FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF SURRY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERSHIP

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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The Honorable Beverly E. Perdue, Governor The General Assembly of North Carolina Board of Directors, Surry County Early Childhood Partnership

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Surry County Early Childhood Partnership 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 respects. 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 Surry County Early Childhood Partnership Mount Airy, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Surry County Early Childhood Partnership (Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry 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 15, 2009, on our consideration of the Surry 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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

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 Surry Partnership'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.

Tichenor & Associates, LLP

Tichenor & Associates, LLP

January 15, 2009

Surry County Early Childhood Partnership 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 Federal Awards Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$	1,101,664	\$ 1,204,557 15,437 177 1,486 285	\$	0	\$ 2,306,221 15,437 177 1,486 285
Total Receipts		1,101,664	 1,221,942			 2,323,606
Expenditures: Programs:						
Child Care and Education Affordability Child Care and Education Quality Family Support Health and Safety		428,881 108,626 87,678 319,034	10,164			428,881 118,790 87,678 319,034
More at Four Support: Management and General		137,613	1,160,534 11,954			1,160,534 149,567
Program Coordination and Evaluation Other: Refund of Prior Year Grant Sales Tax Paid		19,832	244 1,836			19,832 244 1,836
Total Expenditures		1,101,664	 1,184,732			2,286,396
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year		0	 37,210 61,843		6,612	 37,210 68,455
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$ 99,053	\$	6,612	\$ 105,665
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due From Contractors	\$	17,704 1,217	\$ 99,053	\$	6,612	\$ 123,369 1,217
		18,921	 99,053		6,612	 124,586
Less: Due to the State		18,921	 			 18,921
	\$	0	\$ 99,053	\$	6,612	\$ 105,665

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

Surry County Early Childhood Partnership 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 Expenditures	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/ Contracts/ Grants
Smart Start Fund:							
Programs:							
Child Care and Education Affordability \$ 428,881	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 428,881
Child Care and Education Quality 108,626	35,524		2,647	5,730	2,510	2,485	59,730
Family Support 87,678							87,678
Health and Safety 319,034	40,999		696	4,138	1,182	2,341	269,678
944,219	76,523		3,343	9,868	3,692	4,826	845,967
Support:	70,020		0,040	3,000	0,002	4,020	040,001
Management and General 137,613	108,574	1,873	1,689	11,799	12,005	1,673	
Program Coordination and Evaluation 19,832	15,895	1,070	227	965	1,359	1,386	
1 Togram Coordination and Evaluation 10,502	10,000				1,000	1,000	
157,445	124,469	1,873	1,916	12,764	13,364	3,059	
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures \$ 1,101,664	\$ 200,992	\$ 1,873	\$ 5,259	\$ 22,632	\$ 17,056	\$ 7,885	\$ 845,967
Other Funds:							
Programs:							
Child Care and Education Quality \$ 10,164	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,664	\$ 4,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
More at Four	54,641		658	2,582	475		1,102,178
1,170,698	54,641		6,322	7,082	475		1,102,178
Support:							
Management and General 11,954		7,507		289		4,158	
11,954		7,507		289		4,158	
Other:							
Refund of Prior Year Grant 244					244		
Sales Tax Paid 1,836			1,836				
2,080			1,836		244		
Total Other Funds Expenditures \$ 1,184,732	\$ 54,641	\$ 7,507	\$ 8,158	\$ 7,371	\$ 719	\$ 4,158	\$ 1,102,178

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

SURRY COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERSHIP NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2008

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A.** Organization and Purpose The Surry County Early Childhood Partnership (Surry Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on August 24, 1994. The Surry Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry 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. Property and Equipment** Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year purchased. However, Surry Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2008 the Surry Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$211,283.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,120,585 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Surry Partnership has returned \$18,921 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2008.

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

More at Four - The Surry Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Surry

Partnership was awarded \$1,204,205 and received \$1,194,581 under a current year contract. The Surry Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new More at Four contracts with the State.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the Surry Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Surry Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Surry 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 Surry 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, pre-K preschool classes, child care cost supports and More at Four classrooms.

