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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of Duplin County Partnership for Children for the year ended June 30, 2006. Langdon & Company performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

The audit of Duplin County 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. Duplin County Partnership for Children is one of these local partnerships. As such, Duplin County 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 Duplin County Partnership for Children Kenansville, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of Duplin County Partnership for Children (Duplin Partnership) as of June 30, 2006, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Duplin 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 Duplin County Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2006, 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 December 7, 2006, on our consideration of the Duplin 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 Duplin County 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

December 7, 2006

Duplin County Partnership for Children Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Exhibit A

	Unrestricted Funds			т	emporarily	
	 Smart Start Fund		Other Funds		Restricted Funds	 Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards (less refunds of \$17,435) Federal Awards Private Contributions Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$ 820,167	\$	12,000 30,609 54,945 3,515 1,750	\$	0	\$ 832,167 30,609 54,945 3,515 1,750
Total Receipts	 820,167		102,819		0	 922,986
Net Assets Released from Restrictions: Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	 0		50,176		(50,176)	 0
	 820,167		152,995		(50,176)	 922,986
Expenditures: Programs:						
Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety Support:	203,293 254,723 42,637 128,664		76,338 26 1,439			203,293 331,061 42,663 130,103
Management and General Program Coordination Program Evaluation Other:	123,286 47,069 37,650		12,000			135,286 47,069 37,650
Sales Tax Paid	 		5,607			 5,607
Total Expenditures	 837,322		95,410		0	 932,732
Excess of Expenditures Over Receipts Net Assets at Beginning of Year	 (17,155) 17,155		57,585 2,256		(50,176) 50,176	 (9,746) 69,587
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 0	\$	59,841	\$	0	\$ 59,841
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due From Contractors	\$ 12,778 2,248	\$	59,841	\$	0	\$ 72,619 2,248
	15,026		59,841		0	 74,867
Less: Due to the State	 15,026					 15,026
	\$ 0	\$	59,841	\$	0	\$ 59,841

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

Duplin County Partnership for Children. Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	Other Operating Expenditures	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants
Smart Start Fund:						-		
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Affordability	203,293	0	0	0	0	0	0	203,293
Child Care and Education Quality	254,723	142,951	0	2,328	15,963	17,652	0	75,829
Family Support	42,637	33,344	0	2,087	4,739	2,467	0	0
Health and Safety	128,664	0	0	0	0	0	0	128,664
	629,317	176,295	0	4,415	20,702	20,119	0	407,786
Support:								
Management and General	123,286	89,712	3,143	3,619	14,865	11,947	0	0
Program Coordination	47,069	40,172	0	574	2,692	3,631	0	0
Program Evaluation	37,650	32,115	0	1,010	2,399	2,126	0	0
	208,005	161,999	3,143	5,203	19,956	17,704	0	0
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 837,322	\$ 338,294	\$ 3,143	\$ 9,618	\$ 40,658	\$ 37,823	\$ 0	\$ 407,786
Other Funds: Programs:								
Child Care and Education Quality	76,338	22,003	0	14,805	3,876	0	31,524	4,130
Family Support	26	0	0	0	0	26	0	0
Health and Safety	1,439	0	0	251	0	0	0	1,188
	77,803	22,003	0	15,056	3,876	26	31,524	5,318
Support: Management and General Other:	12,000	4,621	6,129	0	1,250	0	0	0
Sales Tax Paid	5,607	0	0	5,607	0	0	0	0
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 95,410	\$ 26,624	\$ 6,129	\$ 20,663	\$ 5,126	\$ 26	\$ 31,524	\$ 5,318

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

Exhibit B

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** The Duplin County Partnership for Children (Duplin Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on August 24, 1994. The Duplin Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Duplin 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 Duplin 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 Duplin Partnership did not have any temporarily or permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2006.

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 funds 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, Duplin Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Duplin 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, 2006. 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 accrue 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.
- **I.** Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Duplin 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 Duplin Partnership are deposited with a commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subject the Duplin Partnership to a concentration of credit risk.

NOTE 3 - **FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS**

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

Associated with these contracts, the Duplin 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 Duplin 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 Duplin Partnership was awarded and has received \$852,628 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Duplin Partnership has returned \$15,026 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2006.

