FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

SMART START OF FORSYTH COUNTY

WINSTON-SALEM, 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, Smart Start of Forsyth County

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Smart Start of Forsyth County for the year ended June 30, 2008. Tichenor & Associates, 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*.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Smart Start of Forsyth County Winston-Salem, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Smart Start of Forsyth County (Forsyth 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 Forsyth 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 Forsyth Partnership as of June 30, 2008, and the results of its operations arising from modified cash basis transactions for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2009, on our consideration of the Forsyth 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Forsyth Partnership's basic financial statements. The information in Schedules 1 through 4 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. These Schedules 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.

Tichenor & Associates, LLP

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January 7, 2009

Smart Start of Forsyth County Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Exhibit A

	Unrestricted Funds		Temporarily	
	Smart Start Fund	Other Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards Federal Awards Private Contributions Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$ 6,305,779	\$ 2,415,053 178,713 42,138 16,496 16,751 24,161	\$ 0 24,287 2,200	\$ 8,720,832 203,000 44,338 16,496 16,751 24,161
Total Receipts	6,305,779	2,693,312	26,487	9,025,578
Net Assets Released from Restrictions: Satisfaction of Program Restrictions		15,870	(15,870)	
	6,305,779	2,709,182	10,617	9,025,578
Expenditures: Programs:				
Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety More at Four Support:	1,566,377 2,238,230 689,679 433,087 774,459	10,244 2,329 5,866 30,870 2,570,172		1,576,621 2,240,559 695,545 463,957 3,344,631
Management and General Program Coordination and Evaluation Other: Sales Tax Paid	464,030 139,917	35,810 48 15,558		499,840 139,965 15,558
Total Expenditures	6,305,779	2,670,897		8,976,676
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year	0 0	38,285 140,050	10,617 17,385	48,902 157,435
Net Assets at End of Year	\$0	\$ 178,335	\$ 28,002	\$ 206,337
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due From Contractors	\$	\$ 178,335	\$ 28,002	\$ 217,648 1,218
	12,529	178,335	28,002	218,866
Less: Due to the State Funds Held for Others	13,068 (539)			13,068 (539)
	<u>\$0</u>	\$ 178,335	\$ 28,002	\$ 206,337

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

Smart Start of Forsyth County Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	E	Other Operating Expenditures	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants
Smart Start Fund:									
Programs:									
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$ 1,566,377	\$ 49,218	\$ 0	\$ 901	\$	2,845	\$ 5,515	\$ 0	\$ 1,507,898
Child Care and Education Quality	2,238,230	687,298	13,143	13,946		46,650	98,017	1,113	1,378,063
Family Support	689,679	48,238	11,386	3,329		38,015	8,551		580,160
Health and Safety	433,087								433,087
More at Four	774,459	 211,859	 345,528	 7,751		14,771	 26,573	 870	 167,107
	5,701,832	 996,613	 370,057	 25,927		102,281	 138,656	 1,983	 4,066,315
Support:									
Management and General	464,030	368,552	15,694	6,501		24,348	45,899	3,036	
Program Coordination and Evaluation	139,917	 71,952	 57,770	 88		3,060	 7,047	 	
	603,947	 440,504	 73,464	 6,589		27,408	 52,946	 3,036	
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 6,305,779	\$ 1,437,117	\$ 443,521	\$ 32,516	\$	129,689	\$ 191,602	\$ 5,019	\$ 4,066,315
Other Funds: Programs:									
Child Care and Education Affordability	\$ 10,244	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,244
Child Care and Education Quality	2,329					1,879			450
Family Support	5,866		2,500	1,158		1,065			1,143
Health and Safety More at Four	30,870 2,570,172		431 141,342	620 10,800		14,237	2,891	1,350	29,819
More at Four		 	 <u>,</u>	 <u>·</u>			 ·	 	 2,399,552
Support:	2,619,481	 	 144,273	 12,578		17,181	 2,891	 1,350	 2,441,208
Management and General	35,810	17,873	638	2,389		9,102	2,035	3,773	
Program Coordination and Evaluation	48	,		_,		48	_,	-,	
	35,858	 17,873	 638	 2,389		9,150	 2,035	 3,773	
Other:		 ,	 	 ,		-,	 	 -, -	
Sales Tax Paid	15,558		 	 15,558			 	 	
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 2,670,897	\$ 17,873	\$ 144,911	\$ 30,525	\$	26,331	\$ 4,926	\$ 5,123	\$ 2,441,208

