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

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children for the year ended June 30, 2007. Langdon & Company performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

The audit of Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children was made in conjunction with the Early Childhood Initiatives (Smart Start) program authorized by G.S. 143B-168.10-16. This statute created The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. and required the implementation of local partnerships. Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children is one of these local partnerships. As such, Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children is a private nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and is required by G.S. 143B-168.14(b) to have a 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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Washington, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children (Beaufort/Hyde Partnership) as of June 30, 2007, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2007, and its receipts and expenditures 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 12, 2007, on our consideration of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in



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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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children's basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1 through 5 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Schedules 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information in Schedule 2 has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on Schedule 2.

Garner, North Carolina

Langdon & Company

December 12, 2007

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Exhibit A

	Unrestric	ted Fu	ınds	Т	emporarily	
	 Smart Start		Other		Restricted	Total
Descinter	 Fund		Funds		Funds	 Funds
Receipts: State Awards Private Contributions Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$ 585,039	\$	572,075 6,095 1,021 2,250 2,499	\$	0 10,976	\$ 1,157,114 17,071 1,021 2,250 2,499
Total Receipts	 585,039		583,940		10,976	 1,179,955
Expenditures: Programs:						
Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety	255,395 7,706 108,806		2,844 110			258,239 7,816 108,806
More at Four Support:	16,363		532,443			548,806
Management and General Program Evaluation Other:	145,333 51,436		24,527			169,860 51,436
Sales Tax Paid	 		3,133			 3,133
Total Expenditures	 585,039		563,057			 1,148,096
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year	 		20,883 16,941		10,976	 31,859 16,941
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 0	\$	37,824	\$	10,976	\$ 48,800
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,659	\$	37,824	\$	10,976	\$ 53,459
Refunds Due From Contractors	 863 5,522		37,824		10,976	 863 54,322
Less: Due to the State	 5,522					 5,522
	\$ 0	\$	37,824	\$	10,976	\$ 48,800

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

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Exhibit B

		Total		Personnel		Contracted Services		Supplies and Materials		Other Operating Expenditures		Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures		roperty and Equipment Outlay		Services/ Contracts/ Grants		Participant Training xpenditures
Smart Start Funds:																		
Programs:																		
Child Care and Education Quality	\$	255,395	\$	152,732	\$	0	\$	34,244	\$	12,386	\$	28,578	\$	988	\$	26,467	\$	0
Family Support		7,706		5,783				12		1,711								200
Health and Safety		108,806														108,806		
More at Four		16,363							_							16,363		
		388,270		158,515				34,256		14,097		28,578		988		151,636		200
Support:																		
Management and General		145,333		121,000		873		621		11,361		9,434		2,044				
Program Evaluation		51,436		47,038				325	_	1,866		1,517		690				
		196,769		168,038		873		946		13,227		10,951		2,734				
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$	585,039	\$	326,553	\$	873	\$	35,202	\$	27,324	\$	39,529	\$	3,722	\$	151,636	\$	200
Other Funds:																		
Programs: Child Care and Education Quality	\$	2,844	\$	0	\$	824	\$	289	\$	1,731	\$	0	•	0	\$	0	\$	0
Family Support	Ψ	110	Ψ	O	Ψ	024	Ψ	110	Ψ	1,751	Ψ	O	Ψ	U	Ψ	O	Ψ	O
More at Four		532,443		670		1,682		538	_	265						529,288		
		535,397		670		2,506		937		1,996						529,288		
Support: Management and General		24,527		18,523		4,315		298		659		732						
Other: Sales Tax Paid		3,133			_			3,133	_									
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$	563,057	\$	19,193	\$	6,821	\$	4,368	\$	2,655	\$	732	\$	0	\$	529,288	\$	0

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

BEAUFORT/HYDE PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children (Beaufort/Hyde Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on April 16, 1996. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership is tax-exempt as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **B.** Basis of Presentation The accompanying financial statements present all funds for which the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's Board of Directors is responsible. Pursuant to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations*, the accompanying financial statements present information according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets. 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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2007.

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, Beaufort/Hyde Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership has a policy to track purchases of property and equipment items with an individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Such items are valued at their original purchase price, which may be different from their valuation as of June 30, 2007. Donated items are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.
- **H.** Compensated Absences As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, liabilities related to accrued compensated absences are not recorded in the financial statements. Expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded when paid. The amount of accrued compensated absences for accumulated, unpaid leave that would be due to employees upon termination is reported as a commitment in Note 8.
- **I. Use of Estimates** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership requires management to make estimates and assumptions that

affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as allocation of joint costs); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. It is management's belief that these estimates are reasonable and fair.

NOTE 2 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

Smart Start Program – The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's major source of revenue and support is from the State of North Carolina based on cost-reimbursement contracts with The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. (NCPC) for the Smart Start Program. A significant reduction in the level of funding from the State could have an adverse effect on the operations of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership is responsible for developing a comprehensive, collaborative, long-range plan of services to children and families for the service-delivery area. During the year, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) entered into contracts with and made payments to service providers selected by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership. These service provider contracts are not reflected on the accompanying financial statements. However, a summary of the service provider contracts entered into by DHHS is presented on Schedule 2 accompanying the financial statements.

