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**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
WOOD COUNTY**

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To Members of the Council:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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August 14, 2008

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

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To Members of the Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Wood County, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council'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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Council has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Council's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Council does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require councils to reformat their statements. The Council has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Council as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Family and Children First Council, Wood County, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Council has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 14, 2008, on our consideration of the Council'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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

August 14, 2008

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
WOOD COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	All Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$20,000	\$157,048	\$177,048
Local Agency Contributions	8,000		8,000
 Total Cash Receipts	 28,000	 157,048	 185,048
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Contract Services	21,079	152,901	173,980
Travel/Training	6,009		6,009
Advertising/Copies	1,615		1,615
Consumer Stipends	125		125
 Total Cash Disbursements	 28,828	 152,901	 181,729
 Total Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	 (828)	 4,147	 3,319
 Fund Cash Balances, July 1	 79,001	 38,255	 117,256
 Fund Cash Balances, June 30	 \$78,173	 \$42,402	 \$120,575

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	All Fund Types		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	(Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$20,000	\$153,145	\$173,145
Local Agency Contributions	7,600		7,600
 Total Cash Receipts	 27,600	 153,145	 180,745
Cash Disbursements:			
Current Disbursements:			
Contract Services	21,924	148,489	170,413
Accounting and Auditing Services	3,244		3,244
Travel/Training	1,167		1,167
Advertising/Copies	1,655		1,655
Consumer Stipends	400		400
 Total Cash Disbursements	 28,390	 148,489	 176,879
 Total Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	 (790)	 4,656	 3,866
 Fund Cash Balances, July 1	 79,791	 33,599	 113,390
 Fund Cash Balances, June 30	 \$79,001	 \$38,255	 \$117,256

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

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
WOOD COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Ohio Revised Code § 121.37 created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and permitted counties to establish county family and children first councils. Statutory membership of a county council consists of the following individuals:

- a. At least three individuals, who are not employed by an agency represented on the council and whose families are or have received services from an agency represented on council or another county's council. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty per cent of the council's remaining membership.
- b. The director of the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serves the county, or, in the case of a county that has a board of alcohol and drug addiction services and a community mental health board, the directors of both boards;
- c. The health commissioner of the board of health of each city or general health district in the county, or their designees;
- d. The director of the county department of jobs and family services;
- e. The executive director of the public children services agency;
- f. The superintendent of the county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities;
- g. The superintendent of the city, exempted village, or local school district with the largest number of pupils residing in the county, as determined by the department of education, which shall notify each county of its determination at least biennially;
- h. A school superintendent representing all other school districts with territory in the county, as designated at a biennial meeting of the superintendents of those districts;
- i. A representative of the municipal corporation with the largest population in the county;
- j. The president of the board of county commissioners, or an individual designated by the board;
- k. A representative of the regional office of the department of youth services;
- l. A representative of the county's head start agencies, as defined in section 3301.31 of the Revised Code;
- m. A representative of the county's early intervention collaborative established pursuant to the federal early intervention program operated under the "Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986";
- n. A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

A county family and children first council may invite any other local public or private agency or group that funds, advocates, or provides services to children to have a representative become a permanent or temporary member of the council.

The purpose of the county council is to streamline and coordinate existing government services for families seeking services for their children. In seeking to fulfill its purpose, a county council shall provide for the following:

- a. Refer to the cabinet council those children for whom the council cannot provide adequate services;
- b. Develop and implement a process that annually evaluates and prioritizes services, fills service gaps where possible, or invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;
- c. Develop a plan that reviews and adjusts existing programs, fills service gaps where possible, or invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;
- d. Participate in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families, as established pursuant to federal grants received and administered by the department of health for early intervention services under the "Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986";
- e. Maintain an accountability system to monitor the council's progress in achieving results for families and children;
- f. Establish a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the county system.

The Council's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Council is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

C. Fund Accounting

The Council maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of governmental entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The transactions are reflected in a self-balancing group of accounts.

General Fund - the general operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

The Council had the following sources of funding:

Intergovernmental Receipts - Funds received from the Administration Grants.

Local Agency Contributions – Funds received for membership fees for the “No Wrong Door” program.

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Council had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Ohio Children’s Trust Fund – This fund receives a state grant to be used for programs aimed at reducing Child Abuse and Neglect.

Help Me Grow Fund -This fund receives federal and state grants to be used for programs aimed at ensuring the well being of children from birth to three years of age as well as prenatal clients.

D. Administrative Agent

The Wood County Department of Job and Family Services served as administrative agent for the Council. Council funds are maintained in a separate agency fund by the Wood County Auditor.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code and Auditor of State Bulletin 1998-07 requires that the Council prepare an annual budget and file it with its administrative agent. This annual budget includes estimated receipts and disbursements.

The Wood County Auditor serving as fiscal officer for the Council reserves (encumbers) appropriations when commitments are made.

A summary of 2007 and 2006 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Council records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Wood County Treasurer maintains a cash pool used by all of the County's funds, including those of the Family and Children First Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The Council's carrying amount of cash on deposit with the County at December 31, 2007, was \$120,575 and at December 31, 2006, was \$117,256. The Wood County Treasurer, as custodian for the Council, is responsible for maintaining adequate depository collateral for all funds in the Wood County's pooled and deposit accounts.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 follows:

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$60,000	\$28,000	\$32,000
Special Revenue	177,516	157,048	20,468
Total	<u>\$237,516</u>	<u>\$185,048</u>	<u>\$52,468</u>

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$60,000	\$28,828	\$31,172
Special Revenue	177,516	152,901	24,615
Total	<u>\$237,516</u>	<u>\$181,729</u>	<u>\$55,787</u>

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3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY – (Continued)

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$60,000	\$27,600	\$32,400
Special Revenue	163,516	153,145	10,371
Total	<u>\$223,516</u>	<u>\$180,745</u>	<u>\$42,771</u>

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$60,000	\$28,390	\$31,610
Special Revenue	163,516	148,489	15,027
Total	<u>\$223,516</u>	<u>\$176,879</u>	<u>\$46,637</u>

4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Council are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the audit period, the Council's Governing Board entered into a contract with Judy Knox to perform various clerical functions. Judy is also a member of the Governing Board. Total payments to Judy were \$365 in 2007 and \$631 in 2006, which include payment of services and mileage reimbursements.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is insured by the Wood County Department of Job and Family Services.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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To Members of the Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Wood County, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated August 14, 2008, wherein we noted the Council followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Council'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 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 Council's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Council's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Council's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

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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 internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Council. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

August 14, 2008



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WOOD COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

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CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**