Financial Statement Audit Report of

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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, Wilkes Community Partnership for Children

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Wilkes Community Partnership for Children for the year ended June 30, 2006. Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

The audit of the Wilkes Community 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 Wilkes Community Partnership for Children is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Wilkes Community 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*.

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of all audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor may be obtained through one of the options listed on the back of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Wilkes Community Partnership for Children North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Wilkes Community Partnership for Children (Wilkes 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 Wilkes 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 misstatement. 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 Wilkes Community 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 a report dated January 19, 2007 on our consideration of the Wilkes Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations,





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

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. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with the independent auditor's report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the basic financial statements that collectively comprise the Wilkes Community 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 audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP

Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP Certified Public Accountants

January 19, 2007

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

Exhibit A

	Unrestrict		ted Fu	ınds	To	emporarily		
	- 5	Smart Start		Other	F	Restricted		Total
Receipts:		Fund		Funds		Funds		Funds
State Awards (less refunds of \$1,363)	\$	752,282	\$	13,516	\$	0	\$	765,798
Federal Awards Local Awards		0		48,322 8,717		0		48,322 8.717
Private Contributions		0		7,665		7,309		14,974
Special Fund Raising Events		0		4.173		0,505		4.173
Interest and Investment Earnings		Ö		486		Ö		486
Sales Tax Refunds		0		4,442		0		4,442
Other Receipts		0		1,791		0		1,791
Total Receipts		752,282		89,112		7,309		848,703
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:								
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	-	0		3,261		(3,261)		0
		752,282		92,373		4,048		848,703
Expenditures: Programs:								
Child Care and Education Quality		201,236		36,878		0		238,114
Family Support		239,661		28,779		0		268,440
Health and Safety		111,965		274		0		112,239
Support:								
Management and General		143,247		12,114		0		155,361
Program Coordination Other:		55,399		0		0		55,399
Refund of Prior Year Grant		774		620		0		1,394
Sales Tax Paid		0		5,108		0		5,108
Total Expenditures		752,282		83,773		0		836,055
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures		0		8,600		4,048		12,648
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		0		(8,981)		16,988		8,007
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$	(381)	\$	21,036	\$	20,655
Net Assets Consisted of:	_							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,523	\$	(381)	\$	21,036	\$	22,178
Less: Due to the State		(1,410)		0		0		(1,410)
Funds Held for Others	-	(113)		0		0	-	(113)
	\$	0	\$	(381)	\$	21,036	\$	20,655

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

Wilkes Community Partnership for Children Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Exhibit B

		Total		Personnel		Contracted Services		Supplies and Materials		Other Operating xpenditures	E	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay		Services/ Contracts/ Grants		articipant Training penditures
Smart Start Fund:																	
Programs:																	
Child Care and Education Quality	\$	201,236	\$	106,542	\$	6,150	\$	17,038	\$	28,366	\$	25,160	\$ 4,058	\$	7,069	\$	6,853
Family Support		239,661		168,055		3,674		17,775		19,629		1,231	2,370		26,927		0
Health and Safety		111,965		45,614		2,350		10,831		6,948		35	 772		42,500		2,915
		552,862		320,211		12,174		45,644		54,943		26,426	7,200		76,496		9,768
Support:				· ·						•			 				
Management and General		143,247		101,316		5,034		8,703		15,404		10,281	2,509		0		0
Program Coordination		55,399		44,129		0		2,472		727		63	870		7,138		0
		198,646		145,445		5,034		11,175		16,131		10,344	3,379		7,138		0
Other:		130,040		145,445		3,034		11,175		10,131		10,344	 3,319	_	7,130		
Refund of Prior Year Grant		774		0		0		0		774		0	0		0		0
		774		0		0		0		774		0	0		0		0
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Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$	752,282	\$	465,656	\$	17,208	\$	56,819	\$	71,848	\$	36,770	\$ 10,579	\$	83,634	\$	9,768
Other Funds: Programs: Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety	\$	36,878 28,779 274	\$	24,934 15,432 0	\$	900 774 0	\$	6,994 5,014 241	\$	3,563 3,529 33	\$	487 0 0	\$ 0 0 0	\$	0 4,030 0	\$	0 0 0
		65,931		40,366		1,674		12,249		7,125		487	0		4,030		0
Support:																	
Management and General		12,114		2,456		9,381		0		154		123	0		0		0
		12,114		2,456		9,381		0		154		123	0		0		0
Other:																	
Refund of Prior Year Grant Sales Tax Paid		620 5,108		0		0		0 5,108		620		0	0		0		0
Sales Lax Falu								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		0				_			0
		5,728		0		0		5,108		620		0	 0		0		0
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$	83,773	\$	42,822	\$	11,055	\$	17,357	\$	7,899	\$	610	\$ 0	\$	4,030	\$	0

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

WILKES COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A.** Organization and Purpose The Wilkes Community Partnership for Children (Wilkes Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on May 9, 1994. The Wilkes Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Wilkes 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 Wilkes 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.

