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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

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

This report presents the results of the financial statement audit of Sampson 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 are presented fairly in all material aspects. The results of their tests disclosed no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that were considered to be material weaknesses in relation to their audit scope or any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of 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

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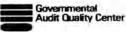
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis of the Sampson County Partnership for Children (Sampson Partnership) as of June 30, 2008, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures – Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Sampson 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 Sampson 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.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated January 26, 2009, on our consideration of the Sampson 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 Sampson 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

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January 26, 2009

Sampson 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			Те	mporarily		
	ę	Smart Start Fund		Other Funds		estricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts: State Awards Federal Awards Private Contributions Interest and Investment Earnings Sales Tax Refunds Other Receipts	\$	982,191	\$	1,837,241 25,032 14,422 106 11,493 3,156	\$	0 1,434	\$ 2,819,432 25,032 15,856 106 11,493 3,156
Total Receipts		982,191		1,891,450		1,434	 2,875,075
Net Assets Released from Restrictions: Satisfaction of Program Restrictions		982,191		1,255		(1,255) 179	 2,875,075
E-man diamage		902,191		1,692,705		179	 2,075,075
Expenditures: Programs: Child Care and Education Quality Family Support More at Four Support: Management and General Program Coordination and Evaluation Other: Sales Tax Paid		392,818 382,772 70,209 127,842 8,550		29,573 253 1,734,074 19,111 11,299			 422,391 383,025 1,804,283 146,953 8,550 11,299
Total Expenditures		982,191		1,794,310			 2,776,501
Excess of Receipts Over Expenditures Net Assets at Beginning of Year		0 0		98,395 21,626		179 1,255	 98,574 22,881
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	0	\$	120,021	\$	1,434	\$ 121,455
Net Assets Consisted of: Cash and Cash Equivalents Refunds Due from Contractors	\$	399 498	\$	120,101	\$	1,434	\$ 121,934 498
		897		120,101		1,434	 122,432
Less: Due to the State Funds Held for Others		897		80			 897 80
	\$	0	\$	120,021	\$	1,434	\$ 121,455

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

Sampson County Partnership for Children 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 Quality	\$ 392,818	\$ 233,555	\$ 0	\$ 8,017	\$	31,933	\$ 55,069	\$ 7,742	\$ 56,502
Family Support More at Four	382,772 70,209	292,299		7,266		35,904	32,363	14,940	70,209
More at Four	 70,209	 	 	 			 <u> </u>	 	 70,209
	 845,799	 525,854	 	 15,283		67,837	 87,432	 22,682	 126,711
Support:									
Management and General	127,842	92,710	2,557	2,295		17,582	10,749	1,949	
Program Coordination and Evaluation	 8,550	 2,064	 6,486	 ,			 	 	
	 136,392	 94,774	 9,043	 2,295		17,582	 10,749	 1,949	
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	\$ 982,191	\$ 620,628	\$ 9,043	\$ 17,578	\$	85,419	\$ 98,181	\$ 24,631	\$ 126,711
Other Funds: Programs:									
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 29,573	\$ 27,353	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 2,220	\$ 0
Family Support More at Four	253 1,734,074	290,530	20,629	7 140,201		68,294	64,835	31,842	246 1,117,743
Mole at Four	 <u> </u>	 	 · · · ·	 <u> </u>			 · · · ·	 	
0	 1,763,900	 317,883	 20,629	 140,208		68,294	 64,835	 34,062	 1,117,989
Support: Management and General	 19,111	 227	 11,235	 1,228		2,978	 1,807	 1,636	
	19,111	227	11,235	1,228		2,978	1,807	1,636	
Other:	 ,	 	 ,0	 .,0		_,	 .,	 .,	
Sales Tax Paid	11,299			11,299					
	 · · · · ·		 	 <u> </u>			 	 	
	 11,299	 	 	 11,299			 	 	
Total Other Funds Expenditures	\$ 1,794,310	\$ 318,110	\$ 31,864	\$ 152,735	\$	71,272	\$ 66,642	\$ 35,698	\$ 1,117,989

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

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Exhibit B

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- **A. Organization and Purpose** The Sampson County Partnership for Children (Sampson Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on March 25, 1998. The Sampson Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The Sampson 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 Sampson 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 Sampson 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 yearend 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 Sampson Partnership acts in an agency capacity. At year end, the Sampson Partnership was holding amounts withheld from employee paychecks for distribution to insurance agencies.
- **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, Sampson Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The Sampson 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 other comprehensive basis of accounting used by the Sampson 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 Sampson 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 Sampson Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2008, the Sampson Partnership's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$188,089.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS

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

Associated with these contracts, the Sampson 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 Sampson 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 Sampson Partnership was awarded and has received \$983,088 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of

this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The Sampson Partnership has returned \$897 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2008.

