FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF DUPLIN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN KENANSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Beverly E. Perdue, Governor The General Assembly of North Carolina Board of Directors, Duplin County Partnership for Children

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of the Duplin County Partnership for Children for the year ended June 30, 2008. Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP performed the audit under contract with the Office of the State Auditor, and their report is submitted herewith.

You will note from the independent auditor's report that the auditor determined that the financial statements were 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 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 Duplin County Partnership for Children Kenansville, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Duplin County Partnership for Children (Duplin Partnership) as of 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 Duplin Partnership's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets of the Duplin County Partnership for Children as of June 30, 2008, and its receipts and expenditures for the year ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 18, 2009 on our consideration of the Duplin Partnership's internal control over





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

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.

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

Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans and Company, LLP

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

February 18, 2009

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

Exhibit A

	Unrestricted Funds			Te	mporarily		
		Smart Start Fund		Other Funds		estricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards (less refunds of \$973) Federal Awards Private Contributions Special Fund Raising Events Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$	970,121	\$	10,692 25,032 926 5,939 6,788 628	\$	0 1,000 90	\$ 980,813 25,032 1,926 6,029 6,788 628
Total Receipts		970,121		50,005		1,090	 1,021,216
Expenditures: Programs:							
Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety Support:		219,742 298,206 111,223 155,598		26,677 1,748			219,742 324,883 112,971 155,598
Management and General Program Coordination and Evaluation Other:		113,390 71,962		11,939			125,329 71,962
Refund of Prior Year Grant Sales Tax Paid				669 8,672			 669 8,672
Total Expenditures		970,121		49,705		0	 1,019,826
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year		0		300 65,913		1,090	 1,390 65,913
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$	66,213	\$	1,090	\$ 67,303
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due from Contractors	\$	10,880 2,432	\$	66,932	\$	1,090	\$ 78,902 2,432
		13,312		66,932		1,090	81,334
Less: Due to the State Funds Held for Others		13,312		719			 13,312 719
	\$	0	\$	66,213	\$	1,090	\$ 67,303

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

Duplin County Partnership for Children Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit B

	_	Total	Personnel		Contracted Services		Supplies and Materials	Other Operating openditures	Fixed Charges and Other openditures	roperty and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants
Smart Start Fund:	_										
Programs:											
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$	219,742	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 219,742
Child Care and Education Quality		298,206	131,965				8,689	23,927	14,155	187	119,283
Family Support		111,223	61,031		12,018		10,732	17,266	7,290	2,886	
Health and Safety		155,598	 	_				 	 	 	 155,598
		784,769	192,996		12,018		19,421	41,193	21,445	3,073	494,623
Support:			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	_	,				, -		
Management and General		113,390	73,438		8,799		3,885	13,682	12,394	1,192	
Program Coordination and Evaluation		71,962	47,164		10,858		1,869	5,516	4,336	2,219	
		185,352	 120,602		19,657		5,754	19,198	 16,730	 3,411	
	-	100,002	 120,002	-	19,037	_	3,734	 19,190	 10,730	 3,411	
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$	970,121	\$ 313,598	_	\$ 31,675	\$	25,175	\$ 60,391	\$ 38,175	\$ 6,484	\$ 494,623
Other Funds: Programs: Child Care and Education Quality Family Support	\$	26,677 1,748	\$ 17,913	:	\$ 2,240	\$	4,705 175	\$ 322	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,497 1,573
		28,425	17,913		2,240		4,880	322	0	0	3,070
Support: Management and General		11,939	 1,850	_	6,498		0	 1,536	20	 2,035	
Other: Refund of Prior Year Grant Sales Tax Paid		669 8,672		_			8,672	 	 669	 	
		9,341		_			8,672	 	 669	 	
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$	49,705	\$ 19,763		\$ 8,738	\$	13,552	\$ 1,858	\$ 689	\$ 2,035	\$ 3,070

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

DUPLIN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2008

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A.** Organization and Purpose The Duplin County Partnership for Children (Duplin Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on August 24, 1994. The Duplin Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Duplin Partnership is taxexempt as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **B.** Basis of Presentation The accompanying financial statements present all funds for which the Duplin Partnership's Board of Directors is responsible. Pursuant to the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations*, the accompanying financial statements present information according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. As permitted by this Statement, temporarily restricted contributions received and expended in the same year are reported as unrestricted receipts rather than as temporarily restricted receipts.

Contributions that are temporarily restricted and not expended within the year received are reported as an increase in temporarily restricted net assets. When the restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets as net assets released from restrictions.

The Duplin Partnership did not have any 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; 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.** Funds Held For Others Funds held for others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the Duplin Partnership acts in an agency capacity. At year-end June 30, 2008, the Duplin Partnership was holding amounts withheld from employee paychecks for distribution to employee benefit providers.
- **H. Property and Equipment** Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year purchased. However, Duplin Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Duplin Partnership has a policy to track purchases of property and equipment items with an individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Such items are valued at their original purchase price, which may be different from their valuation as of June 30, 2008. 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 Duplin Partnership requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as allocation of joint costs); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. It is management's belief that these estimates are reasonable and fair.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

All funds of the Duplin Partnership are deposited with a commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$100,000. Deposits over this amount subjects the Duplin Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2008, the Duplin Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$37,139.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

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

The Duplin Partnership was awarded and has received \$983,433 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Duplin Partnership

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

has returned \$13,312 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2008.