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 Wilkes Partnership did not have any 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 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. 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.
- **F. Funds Held For Others** Funds held for others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the Wilkes Partnership acts in an agency capacity. For the year ended June 30, 2006, the Wilkes Partnership was holding \$113 withheld from employee paychecks for insurance premiums.
- **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, Wilkes Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Wilkes 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 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 Wilkes 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 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Wilkes 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 Wilkes 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 Wilkes Partnership was awarded and has received \$753,645 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Wilkes Partnership has returned \$1,363 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2006.

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

NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Wilkes Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Wilkes Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Wilkes 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 Wilkes Partnership's Smart Start Allocation.

NOTE 4 - 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 Quality - Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for upgrades, quality enhancement grants for maintenance, child care resource and referral, or professional development.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including family resource centers or community outreach information and resources.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including comprehensive screenings or comprehensive health services.

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 indirectly allocated based on utilization data.

NOTE 5 - 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 2009 2010	\$ 28,763 29,761 30,800 1,268
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 90,592

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$28,037.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN

IRC Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7) Plans – All permanent employees who are at least half-time can participate in tax sheltered annuity plans (Plans) created under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) and 403(b)(7). 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 Wilkes Partnership contributed 10% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2006. Employees may make voluntary contributions to the Plan. For the year ended June 30, 2006, the Wilkes Partnership contributed \$28,855 to the Plan.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Wilkes 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 Wilkes 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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Wilkes 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 Wilkes 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 \$26,667. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTE 9 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2006, are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	Amount
Child Care Scholarship Family Resource Center Community Outreach	\$ 607 20,376 53
	\$ 21,036

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	 Amount		
Child Care Scholarship Family Resource Center	\$ 409 2,852		
	\$ 3,261		

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

Schedule 1

		Smart S	Start Fun	d		Othe	r Funds	
		Re	Refund		Amount		fund	
Organization Name	Ac	dvanced		ue	Ad	vanced		Due
Paid to Organizations: Teaching Starategies, Inc. * Wilkes County Health Department Wilkes Transportation Authority	\$	7,138 42,500 4,687 54,325	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Paid to Individuals: Professional Development Awards Scholarships/Bonus Awards		6,769 22,540				4,030		
		29,309		0		4,030		0
	\$	83,634	\$	0	\$	4,030	\$	0

^{*} This organization is represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 3 - Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations.

Wilkes Community Partnership for Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

Schedule 2

Organization Name	 DHHS Contracts
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$	\$ 155,414
* Wilkes County Department of Social Services	 889,902
	\$ 1,045,316

^{*} This organization is represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 3 - 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 2 - Funding from Grant Awards.

Wilkes Community 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: US 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 the Iredell Partnership for Young Children, Inc. Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Prior Year) Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year)	93.575 93.575	DCD-0304-4 DCD-0304-4	\$ 12,600 31,378	\$ (577) 35,747
Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Pass-through from the County of Wilkes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [Work First] (Prior Year) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [Work First] (Current Year) Total Federal Awards	93.558 93.558	K97009 K97009	119 4,225 48,322	0 4,599 39,769
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 (Current Year) Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Current Year)	*		752,282 12,000	752,282 11,951
Pass-through from the County of Wilkes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [Work First] (Prior Year) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [Work First] (Current Year) Total State Awards		K97009 K97009	41 1,475 765,798	0 1,605 765,838
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 814,120	\$ 805,607

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

Notes to the Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis

^{**} Major Programs per OMB Circular A-133

^{1.} The accompanying schedule of federal and state awards includes the federal and State grant activity of the Wilkes Community Partnership for Children and is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the financial statements.

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

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Buildings Leasehold Improvements	\$ 28,038 44,994 1,527 14,649
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 89,208

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:	Match	ı Provided	at the	Partnership	Level:
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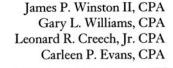
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 38,378 74,643
	\$ 113,021
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 136,558 0
	\$ 136,558

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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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 Wilkes Community Partnership for Children North Wilkesboro, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Wilkes Community Partnership for Children (Wilkes Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2007. 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 Wilkes 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.





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)

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Wilkes 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.

We noted certain additional matters that we reported to management of the Wilkes Partnership in a separate letter dated January 19, 2007.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management of the Wilkes Partnership, The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., the Governor, and the General Assembly and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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