Exhibit B

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

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** Smart Start of Forsyth County (Forsyth Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on December 1, 1994. The Forsyth Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Forsyth 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 Forsyth 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 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 Forsyth 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 certificates of deposit 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 Forsyth Partnership acts in an agency capacity. At year end, the Forsyth Partnership was owed \$539 by employees for health insurance premiums paid in excess of amounts withheld from employee paychecks.
- **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, Forsyth Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 3 of this report. The Forsyth 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 Forsyth 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 Forsyth 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 Forsyth Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2008, the Forsyth Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$451,817.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Forsyth Partnership is responsible for developing a comprehensive, collaborative, long-range plan of services to children and families for the service-delivery area.

The Forsyth Partnership was awarded and has received \$6,318,847 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Forsyth Partnership has returned \$12,368 of this current year contract and \$700 from the prior year contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2008.

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

More at Four - The Forsyth Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Forsyth Partnership was awarded \$2,496,852 and received \$2,403,388 under a current year cost-reimbursement contract. The Forsyth Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new More at Four contracts with the State.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- A. Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations The board members of the Forsyth Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Forsyth Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Forsyth Partnership entered into contracts with board member organizations for program activities as identified on Schedule 1 accompanying the financial statements.
- **B.** Other Related Parties The Forsyth Partnership entered into transactions for various services (described below) with organizations that employ one or more board members of the Forsyth Partnership. The amounts paid included:

Expenditures	A	mount
City Transit Bus Passes Various Training Classes	\$	900 1,040
-	\$	1,940

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 child care subsidy programs outside of the 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, and professional development supplements.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including teen parent/child programs, ongoing parenting education, general family support, parents as teachers, community outreach, information, and resources.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including oral health services, health services and support, special needs - early intervention/special education, nutrition programs, and intensive home visiting.

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

B. Support Functions

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

Program Coordination 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 rent, supplies and materials and communication costs (telephone and printing) were 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	\$ 181,496
2010	185,592
2011	 192,088
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 559,176

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$183,115.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

- A. Retirement Plans The Forsyth Partnership has a Simplified Employee Pension plan (SEP Plan) covering all full time employees. Each full-time employee of the Forsyth Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an Individual Retirement Account through an outside insurance company. The Forsyth Partnership contributed 6% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2008. The Forsyth Partnership does not own the accounts nor is liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. The Forsyth Partnership contributed \$71,396 for pension benefits during the year.
- **B.** IRC Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7) Plans All permanent employees who are at least half-time can participate in tax sheltered annuity plans (Plans) created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7). The employee's eligible contributions, made through salary reduction agreements, are exempt from federal and State income taxes until the annuity is received or the contributions are withdrawn. These Plans are exclusively for employees of universities and certain charitable and other nonprofit organizations. All costs of administering and funding these Plans are the responsibility of the Plan participants.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to the Forsyth 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 Forsyth 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 \$50,049. No funds or reservation of net assets has 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
More at Four Oral Health Services	\$ 26,487 1,515
	\$ 28,002

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
Early Intervention Coordinator Youth Community Health Needs	\$ 14,819 1,051
	\$ 15,870

Smart Start of Forsyth County Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Smart Start Fund **Other Funds** Amount Amount Refund Refund **Organization Name** Advanced Due Advanced Due Paid to Organization: A Better World Learning Center \$ 17,619 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 0 A Child's World 92,802 Beck's Baptist Church Child Care 3,471 Bethlehem Community Center 117,344 155,038 Career Center 5,398 Catholic Social Services 71.672 1,068 Ceasar's Lil Palace 4,770 Centenary Child Care Center 19,246 Child Care Scholarship Progam 257.895 5.894 Childcare Network 12,097 Children's Choice Learning Center 9,132 Childtime Learning Center 5,460 **Church Child Care** 41,878 50,404 Country Club Learning Center 17,794 Creative Learning Center for Very Young Children 31,800 * Downtown Health Plaza of Baptist Hospital 80,000 Early Enrichment Learning Center 5,407 **Emergency Child Care Expenses** 13,431 4.349 **Ephesus Learning Center** 2,561 * Epiphany Early Childhood Center 17,791 Exchange/SCAN 45,727 * **Family Services** 12,000 209,950 First Baptist Child Care 5,330 First Baptist Child Development Center 16,242 First Baptist Children's Center 29,024 First Step Preschool 1,447 Forsyth County Department of Public Health * 22,416 * Forsyth County Department of Social Services 94,055 * Forsyth Technical Community College 66,538 Freedom Baptist Day Care 1,020