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

More at Four – The Sampson Partnership also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the More at Four Program. The Sampson Partnership was awarded \$1,885,220 and received \$1,825,576 under a current year contract. The Sampson Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new More at Four contracts with the State.

Regional Child Care Resource & Referral Program (CCR&R) – The Sampson 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. for the Regional Child Care Resource & Referral Program.

The Sampson Partnership was awarded and has received \$25,032 under a current year contract

The Sampson 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 Sampson 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 Sampson Partnership was awarded and has received \$11,665 under a current year contract for the payment of administrative and accounting services. The Sampson 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 Sampson Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the Sampson Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the Sampson 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 Sampson 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 Quality - Used to account for service activities including child care resource and referral, professional development, provider training, mentoring programs, health/safety training for child care professionals, special needs – support for child care professionals, child care data – workforce studies, learning materials and teaching aids, curriculum enhancements, child care needs and resources assessments, kindergarten orientation/transition.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities including family resource centers, parenting skills training, teen parent/child programs, ongoing parenting education, general family support, literacy projects, family literacy projects, community outreach information and resources, or family support needs and resources assessments.

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

B. Support Functions

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

Program 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:

	(Operating		
Fiscal Year	Leases			
2009	\$	124,428		
2010		124,428		
2011		65,628		
2012		600		
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$	315,084		

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$133,007.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

Retirement Plans - The Sampson Partnership has a SIMPLE – IRA Plan covering all full-time employees. Each full-time employee of the Sampson Partnership has an option to participate in the Plan. An Individual Retirement Account is provided to the employee through an outside financial institution. The Sampson Partnership contributed 10% of gross wages for the year ended June 30, 2008; however, there were no employee contributions for the year. The Sampson Partnership does not own the accounts nor is liable for any other cost other than the required contribution. The Sampson Partnership contributed \$57,520 for pension benefits during the year.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Sampson 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 Sampson 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 Sampson 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 Sampson 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 \$20,130. 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	ŀ	Amount			
Car Seat Program	\$	1,434			

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	A	Amount
Car Seat Program	\$	1,255

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

Schedule 1

		Other Funds						
Organization Name		Amount Advanced		Refund Due		Amount Advanced		Refund Due
Paid to Organizations:								
Cason's Community Day Care	\$	7,029	\$	0	\$	66,500	\$	0
Classy Kidz	*	7,029				33,820		
Clinton City Schools		28,116				269,600		
Double C, Inc.		14,058				135,660		
Great Beginings	*	6,948				19,461		
Sampson Community College	*	57,000		498				
Sampson County Headstart						522,225		
Tom Thumb Academy		7,029				68,050		
				498		1,115,316		
Individuals for the purpose of:								
Buckle Up Program Participants						2,673		
						2,673		
	\$	127,209	\$	498	\$	1,117,989	\$	0

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

Schedule 2

Organization Name		DHHS Contracts
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$ Sampson County Department of Social Services	*	110,000 344,876
	<u>\$</u>	454,876

* This organization is 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.

Sampson 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	E;	xpenditures
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 & Development Block Grant	93.575	415-406	\$	25,032	\$	25,032
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	*	982,191 11,665		982,191 11.665
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Office of School of Readiness More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program (Prior Year) More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program (Current Year)		0075-07 0075-08	*	1,825,576		25,674 1,708,320
Total State Awards				2,819,432		2,727,850
Total Federal and State Awards			\$	2,844,464	\$	2,752,882

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

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

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment Computer Equipment/Printers	\$ 139,052 82,220
Total Property and Equipment	\$ 221,272

Note: The information on this schedule provides a summary of property and equipment with acquisition or donated cost of \$500 or more which were held by the Partnership at year end. The valuations represent historical cost. On the modified cash basis of accounting, these items are expensed in the year of purchase.

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:

Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 14,644 121,700
	\$ 136,344
Match Provided at the Contractor Level:	
Cash In-Kind Goods and Services	\$ 54,784 4,101
	\$ 58,885

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 Sampson County Partnership for Children Clinton, North Carolina

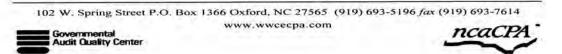
We have audited the financial statements of the Sampson County Partnership for Children (Sampson Partnership) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated January 26, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United 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 Sampson 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 Sampson County Partnership for Children's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sampson Countrol over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sampson County Partnership for Children'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 Sampson County Partnership for Children's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more



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)

than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Sampson County Partnership for Children's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Sampson County Partnership for Children's internal control.

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 statement will not be prevented or detected by the Sampson County Partnership for Children'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 Sampson County Partnership for Children'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 Sampson 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.

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