The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership was awarded and has received \$590,561 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership has returned \$5,522 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2007.

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

More at Four – The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership was awarded \$564,406 and received \$548,886 under a current year contract. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new More at Four contracts with the State.

Multi-County Accounting and Contracting – The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for their participation in the Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Program. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership was awarded and has received \$24,000 under a current year contract for the payment of administrative and

accounting services. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership returned \$409 of this contract to the State subsequent to June 30, 2007.

NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations – The board members of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership entered into contracts with board member organizations for program activities as identified on Schedule 1 accompanying the financial statements. In addition, Schedule 2 identifies contracts entered into by DHHS with board member organizations for activities funded by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's Smart Start Allocation.

NOTE 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 child care resource and referral services, professional development, provider training, and kindergarten orientation/transition.

Family Support – Used to account for service activities including parenting education and transportation services for children and families.

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

More at Four – Used to account for development and implementation of More at Four pre-kindergarten program for at-risk four-year-olds who are at risk of failure in kindergarten. The goal is to provide quality pre-kindergarten services in order to enhance kindergarten readiness.

B. Support Functions

Management and General – Expenditures that are not identifiable with a single program or fund-raising activity but are indispensable to the conduct of those activities and to an organization's existence, including expenditures for the overall direction of the organization, its general board activities, business management, general recordkeeping, budgeting, and related purposes.

Program Evaluation – Expenditures that are incurred to monitor the 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 employee time reports.

Other Costs – Other costs including occupancy cost (rent, utilities, insurance, and maintenance), supplies and materials, and communication costs (telephone, postage, and printing) were 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, 2007:

Fiscal Year	Operating Leases					
2008	\$	36,000				
2009		36,000				
2010		36,000				
2011		12,000				
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$	120,000				

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$36,000.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN

A. Retirement Plans – The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership has a Simplified Employee Pension plan (SEP Plan) covering all full-time employees.

Each full-time employee of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an Individual Retirement Account through an outside insurance company. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership contributed 6% of participating employees gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2007. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership does not own the accounts nor is liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership contributed \$9,576 for pension benefits during the year.

B. IRC Section 403(b) Plan – All permanent employees who are at least half time can participate in a tax sheltered annuity plan (Plan) created under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The employee's eligible contributions, made through salary reduction agreements, are exempt from federal and State income taxes until the annuity is received or the contributions 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. No costs were incurred by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership during 2007.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees' health and life; and natural disasters. The Beaufort/Hyde Partnership manages these various risks of loss as follows:

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

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compensated Absences – As a result of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's use of the modified cash basis of accounting, accrued liabilities related to

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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, 2007, is \$4,895. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTE 9 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2007 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	Amount
Home Supply Boxes	\$ 10,976

NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Partnership has a pending workers' compensation claim. Management is vigorously defending the action. The ultimate outcome of this matter is unknown at the present time. Accordingly, no provision for any loss contingency that might result has been made in the accompanying financial statements. In the opinion of management, the Partnership has adequate insurance coverage for any loss that may be incurred.

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Schedule 1

	Smart Start Fund							S
	Amount Refund					Amount	F	Refund
Organization Name	A	dvanced		Due		Advanced		Due
PUM Pagional Library	œ.	25.004	æ	77	ው	0	œ.	0
BHM Regional Library Beaufort County Community College *	\$	25,084 960	\$	77	\$	0	\$	0
Beaufort County Community Conege Beaufort County Health Department *		55,211		786				
Beaufort County Schools *		57,352				353,861		
Care-O-World Énrichment Center		5,487				175,427		
Hyde County Health Department *		7,905						
		151,999		863		529,288		0
Individuals:								
Creative Curriculum Training Grants		500						
	\$	152,499	\$	863	\$	529,288	\$	0

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

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Schedule 2

Organization Name	DHHS Contracts	
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ - Beaufort County	\$ 124,440	0
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ - Hyde County	8,262	2
* Department of Social Services - Beaufort County	312,902	2
* Department of Social Services - Hyde County	19,820	0
	\$ 465,424	4_

^{*} These organizations are 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.

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Schedule of State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Schedule 3

State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program		Contract #	 Receipts	E	Expenditures		
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	\$ 585,039	\$	585,039		
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant	*		24,000		23,591		
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Office of School Readiness							
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program	*	#0007-07	 548,075		532,443		
Total State Awards			\$ 1,157,114	\$	1,141,073		

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

Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Leasehold Improvements	\$ 35,524 17,131 1,079
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 53,734

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	\$ 14,851 43,050
	\$ 57,901
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 57,651 658
	\$ 58,309

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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children Washington, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership for Children (Beaufort/Hyde Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 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 Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's internal control.



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)

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership's Board of Directors, management of the Beaufort/Hyde Partnership, The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., the Governor, and the General Assembly of North Carolina and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Garner, North Carolina December 12, 2007

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