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**CARROLL COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
CARROLL COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Carroll County Family and Children First Council
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Carroll County Family and Children First Council, Carroll County, Ohio (the Council), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Council, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Council, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Council on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

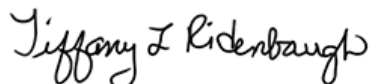
- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 7, 2026, 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. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

January 7, 2026

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And Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
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	General	Special Revenue	Combined Total
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental - Local	\$15,150	\$5,000	\$20,150
Intergovernmental - State	62,282	101,291	163,573
Intergovernmental - Federal	0	15,714	15,714
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>77,432</u>	<u>122,005</u>	<u>199,437</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Contractual Services	110,976	127,750	238,726
Supplies and Materials	3,660	0	3,660
Services and Charges	0	11,028	11,028
Other	1,100	0	1,100
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>115,736</u>	<u>138,778</u>	<u>254,514</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(38,304)</u>	<u>(16,773)</u>	<u>(55,077)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(38,304)</u>	<u>(16,773)</u>	<u>(55,077)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>170,944</u>	<u>635,230</u>	<u>806,174</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$132,640</u></u>	<u><u>\$618,457</u></u>	<u><u>\$751,097</u></u>

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

Carroll County Family and Children First Council

Carroll County

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37 created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and required each Board of County Commissioners to establish a County Family and Children First Council. Statutory membership of County Council consists of the following individuals:

1. At least three individuals representing the interest of families in the County. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty percent of the Council's remaining membership;
2. 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. If a Board of Alcohol, Drug Addition, and Mental Health Services covers more than one County, the Director may designate a person to participate on the County's Council;
3. The Health Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee, of the Board of Health of each City or General Health District in the County. If the County has two or more health districts, the Health Commissioner membership may be limited to the Commissioners of the two districts with the largest populations;
4. The Director of the County Department of Job and Family Services;
5. The Executive Director of the public children services agency or the County agency responsible for the administration of children services pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5153.15;
6. The Superintendent of the County Board of Developmental Disabilities or if the Superintendent serves as Superintendent as more than one County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Superintendent's designee;
7. 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 Ohio Department of Education, which shall notify each County of its determination at least biennially;
8. 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;
9. A representative of the municipal corporation with the largest population in the County;
10. The President of the Board of County Commissioners or an individual designated by the Board;
11. A representative of the regional office of the Ohio Department of Youth Services;
12. A representative of the County's Head Start agencies, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.32;

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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Note 1 – Reporting Entity (continued)

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14. A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

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:

1. Referrals to the Cabinet Council of those children for whom the County Council cannot provide adequate services;
2. Development and implementation of a process that annually evaluates and prioritizes services, fills service gaps where possible, and invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;
3. Participation 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 “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004”;
4. Maintenance of an accountability system to monitor the County Council’s progress in achieving results for families and children; and
5. Establishment of 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.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Council’s financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, which is organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Council uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the Council are presented below:

Carroll County Family and Children First Council

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

General Fund The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Council for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Council had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Multi System Youth Fund The multi system youth fund accounts for and reports the receipt of intergovernmental money restricted for the purpose of providing youth services.

Family Centered Services & Supports Fund This fund receives grant monies restricted for maintaining children and youth in their homes and communities by meeting the multi-systemic needs of children.

Administrative/Fiscal Agent

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37(B)(5)(a) requires the Council to select an administrative agent to provide fiscal and administrative services to the Council. The Council selected Carroll County JFS. The Council authorizes Carroll County, as fiscal agent and administrative agent, to subcontract with, designate, and/or seek assistance from any agencies and/or organizations that it deems necessary in order to complete the obligations set forth in the agreement. Carroll County agrees to be ultimately responsible for fulfilling the fiscal and administrative obligations of the agreement.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Council 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

Budgetary Process

A Family and Children First Council established under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37 is not a taxing authority and is not subject to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705. As of October 1, 1997, all Family and Children First Councils are required to file an annual budget with its administrative agent, Carroll County JFS. The Council filed an estimate of financial resources and an appropriation measure with Carroll County as required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2024 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Deposits and Investments

The Council designated the Carroll County Auditor as the fiscal agent for all funds received in the name of the Council. Deposits of monies are made with the Carroll County Treasurer and fund expenditures and balances are reported through the Carroll County Auditor. Deposits and investments are made in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and are valued at the fiscal agent's carrying amounts.

