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#### **AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL**

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

We have completed a financial statement and compliance audit of the Wilson County Partnership for Children (Wilson Partnership) for the year ended June 30, 2006, and our audit results are included in this report. You will note from the independent auditor's report that we determined that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material aspects.

The audit of the Wilson 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 Wilson Partnership is one of these local partnerships. As such, the Wilson Partnership is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and is subject to audit and review by the State Auditor under Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes and as authorized in General Statute 143B-168.12(a)(7).

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on an audit of the financial statements resulted in no audit findings.

*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.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Wilson County Partnership for Children Wilson, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Wilson County Partnership for Children (Wilson 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 Wilson 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 Wilson 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 May 11, 2007, on our consideration of the Wilson 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

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

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 Wilson 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 audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

Leslie W. Merritt, Jr., CPA, CFP

May 11, 2007

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## Wilson 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 Te		mporarily			
		Smart Start	Other	Re	estricted	Total
Receipts:		Fund	 Funds		Funds	 Funds
State Awards (less refunds of \$14,717) Private Contributions Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$	607,671	\$ 358,742 2,031 1,289 2,666 796	\$	0	\$ 966,413 2,031 1,289 2,666 796
Total Receipts		607,671	 365,524			 973,195
Expenditures:						
Programs:						
Child Care and Education Quality		224,004	2,154			226,158
Family Support		98,387	0.47, 400			98,387
More at Four Support:		94,971	347,400			442,371
Management and General		134,731	11,567			146,298
Program Coordination		55,578	11,007			55,578
Other:		00,0.0				33,37
Sales Tax Paid			2,912			2,912
Total Expenditures		607,671	364,033			971,704
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures			1,491			1,491
Net Assets at Beginning of Year			 (2,536)		156	 (2,380)
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$ (1,045)	\$	156	\$ (889)
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due From Contractors	\$	12,222 1,699	\$ (1,045)	\$	156	\$ 11,333 1,699
		13,921	 (1,045)		156	 13,032
Less: Due to the State Funds Held for Others (Note 1 G)		14,059 (138)	 			 14,059 (138)
	\$	0	\$ (1,045)	\$	156	\$ (889)

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

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

Exhibit B

	Total	Pe	ersonnel		Contracted Services		Supplies and Materials	E	Other Operating expenditures		Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures		Property and Equipment Outlay		Services/ Contracts/ Grants	Т	rticipant raining enditures
Smart Start Fund:																	
Programs:	¢ 224.004	¢.	74,316	¢.	454	e.	40.040	e.	20.020	e	44.040	¢.	0.740	¢.	99,931	¢.	560
Child Care and Education Quality Family Support	\$ 224,004 98,387	\$	74,316	\$	154	\$	12,616	\$	20,836	\$	11,848	\$	3,743	\$	98,387	\$	560
More at Four	,		41,488		77		1,767		5,146		526		967		,		
More at Four	94,971		41,400				1,707		5,146		520		907		45,000		
	417,362		115,804		231		14,383		25,982		12,374		4,710		243,318		560
Support:																	
Management and General	134,731		97,910		7,897		2,608		13,896		6,565		5,855				
Program Coordination	55,578		48,499		77		692		4,737		390		1,183				
	190,309		146,409		7,974		3,300		18,633		6,955		7,038				
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 607,671	\$	262,213	\$	8,205	\$	17,683	\$	44,615	\$	19,329	\$	11,748	\$	243,318	\$	560
Other Funds:																	
Programs:							044		4.040				•				
Child Care and Education Quality  More at Four	\$ 2,154 347,400	\$	0	\$	0	\$	811	\$	1,343	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0 347,400	\$	0
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Cumment	349,554						811		1,343	_		_			347,400		
Support:  Management and General	11,567				8,823		199		125				2,420				
· ·	11,507	-			0,023		199		125	_		_	2,420				
Other:	0.040						0.010										
Sales Tax Paid	2,912						2,912										
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 364,033	\$	0	\$	8,823	\$	3,922	\$	1,468	\$	0	\$	2,420	\$	347,400	\$	0

