MECKLENBURG PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2008

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

MECKLENBURG PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of the Mecklenburg Partnership for Children for the year ended June 30, 2008. Clifton Gunderson LLP performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

You will note from the independent auditor's report that the auditor determined that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material aspects. The results of their tests disclosed no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that were considered to be material weaknesses in relation to their audit scope or any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Charlotte, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Mecklenburg Partnership for Children (Mecklenburg Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2008, 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 November 30, 2008 on our consideration of the Mecklenburg Partnership's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Mecklenburg 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.

Raleigh, North Carolina November 30, 2008

Clifton Genderson LLP

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit A

	Smart Start Fund		Other Funds	Re	mporarily estricted Funds	Total Funds		
Receipts:								
State Awards (less refunds of \$8,117)	\$	10,468,975	\$ 3,548	\$	-	\$	10,472,523	
Private Contributions		-	10,099		10,677		20,776	
Interest and Investment Earnings		-	25,448		-		25,448	
Sales Tax Refunds		-	10,196		-		10,196	
Other Receipts			 29,015		-		29,015	
Total Receipts		10,468,975	78,306		10,677		10,557,958	
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:								
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions		-	 1,358		(1,358)		-	
		10,468,975	 79,664		9,319		10,557,958	
Expenditures:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Affordability		2,917,167	-		-		2,917,167	
Child Care and Education Quality		1,726,585	22,391		-		1,748,976	
Family Support		971,026	35,630		-		1,006,656	
Health and Safety		1,708,712	4,175		-		1,712,887	
More at Four		2,300,000	-		-		2,300,000	
Support:								
Management and General		612,259	55,411		-		667,670	
Program Coordination and Evaluation Other:		233,226	-		-		233,226	
Refund of Prior Year Grant		_	1,767		_		1,767	
Sales Tax Paid		-	16,422		-		16,422	
Total Expenditures		10,468,975	135,796				10,604,771	
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures		-	(56,132)		9,319		(46,813)	
Net Assets at Beginning of Year			 108,980		1,358		110,338	
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	-	\$ 52,848	\$	10,677	\$	63,525	
Net Assets Consisted of:								
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	7,479	\$ 50,389	\$	10,677	\$	68,545	
Refunds Due From Contractors		12,188	2,459		-		14,647	
		19,667	52,848		10,677		83,192	
Less: Due to the State		19,667					19,667	
	\$	-	\$ 52,848	\$	10,677	\$	63,525	

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit B

	Tota	ıl	Pe	ersonnel	(Contracted Services	upplies and aterials	Other Operating xpenditures	а	Fixed Charges Ind Other penditures	E	operty and quipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants
Smart Start Fund:													
Programs:													
Child Care and Education Affordability	. ,	7,167	\$	65,169	\$	2,400	\$ 114	\$ 2,738	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 2,846,746
Child Care and Education Quality		6,585		-		66,000	657	3,922		-		-	1,656,006
Family Support	97	1,026		=		44,193	6,140	35,193		253		1,182	884,065
Health and Safety	1,70	8,712		=		-	-	-		-		-	1,708,712
More at Four	2,30	0,000		-		-	 	-		-		-	2,300,000
	9,62	3,490		65,169		112,593	 6,911	41,853		253		1,182	9,395,529
Support:													
Management and General	61	2,259		414,559		29,877	13,126	38,339		58,412		57,946	-
Program Coordination and Evaluation	23	3,226		213,420		8,600	 2,795	4,583		78			3,750
	84	5,485		627,979		38,477	15,921	42,922		58,490		57,946	3,750
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 10,46	8,975	\$	693,148	\$	151,070	\$ 22,832	\$ 84,775	\$	58,743	\$	59,128	\$ 9,399,279
Other Funds:													
Programs:													
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 2	2,391	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 78	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 22,313
Family Support	3	5,630		1,194		1,200	-	805		-		-	32,431
Health and Safety		4,175		-	_	-		 		-			4,175
	6	2,196		1,194		1,200	-	883		-		_	58,919
Support:													
Management and General	5	5,411		47,136		143	 1,318	5,576		1,238			 -
Other:													
Refund of Prior Year Grant		1,767		-		-	-	-		1,767		-	-
Sales Tax Paid	1	6,422		-		-	16,422	-		-		-	-
	1	8,189		-		-	16,422			1,767		-	-
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 13	5,796	\$	48,330	\$	1,343	\$ 17,740	\$ 6,459	\$	3,005	\$	-	\$ 58,919

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

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Organization and Purpose The Mecklenburg Partnership for Children (Mecklenburg Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on October 15, 1993. The Mecklenburg Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg Partnership did not have any permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2008.

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; it recognizes expenditures when paid rather than when incurred; and it does not recognize the value of in-kind goods and services received.

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.

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NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- 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 purchased. However, Mecklenburg Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Mecklenburg 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, 2008. Donated items are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.
- H. Compensated Absences As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, liabilities related to accrued compensated absences are not recorded in the financial statements. Expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded when paid. The amount of accrued compensated absences for accumulated, unpaid leave that would be due to employees upon termination is reported as a commitment in Note 9.
- I. Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Mecklenburg 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.

