,377. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

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

Schedule 1

		Smart	Other Funds						
			Refund	-	Amount	Refund			
Organization Name		Advanced		Due		Advanced		Due	
Busy Bee	\$	14,000	\$	0	\$	69,480	\$	(
Central Carolina Community College	*	55,000							
EH Developmental Associates, Inc.		64,940		(16)					
United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina- Easter Seals		207,576		(4,015)					
Kidd's Place, Inc.		21,100				95,171			
Methodist Home for Children		22,927							
NC Cooperative Extension Service	*	280,152		(9,167)					
Seed of Abraham Learning Center	*	5,100				30,152			
Solid Foundations, Inc.		42,200				165,708			
Someplace Special		10,800				48,441			
Various Day Care Providers		700				8,633			
Wee Care Child Development Center, Inc.		34,300				136,258			
	\$	758,795	\$	(13,198)	\$	553,843	\$		

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

Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 2

Organization Name		c	DHHS Contracts
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ Program		\$	141,309
Harnett County Department of Social Services	*		738,429
		\$	879,738

^{*} 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.

Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. Schedule of State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2005

Schedule 3

State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program		Contract #	Receipts		E	xpenditures
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)		N/A	\$	(34,094)	\$	0
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year)	*	N/A		1,077,708		1,060,155
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Prior Year)		N/A		(67)		
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Current Year)		N/A		12,000		12,000
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services						
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program	*	#2090004334		579,955		559,509
Total State Awards			\$	1,635,502	\$	1,631,664

^{*} 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.

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

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Leasehold Improvements	\$ 20,563 19,638 2,523
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 42,724

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.

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 8,246 13,291
	\$ 21,537
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 162,202 109,517
	\$ 271,719

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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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 Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. Lillington, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Harnett County Partnership for Children, Inc. (Harnett Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated June 9, 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 Harnett 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 Harnett Partnership's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with

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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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Harnett Partnership in a separate letter dated June 21, 2006.

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

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP

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June 9, 2006

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