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

# WILSON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2006

#### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** The Wilson County Partnership for Children (Wilson Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on October 11, 1994. The Wilson Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Wilson 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 Wilson 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 Wilson 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. Refunds Due From Contractors** Refunds due from contractors represent the unexpended amount of advances to contractors at year end that are to be refunded back to the State. As recoveries are collected, the receivable balance is reduced. Payments to the State for the recovered advances are recorded as a reduction to the State awards balance.
- **F. Due to the State** The funding provided by the State of North Carolina for the Smart Start program is funded on a cost reimbursement basis. The money is earned to the extent of allowable costs incurred. Any unexpended funds as of June 30 are required to be reverted to The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. to be returned to the State of North Carolina.
- **G. Funds Held For Others** Funds held for others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the Wilson Partnership acts in an agency capacity. For the year ended, the Wilson Partnership had an overage in funds held for others due to a duplicate payment for insurance. This overage was corrected subsequent to June 30, 2006.
- **H. Property and Equipment** Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year occurred. However, Wilson Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Wilson 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.
- **I.** Compensated Absences As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, liabilities related to accrued compensated absences

are not recorded in the financial statements. Expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded when paid. The amount of accrued compensated absences for accumulated, unpaid leave that would be due to employees upon termination is reported as a commitment in Note 9.

**J. Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Wilson 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 - DEFICIT NET ASSETS

At June 30, 2006, the Unrestricted Other Funds column has a deficit net asset balance of \$1,045. The Wilson Partnership is attempting to identify additional resources to eliminate this deficit balance completely. The deficit net assets balance within the Unrestricted Other Funds also affects the overall net asset presentation for the Wilson Partnership, which was a deficit of \$889 at year end.

#### NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Wilson 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 Wilson 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 Wilson Partnership was awarded and has received \$621,730 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Wilson Partnership has

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

returned \$14,059 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2006.

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

**More at Four** – The Wilson Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Wilson Partnership was awarded \$347,400 under a current year cost-reimbursement contract. The Wilson 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 Wilson Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Wilson Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Wilson 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 Wilson 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 Quality – Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for maintenance, child care resource and referral, salary supplements, provider training, or learning materials and teaching aids.

**Family Support** – Used to account for service activities associated with teen parent/child programs

**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 employee time reports.

Other Costs – Other costs including occupancy cost (utilities, repairs, and maintenance), and communication costs (telephone, network/internet services, and printing) were allocated based on utilization data

#### NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

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

Fiscal Year	perating Leases
2007	\$ 2,139

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$3,856.

#### NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

**Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Retirement Income Plans** – **IRC Section 403(b) Plan** – All employees can participate in a tax sheltered

annuity plan (Plan) created under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The Plan is a defined contribution plan in which each employee of the Wilson Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an individual annuity through an outside insurance company. The Wilson Partnership contributed 6.81% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2006. 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 Wilson Partnership contributed \$10,248 for retirement benefits during the year.

#### NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Wilson 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 Wilson 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 \$5,939. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

## NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

**Temporarily Restricted Net Assets** – Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2006 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	 Amount
Project First Book	\$ 156

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

Schedule 1

	Smart Start Fund						Other Funds				
-	Amount			Refund	Amount		Refund				
Organization Name	Δ	dvanced		Due		Advanced		Due			
Paid to Organizations:											
Fairplay / JSL Child Development Center * 9	\$	11,875	\$	0	\$	69,480	\$	0			
JoAnn's Child Care Center *		3,419									
Kidsworld Learning Center		31,263		(1,297)		208,440					
Science Museum of Wilson		60,612		(402)							
Various Day Care Providers		22,504									
Wee School Child Development Center *		14,007				69,480					
Wesley Shelter, Incorporated		98,387									
		242,067		(1,699)		347,400					
Paid to Individuals:											
T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships		2,950									
<u>•</u>	\$	245,017	\$	(1,699)	\$	347,400	\$	0			

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

# Wilson County 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\$		\$ 235,155
Wilson County Department of Social Services	*	 1,050,300
		\$ 1,285,455

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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

Schedule 3

State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program		Contract #	 Receipts		penditures
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	*	N/A	\$ 607,671	\$	607,671
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant		N/A	11,342		9,317
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services					
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program	*	#0089-06	 347,400		347,400
Total State Awards			\$ 966,413	\$	964,388

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment	\$ 40,994
Computer Equipment/Printers	38,423
Buildings	133,995
Building Improvements	41,991
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 255,403

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	•	\$ 650 5,448
		\$ 6,098

#### Match Provided at the Contractor Level:

Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 196,407 10,152
	\$ 206,559

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 Wilson County Partnership for Children Wilson, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Wilson County Partnership for Children (Wilson Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 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 Wilson 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 Wilson 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 matters that we reported to management of the Wilson Partnership in a separate letter dated May 11, 2007.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management of the Wilson 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 State Auditor

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May 11, 2007

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