Capital Assets

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

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Council must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The Council classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Council.

Restricted Fund balance is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed The Council can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The Council must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance.

The Council applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 7.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2024, follows:

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 98,383	\$ 77,432	\$ (20,951)
Special Revenue	119,289	122,005	2,716
Totals	217,672	199,437	(18,235)
2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 131,500	\$ 115,736	\$ 15,764
Special Revenue	328,749	138,779	189,970
Totals	460,249	254,515	205,734

Note 4 – Deposits

The Carroll County Auditor, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash pool used by all of Carroll County's funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and the Carroll County Auditor is responsible for compliance. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	2024
Demand deposits	\$ 751,097

This fiscal agent is responsible for maintaining adequate depository collateral for all funds in the fiscal agent's pooled and deposit accounts. All risks associated with the above deposits are the responsibility of the fiscal agent.

Note 5 – Risk Management

Risk Pool Membership

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries and natural disasters. To mitigate these risks, the Council is a covered member under Carroll County's insurance coverage policy.

The County is a member of County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSAs) which is a shared risk pool of sixty-one counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverages provided by CORSA. These coverages include comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officials' errors and omission liability insurance.

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Note 5 – Risk Management (continued)

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of CORSA are managed by an elected Board of not more than nine trustees. Only County Commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the Board. No county may have more than one representative on the Board at any one time. Each member county's control over the budgeting and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Trustees.

The County pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of employee compensation. The rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in any category of risk. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

Note 6 – Contingent Liabilities

The Council may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, management believes that the resolution of any matter will not materially adversely affect the Council's financial condition.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Council are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. 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.

Note 7 – Fund Balances

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the balances of these amounts were \$0. Carroll County cancels all purchase orders at year end.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue funds include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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Intergovernmental - State	31,385	68,216	99,601
Intergovernmental - Federal	0	8,345	8,345
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>31,385</u>	<u>101,561</u>	<u>132,946</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Contractual Services	41,620	43,020	84,640
Travel Reimbursements	3,235	0	3,235
Supplies and Materials	128	0	128
Services and Charges	0	16,614	16,614
Other	0	27	27
Stipends	325	0	325
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>45,308</u>	<u>59,661</u>	<u>104,969</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(13,923)</u>	<u>41,900</u>	<u>27,977</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(13,923)</u>	<u>41,900</u>	<u>27,977</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>184,867</u>	<u>593,330</u>	<u>778,197</u>
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Nonspendable The Council classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Council.

Restricted Fund balance is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed The Council can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The Council must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance.

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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The Council applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 9.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2023, follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 31,385	\$ 31,385	\$ -
Special Revenue	111,536	101,561	(9,975)
Totals	142,921	132,946	(9,975)
2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 70,500	\$ 45,308	\$ 25,192
Special Revenue	426,656	59,661	366,955
Totals	497,156	104,969	392,147

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

The Carroll County Auditor, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash and investments pool used by all of Carroll County's funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the Carroll County Auditor is responsible for compliance. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	2023
Demand deposits	\$ 806,175

This fiscal agent is responsible for maintaining adequate depository collateral for all funds in the fiscal agent's pooled and deposit accounts. All risks associated with the above deposits are the responsibility of the fiscal agent.

Note 5 – Risk Management

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries and natural disasters. To mitigate these risks, the Council is a covered member under Carroll County's insurance coverage policy.