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

Regional Child Care Resource and Referral Program (CCR&R)- The Duplin Partnership's other major source of revenue and support is from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services based on a cost-reimbursement pass-through contract with Child Care Directions, Inc. (CDD) for the Regional Child Care Resource & Referral Program.

The Duplin Partnership was awarded and has received \$25,032 under a current year contract. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Duplin Partnership has returned \$1,034 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to DHHS subsequent to June 30, 2008.

The Duplin Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Regional Child Care Resource & Referral Program contracts with Child Care Directions.

Multi-County Accounting and Contracting – The Duplin Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for their participation in the Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Program. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Duplin Partnership was awarded and has received \$11,665 under a current year contract for the payment of administrative and accounting services. The Duplin Partnership expended \$11,665 of this contract during the current year.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES

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

A. Program Functions

Child Care and Education Affordability - Used to account for service activities associated with child care subsidy administration (Division of Child Development), Pre-K/Preschool classes and child care cost supports (Division of Child Development).

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

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including ongoing parenting education and community outreach information and resources

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

B. Support Functions

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

Program Coordination 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.

C. Allocation of Joint Costs

Expenditures benefiting more than one purpose were allocated as follows:

Salaries and Benefits - Direct allocation based on employee time reports.

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

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

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

Fiscal Year	 Operating Leases
2009	\$ 32,195
2010	8,195
2011	3,395
2012	 2,891
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 46,676

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$28,800.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

The Duplin Partnership has a SIMPLE – IRA Plan covering all employees. Each employee of the Duplin Partnership has an option to participate in the Plan. The Partnership will match each employee's contribution to the Plan up to a maximum of 3% of the employee's gross wages. The Partnership has no liability for any other cost other than these contributions. The Duplin Partnership contributed \$6,905 for retirement benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

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 Duplin Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compensated Absences - As a result of the Duplin Partnership's use of the modified cash basis of accounting, accrued liabilities related to compensated absences (vacation only; sick leave does not vest) and any employer-related costs earned and unpaid, are not reflected in the financial statements. The compensated absences commitment for vacation leave at June 30, 2008, is \$11,514. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

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

Purpose	Amount			
Car Safety Seats Books	\$	1,000 90		
	\$	1,090		

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

Schedule 1

		Smart S	Start Fund	Other Funds				
Organization Name		Amount Advanced	Refund Due		Amount Advanced			efund Due
Paid to Organizations:								
Duplin County Board of Education - Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms	* \$	219,742	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
Duplin County Board of Education - Special Needs Itinerant Preschool Teachers	*	93,730						
Duplin County Health Services - Child Care Health Consultant	*	63,771		1,903				
Bonnie's Little Treasures		3,985						
East Hill Day Care	*	4,009						
First Steps Child Care		1,993						
Giggles and Grins		1,993						
James Sprunt Community College - Professional Development	*	53,200						
Joyful Noise		9,980						
Kiddie Land	*					1,497		
Lynda's Funtime Junction		1,728						
Lynda's Play & Learn Too		7,492						
Other		529		529				
Pooh's Playland		2,497						
Prayer of Faith		9,970						
Special Ones		3,954						
Tina's Child Care		4,995						
Tiny Tots		9,612						
Zan's Play & Learn		3,875						
		497,055		2,432		1,497		0
Individuals for the purpose of:								
Buckle Up Program Participants						1,573		
		0		0		1,573		0
	\$	497,055	\$	2,432	\$	3,070	\$	0

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

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

Schedule 2

Organization Name		DHHS Contracts
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ Duplin County Department of Social Services - Administration	*	\$ 92,513 549,525
		\$ 642,038

^{*} 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.

Duplin County Partnership for Children Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #		Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		«penditures
Federal Awards: US Department of Health and Human Services Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Child Development Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	415-405-B	\$	25,032	\$	23,998				
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 Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Prior Year) Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant (Current Year)		123 & 124 N/A N/A	*	970,121 (973) 11,665		970,121 11,665				
Total State Awards		7	_	980,813		981,786				
Total Federal and State Awards			\$	1,005,845	\$	1,005,784				

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

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

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment	\$ 30,799
Computer Equipment/Printers	51,317
Leasehold Improvements	2,000
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 84,116

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.

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Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 8,869 39,833
	\$ 48,702
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash	\$ 84,088
In-Kind Goods and Services	 38,652
	\$ 122,740

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.

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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 Duplin County Partnership for Children Kenansville, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Duplin County Partnership for Children (Duplin Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated February 18, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

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

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Duplin Partnership's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Duplin Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Duplin Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or the 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 Duplin 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 Duplin Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Duplin 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 Duplin 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 Duplin Partnership's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement 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 Board of Directors, management of the Duplin Partnership, others within the 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.

Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP

Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP Certified Public Accountants Oxford, North Carolina

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