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

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including teen parent/child programs and parents as teachers.

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

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

B. Support Functions

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

Program Coordination and Evaluation - Expenditures that are incurred to coordinate the policies, procedures, and daily practices of service delivery. Also, expenditures associated with monitoring in-house and direct service provider activities. Expenditures that are incurred to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of Partnership activities and contract agencies to determine if the short-term and long-term goals are being achieved.

C. Allocation of Joint Costs

Expenditures benefiting more than one purpose were allocated as follows:

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

Other Costs - Other costs associated with 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 2010	\$ 3,159 1,596
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 4,755

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$12,136.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

IRC Section 403(b) Plan - All permanent full time employees can participate in a tax sheltered annuity plan (Plan) created under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The Plan is a defined contribution plan in which each employee of the Surry Partnership, as a condition of employment, is provided an individual annuity through an outside insurance company. The Surry Partnership contributed up to 6% 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 Surry Partnership contributed \$8,341 for retirement benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry Partnership's use of the modified cash basis of accounting, accrued liabilities related to compensated absences (vacation and sick leave; sick leave paid at one half the employee's hourly rate) 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 \$16,694. The compensated absences

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commitment for sick leave at June 30, 2008, is \$6,178. 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 purpose:

Purpose	 Amount
Family Support - Duke Energy Grant	\$ 6,612

Surry County Early Childhood Partnership Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 1

			Smart	Smart Start Fund				Other Funds			
	Amount		Refund		Amount		Refund				
Organization Name		Ac	vanced	Due		Advanced		Due			
Paid to Organization:											
Bright Beginnings Preschool	* \$;	0	\$	0	\$	34,309	\$	0		
Children's Center of Surry, Inc.			143,076								
Elkin City Schools	*		27,052				20,797				
Lifespan Incorporated	*		48,518				76,504				
Mount Airy Schools	*		83,793		164		109,367				
North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service	*		15,428								
Northwestern Regional Library	*		52,524		163						
Surry County Health & Nutrition Center	*		112,064		890						
Surry County Schools	*		357,360				616,466				
White Plains Baptist Childcare			1,200								
Yadkin Valley Economic Development	*						244,735				
			841,015		1,217		1,102,178				
Paid to Individuals:											
Child Care Worker Sick Leave and Bonuses			6,169								
	\$;	847,184	\$	1,217	\$	1,102,178	\$	0		

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

Surry County Early Childhood Partnership 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\$ Program		\$ 136,000
Surry County Department of Social Services	*	 513,543
		\$ 649,543

^{*} 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.

Surry County Early Childhood Partnership 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	Expenditures
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 Resource and Referral (Prior Year)	93.575	13-07-05	\$ 5,467	\$ 0
Child Care Resource and Referral (Current Year)	93.575	13-08-05	9,970	9,970
Total Federal Awards			15,437	9,970
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	1,101,664	1,101,664
Multi-County Accounting and Contracting Grant		N/A	9,976	11,665
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Office of School Readiness.				
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program (Prior Year)	*	0079-07		52,226
More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program (Current Year)	*	0079-08	1,194,581	1,108,308
Total State Awards			2,306,221	2,273,863
Total Federal and State Awards			\$ 2,321,658	\$ 2,283,833

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

Surry County Early Childhood Partnership Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers Leasehold Improvements	\$ 10,842 43,455 2,030
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 56,327

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.

Surry County Early Childhood Partnership Schedule of Qualifying Match (Non-GAAP) For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

Schedule 5

Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 0 1,123
	\$ 1,123
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 146,711 257,310
	\$ 404,021

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 Surry County Early Childhood Partnership Mount Airy, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of the Surry County Early Childhood Partnership (Surry Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 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 Surry 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 Surry Partnership's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry Partnership's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity'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 Surry 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 Surry 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 Surry Partnership's Board of Directors, management of the Surry Partnership, and 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.

Tichenor & Associates, LLP

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January 15, 2009

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