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Note 5 – Risk Management (continued)

The County is a member of County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSAs) which is a shared risk pool of sixty-one counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officials' errors and omission liability insurance.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of CORSA are managed by an elected Board of not more than nine trustees. Only County Commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the Board. No county may have more than one representative on the Board at any one time. Each member county's control over the budgeting and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Trustees.

The County pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of employee compensation. The rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in any category of risk. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

Note 6 – Contingent Liabilities

The Council may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, management believes that the resolution of any matter will not materially adversely affect the Council's financial condition.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Council are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. 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.

Note 7 – Fund Balances

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the balances of these amounts were as follows - Carroll County closes all purchase orders at year end.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue funds includes the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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

Carroll County Family and Children First Council
Carroll County
540 High Street NW
Carrollton, Ohio 44615

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Carroll County Family and Children First Council, Carroll County, Ohio (the Council) and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 2026, wherein we noted the Council followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Council's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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*.

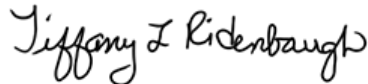
Council's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Council's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The Council's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

January 7, 2026

**CARROLL COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
CARROLL COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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Financial Reporting

FINDING NUMBER – 2024-001

Material Weakness

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

The following errors were noted and corrections are reflected within the basic financial statements and notes for 2023:

- 2023 financial statements reported the Family Centered Services & Supports and Home Choice funds in the General Fund instead of Special Revenue Funds, resulting in the overstatement of revenue (\$11,126), expenditures (\$16,641), opening fund balances (\$27,564), and ending fund balance (\$22,049) in the General Fund and understating the same amounts in the Special Revenue Funds. Additionally, budgetary amounts were adjusted in the budgetary footnote to reflect these.
- Refund of unused grant funds totaling \$9,976 were recorded as an expenditure, overstating intergovernmental revenue - state and contract services expenditures in the Special Revenue funds. Additionally, budgetary amounts were adjusted in the budgetary footnote to reflect this.
- Intergovernmental revenue - local was overstated, and Intergovernmental revenue - state was understated in the General and Special Revenue Funds by \$31,385 and \$8,527, respectively due to misclassification of receipts.
- Budgetary disbursements included in the budgetary footnote were overstated in the General Fund and Special Revenue funds by \$18,078 and \$25,283, respectively due to the inclusion of encumbrances that were closed at year end.

The following errors were noted and corrections are reflected within the basic financial statements and notes for 2024:

- Refund of unused grant funds totaling \$18,236 were recorded as an expenditure, overstating revenues and expenditures in the Special Revenue Funds. Additionally, budgetary amounts were adjusted in the budgetary footnote to reflect this.
- Intergovernmental revenue - state was overstated, and Intergovernmental revenue - federal was understated, in the Special Revenue Funds by \$15,714 due to misclassification of receipts.
- Budgetary disbursements included in the budgetary footnote were overstated in the General Fund and Special Revenue funds by \$2,508 and \$4,483, respectively due to the inclusion of encumbrances that were closed at year end.

To help ensure the Council's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the Council should adopt policies and procedures to identify and correct errors and omissions. In addition, the Council should review the financial statements and notes prior to submission for audit.

Official's Response: I believe I understand the findings and will do my best to take corrective actions in completing future financial statements.



SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2022-001	Material Weakness – Posting of Receipts	Not Fully corrected	<p>For calendar year 2023 and prior, staff at the Carroll County Auditor's office prepared and submitted the financial statements for Carroll County FCFC. Due to staff turnover within that office during 2021, 2022 and 2023, I believe there was a lack of understanding in completing the financial statement. For CY2024, this would be the first year that I, Ray Heaston, completed the Hinkle financial report. Again, my lack of understanding in the classifications contributed to the errors.</p> <p>Planned Correction: For calendar years 2025 and 2026, I will be reaching out to contacts I have with AOS for any questions and guidance in completing the Hinkle financial statement reporting prior to the initial submission.</p>

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CARROLL COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 1/27/2026

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