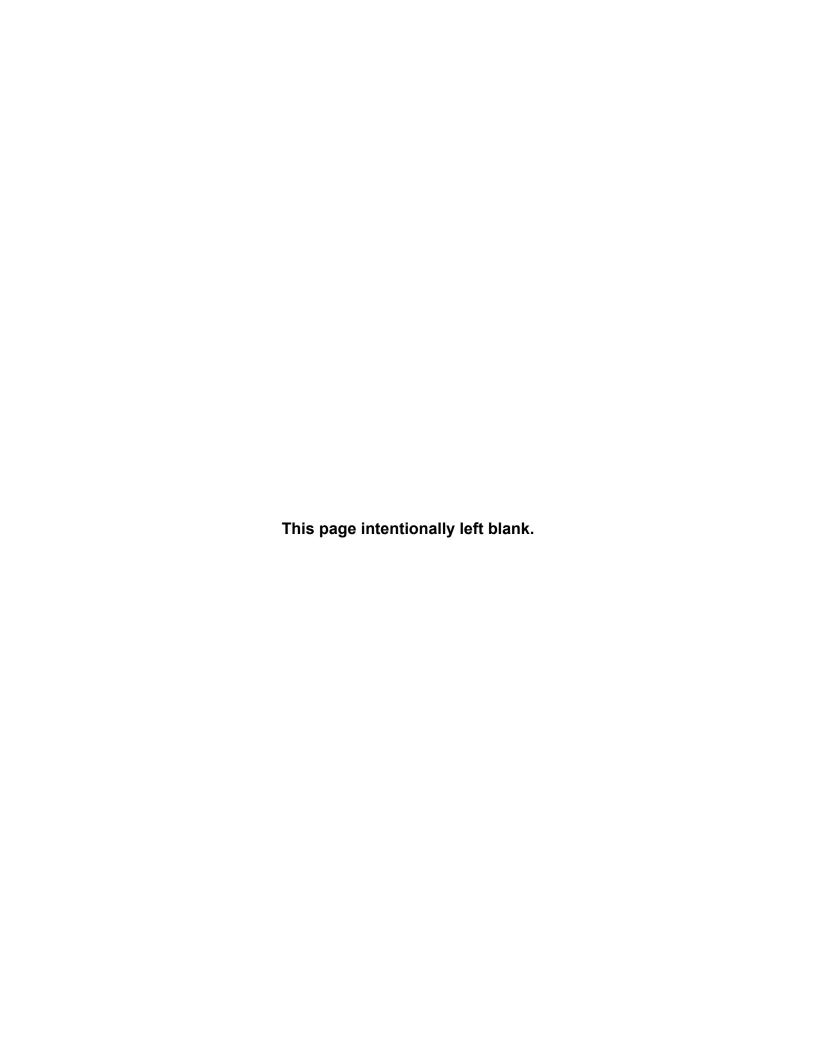




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Family and Children First Council Perry County 205 West Brown Street P.O. Box 896 New Lexington, Ohio 43764

To the Members of the Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Perry County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 *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 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Council prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Family and Children First Council, Perry County, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 4, 2003 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures is presented for additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the financial statements. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements. In our opinion, it is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Council and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

June 4, 2003

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	Government		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 225,993	\$ 446,146	\$ 672,139
Cluster Monies	11,600		11,600
Other Revenue	1,489	425	1,914
Total Cash Receipts	239,082	446,571	685,653
Cash Disbursements:			
Wellness Grant	120,953		120,953
Contracted Services	15,690	405,906	421,596
Family Stability Incentive	114,677		114,677
Cluster Creative Options	10,969		10,969
Rental Expense		27,120	27,120
Administrative Fees		21,808	21,808
Other Expenses	6,021	41,246	47,267
Total Cash Disbursements	268,310	496,080	764,390
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(29,228)	(49,509)	(78,737)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	89,269	476,939	566,208
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 89,269	\$ 476,939	\$ 566,208
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$ 37,054	\$ 12,477	\$ 49,531

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Govern			
	Genera	Tota Special (Memora General Revenue Onl		
Cash Receipts: Intergovernmental	\$ 227,9	903 \$ 335,073	\$ 562,976	
Cluster Monies Other Revenue	•	320 368 17	7,820 685	
Total Cash Receipts	236,3	335,090	571,481	
Cash Disbursements:				
Supplies	3	863	1,706	
Wellness Grant	84,3	324	84,324	
Cluster Creative Options	2,3	343	2,343	
Fatherhood Initiative	10,0	000	10,000	
Family Stability Incentive	112,2	204	112,204	
Contracted Services	24,2	225 173,398	197,623	
Administrative Fees		27,541	27,541	
Other Expenses	1,9	998 41,981	43,979	
Total Cash Disbursements	235,9	243,783	479,720	
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	2	91,307	91,761	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	88,8	385,632	474,447	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$ 89,2	269 \$ 476,939	\$ 566,208	
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$ 22,2	212 \$ 9,805	\$ 32,017	