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NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

All funds of the Mecklenburg Partnership are deposited with a commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subjects the Mecklenburg Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2008, the Mecklenburg Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$588,575.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg Partnership was awarded and has received \$10,488,642 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Mecklenburg Partnership has returned \$19,667 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2008.

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

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis. Also, the Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis, provides detail of the functional costs by their natural classification. Following are the services associated with the functional categories presented in the accompanying financial statements and the methods utilized to allocate joint cost:

A. Program Functions

Child Care and Education Affordability – Used to account for service activities including pre-K classes, part-day care programs, and supplements for quality outside the Division of Child Development.

Child Care and Education Quality – Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement grants for maintenance, child care resource and referral, professional development, and salary supplements.

Family Support – Used to account for service activities including teen parent/child programs, general family support, family crisis intervention, literacy projects, family literacy projects, community outreach information and resources, and family support needs and resource assessments.

Health and Safety – Used to account for service activities including oral health services, prenatal/newborn services, child care health consultants, comprehensive health support, child abuse and neglect intervention, special needs – early intervention services/special education, nutrition programs, and home visiting.

More-at-Four – Used to account for development and implementation of More-at-Four Prekindergarten Programs 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.

NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES (CONTINUED)

B. Support Functions (continued)

Program Coordination and Evaluation – 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 as to the delivery of services and adherence to the specific terms and conditions of the contracts.

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Operating Lease Obligations - Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2008:

Fiscal Year	Operating Leases			
2009 2010 2011 2012 2013	\$ 85,069 85,069 85,069 85,069 63,802			

Total Minimum Lease Payments \$ 404,078

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$52,973.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

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 Plan is a defined contribution plan in which each employee of the Mecklenburg Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an individual annuity through an outside insurance company. The Mecklenburg Partnership contributed 10% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2008. 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 Mecklenburg Partnership contributed \$52,457 for retirement benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg 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, 2008, is \$17,591. No funds or reservation of net assets have been made for this commitment.

NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

A. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets – Temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2008 are available for the following purposes:

Purpose	Amount
Advocacy Infant Mental Health Initiative	\$ 423 10,254
Total	\$ 10,677

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2008

NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS (CONTINUED)

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	Amount						
Education, Advising and Bonus Advocacy	\$	255 1,103					
Total	\$	1,358					

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 1

			Smart Sta	art Fund		Other Funds			
Organization Name		Amount Advanced		Refund Due		Amount Advanced		Refund Due	
Paid to Organizations:									
Thompson Child and Family Focus	*	\$	819,870	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Lakewood Preschool Cooperative			83,991		-		-		-
Easter Seals			262,800		-		-		-
Seigle Avenue Preschool Cooperative			52,169		-		-		-
Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools	*		2,300,000		-		=		=
Child Care Resources, Inc.			1,009,996		-		-		-
Central Piedmont Community College	*		204,931		188		-		-
First Ward CDC			1,560		-		-		-
Third Presbyterian Church			124,603		-		-		-
Community Health Services			266,495		2,449		4,317		143
Biddle Point Dental Clinic	*		100,444		-		-		-
BELLAS			99,405		-		-		-
Mecklenburg County Health Department	*		765,072		383		-		-
Carolinas Medical Center			28,819		-		-		-
Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority			95,811		-		-		-
Communities in Schools	*		271,966		-		-		-
Youth Homes	*		89,835		1,219		-		-
Council for Children's Rights			50,000		4		-		-
Lakewood Preschool Cooperative			40,370		-		-		-
YMCA			74,764		-		30,000		2,316
YWCA			22,176		-		-		-
The Lee Institute			69,700		7,945		4,747		-
	•		6,834,777		12,188		39,064	1	2,459
Paid to Individuals:	•								
Education Advising and Bonus			463,612		-		22,314		-
Education Advising Bonus Textbook Program			33,222		-		-		-
Star Rating Bonus			1,973,323		-		-		-
Literacy Kids			99,630		-		-		-
Work Force Incentives			3,750		-		-		-
Literacy Kits - Brochure Holders			3,153		-		-		-
	,		2,576,690		-		22,314		-
		\$	9,411,467	\$	12,188	\$	61,378	\$	2,459

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

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 2

Organization Name		 DHHS Contracts
Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services	*	\$ 7,631,551

* 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.

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Schedule of State Awards – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 3

State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Contract #	Receipts	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	\$ 10,468,975	\$ 10,468,975
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Prior Year)	N/A	(8,117)	-
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Current Year)	N/A	11,665	11,665
Total State Awards		\$ 10,472,523	\$ 10,480,640

Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers	\$ 72,444 68,966
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 141,410

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	 5,820
	\$ 5,820
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	

 Cash
 \$ 1,540,062

 In-Kind Goods and Services
 1,122,554

 \$ 2,662,616

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 2007-323, Section 10.19(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.



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 Mecklenburg Partnership for Children Charlotte, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Mecklenburg Partnership for Children (Mecklenburg Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2008. 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 Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg 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 Mecklenburg Partnership's Board of Directors, management of the Mecklenburg Partnership, others within the 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.

Raleigh, North Carolina November 30, 2008

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