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

Regional Child Care Resource & Referral Program (CCR&R) - The Duplin Partnership's other major source of revenue and support is from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services based on a cost-

reimbursement pass-through contract with Child Care Directions, Inc. (CCD) for the Regional CCR&R Program.

The Duplin Partnership was awarded and has received \$22,002 under the current year contract. The Duplin Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Regional CCR&R Program contracts with CCD.

Multi-County Accounting & Contracting – The Duplin 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 Duplin Partnership was awarded and has received \$12,000 under a current year contract for the payment of administrative and accounting services. The Duplin Partnership expended the entire balance during the current year.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Duplin Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Duplin Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Duplin 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 Duplin 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 associated with pre-K/Preschool classes.

Child Care and Education Quality - Used to account for service activities associated with quality enhancement grants for upgrades, child care resource and referral, and professional development.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities associated with parenting education and community outreach information and resources.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities associated with child care health consultants 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 effectiveness and feasibility of Partnership activities and contract agencies to determine if the short-term and long-term goals are being achieved.

C. Allocation of Joint Costs

Expenditures benefiting more than one purpose were allocated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits - Direct allocation based on estimated time spent by employees for each function supported by employee time reports.

Other Costs - Other costs including occupancy cost (rent, utilities and maintenance), supplies and materials, insurance and communication costs (telephone and internet, postage) were allocated based on utilization data.

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASES

Operating Lease Obligations - Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2006:

Fiscal Year	 Operating Leases	
2007 2008	\$ 8,652 136	
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 8,788	

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$30,607.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

Retirement Plans - The Duplin Partnership has a SIMPLE - IRA Plan covering all full-time employees. Each full-time employee of the Duplin Partnership has an option to participate in the Plan. An Individual Retirement Account is provided to the employee through an outside financial institution. The Duplin Partnership contributed 3% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2006. The Duplin Partnership does not own the accounts nor is liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. The Duplin Partnership contributed \$8,033 for pension benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Duplin 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 Duplin 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, 2006, is \$9,036. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006:

Purpose	Amount	
Buckle Up Program Model Child Care Facility Smart Start Academy	\$	26 50,000 150
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$	50,176

Duplin County Partnership for Children Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 1

		Smart	und	Other Funds					
	Amount		F	Refund		Amount		Refund	
Organization Name		Advanced		Due		Advanced		Due	
Paid to Organizations:									
Duplin County Board of Education - Pre K Activity	* \$	203,293	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	
Duplin County Board of Education - Special Needs Activity	*	77,449							
Duplin County Health Department - Child Care Health Consultant Activity	*	52,491		1,276		1,188			
James Sprunt Community College - Support for Higher Learning	*	57,374		554		4,130			
Other		418		418				<u> </u>	
		391,025		2,248		5,318		0	
Paid to Individuals:									
Quality Enhancement Grants		19,009		0		0		0	
	\$	410,034	\$	2,248	\$	5,318	\$	0	

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

Organization Name		DHHS Contracts
Child Care Services Association WAGE\$ Program	\$	107,065
Duplin County Department of Social Services	*	634,019
	\$	741,084

* This organization is 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.

Duplin County Partnership for Children Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child Development Pass through from Child Care Directions, Inc. Child Care Resource & Referral (Prior Year) Child Care Resource & Referral (Current Year)	93.575 93.575 *	215-205-B	\$ 8,607 22,002	\$ 0 22,002
Total Federal Awards			30,609	22,002
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)	*	N/A N/A	(17,435) 837,602	(280) 837,602
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant Total State Awards		N/A	12,000	12,000
Total State Awards			<u>832,167</u> \$ 862,776	<u>849,322</u> \$ 871,324

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

Duplin County Partnership for Children Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Leasehold Improvements	\$ 29,920 39,431 2,000
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 71,351

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	\$ 49,119 9,489
	\$ 58,608
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 91,945 34,533
	\$ 126,478

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 2005-276, Section 10.64(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 Duplin County Partnership for Children Kenansville, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Duplin County Partnership for Children (Duplin Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated December 7, 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 Duplin 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 Duplin 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 additional matters that we reported to management of the Duplin Partnership in a separate letter dated December 7, 2006.

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

Langdon " Company

Garner, North Carolina

December 7, 2006

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