Schedule 1 Page 1

Smart Start of Forsyth County Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 1 Page 2

	Smart Start Fund		Other Funds		
	Amount	Refund	Amount	Refun	
Organization Name	Advanced	Due	Advanced	Due	
Fulton YMCA Child Development	16,026				
Gentilesse Place	* 8,302				
Goodwill Industries	* 19,810				
Guys & Dolls Childcare, Inc.	6,646				
Higher Learning II	20,313				
Holy Cross Child Development Center	2,990				
Immanuel Baptist Day Care	3,963				
Imprints	452,143				
Journey to the Stars	382,980				
K J's Kiddie Land	40,957				
La Petite Academy	154,079				
Lollipop Stop	1,522				
Little Red Schoolhouse	8,269				
Mt. Zion Child Care	1,481				
New Horizons Childcare	41,897		65,160		
North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service	* 74,746				
Northwest Child Development Council, Inc.	110,959		166,467		
Oldtown Community Child Development Center	33,508				
Parkview Christian Day Care	512				
Pineview Christian Daycare	256				
Primrose School	31,851				
Quality Education Academy	18,477				
Salem College	38,282				
Sharpe Kidz	2,062				
Small Angels Daycare	3,563				
St. Anne's Day Care	6,049				
St. John's Preeschool	2,381				
The Children's Center	* 76,190				
The Special Children's School	9,795				
The Sunshine House, Inc.	125,831		149,762		
Today's Child Learning Center	1,512				
Unique Wonders Child Care	3,716				

Smart Start of Forsyth County Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Smart	Smart Start Fund		er Funds
	Amount	Refund	Amount	Refund
Organization Name	Advanced	Due	Advanced	Due
Waughtown Kids R Us	70,442			
Wee Care	3,584			
Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools	* 124,518		1,625,290	
Winston-Salem State University	* 35,875			
Work Family Resources Center	* 417,106	150		
	3,473,960	1,218	2,432,314	
Paid to Individuals:				
Child Care Safety Seats			4,590	
City Transit Bus Passes - Non-Cash Grants	900			
Pre-K Books	1,080		3,854	
Salary Supplements	590,818		450	
Teacher Scholarships	775			
	593,573_		8,894	
	\$ 4,067,533	\$ 1,218	\$ 2,441,208	\$ 0

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

Schedule 1

Schedule 2

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal CFDA Number	Contract #	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards: US Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families Pass-through from Family Services, Inc. Head Start Blended Classrooms - Head Start/More at Four	93.600	N/A	<u>\$ 203,000</u>	<u>\$ 164,932</u>
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		* N/A N/A	6,305,779 11,665	6,305,779 11,665
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Office of School Readiness More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program Total State Awards		* #0031-08	<u>2,403,388</u> 8,720,832	<u>2,403,388</u> 8,720,832
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 8,923,832	\$ 8,885,764

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

Smart Start of Forsyth County Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Leasehold Improvements	\$	47,678 106,573 5,425
Total Property and Equipment	<u>\$</u>	159,676

Schedule 3

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	\$ 249,951 397,703
	\$ 647,654
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 138,795 266,611
	\$ 405,406

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 Smart Start of Forsyth County Winston-Salem, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of Smart Start of Forsyth County (Forsyth Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 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 Forsyth 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 Forsyth Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Forsyth 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 Forsyth 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 Forsyth Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Forsyth 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 Forsyth Partnership's internal control.

Our consideration of the 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 the 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 Forsyth 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 Forsyth Partnership's Board of Directors, management of the Forsyth 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.

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