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Ohio Rev. Code Section 121.37 created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and required the Board of County Commissioners in each County to establish County Family and Children First Councils. A Board of County Commissioners may invite any 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 its County Council. Each County Council must include the following individuals:

- At least three individuals whose families are or have received services from an agency represented on the Council or another County's Council. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty percent of the Council's 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. If a Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services covers more than one county, the Director may designate a person to participate on the County's Council;
- c. The Health Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee, of the Board of Health of each city and 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;
- d. The Director of the County Department of Job and Family Services;
- e. The Executive Director of the county agency responsible for the administration of children services pursuant to Section 5153.15 of the Revised Code;
- f. The Superintendent of the County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities;
- g. The County's Juvenile Court Judge senior in service or another judge of the juvenile court designated by the administrative judge, or, where there is no administrative judge, by the judge senior in service;
- h. 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 Board of County Commissioners of its determination at least biennially;
- i. 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;
- k. The President of the Board of County Commissioners, or an individual designated by the Board;
- I. A representative of the regional office of the Department of Youth Services;

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Description of the Entity (Continued)

- m. A representative of the County's Head Start agencies, as defined in Section 3301.31 of the Revised Code;
- n. 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"; and
- o. A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

A County Council shall provide for the following:

- a. Referrals to the Cabinet Council of those children for whom the Council cannot provide adequate services;
- b. 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:
- c. 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 "Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986":
- d. Maintenance of an accountability system to monitor the County Council's progress in achieving results for families and children; and
- e. Establishment of a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the County system.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Fund Accounting

The Council uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Council classifies its funds into the following types:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Fund Accounting (Continued)

1. General

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Council had the following Special Revenue Funds:

Early Start Fund – This fund receives federal monies to provide families with ongoing home visits.

Help Me Grow Fund – This fund receives federal monies to provide families with services and support such as prenatal visits, newborn visits, ongoing home visits and support from other parents.

D. Administrative/Fiscal Agent

The Perry County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities is the designated administrative and fiscal agent for the Council. The Council's funds are maintained by the County in separate funds.

E. Equity in Pooled Cash

The Council's cash is maintained by the Perry County Auditor. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the County is responsible for compliance. As of December 31, 2002 and 2001, the Council's share of the County's cash pool was as follows:

	2002	2001		
Demand deposits	\$ 487,471	\$	566,208	

All risks associated with such deposits are the responsibility of Perry County.

F. Budgetary Activity

The Council files an annual estimate of expenditures and revenue with Perry County, as required by Ohio law. This estimate is adopted by the Council and the Perry County Commissioners. The Council and County Commissioners approve any changes made to this estimate during the year. The County Commissioners ensure that the Council's expenditures do not exceed appropriations.

G. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001 (Continued)

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001, follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

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	В	udgeted		Actual						
Fund Type	Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		eceipts Receipts		\	/ariance
General	\$ 227,919		\$	239,082	\$	11,163				
Special Revenue		724,385		446,571		(277,814)				
Total	\$	952,304	\$	685,653	\$	(266,651)				

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation		Budgetary			_				
Fund Type	Authority		Authority		Authority		Expenditures		Variance	
General	\$	227,919	\$	305,364	\$	(77,445)				
Special Revenue		704,385		508,557		195,828				
Total	\$	932,304	\$	813,921	\$	118,383				

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Budgeted		Actual					
Receipts		Receipts		Receipts		Variance	
\$	277,394	\$	236,391	\$	(41,003)		
	152,327		335,090		182,763		
\$	429,721	\$	571,481	\$	141,760		
	F	Receipts \$ 277,394 152,327	Receipts F \$ 277,394 \$ 152,327	Receipts Receipts \$ 277,394 \$ 236,391 152,327 335,090	Receipts Receipts \(\) \$ 277,394 \$ 236,391 \$ 152,327 335,090 \$		

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Apı	Appropriation		Budgetary						
Fund Type	Ä	Authority		Authority		Authority		penditures	٧	/ariance
General	\$	305,548	\$	258,149	\$	47,399				
Special Revenue		331,762		253,588		78,174				
Total	\$	637,310	\$	511,737	\$	125,573				

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is insured through the Perry County Commissioners for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Valuable papers and records; and
- · Errors and omissions.

4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass-through Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Number	Disbu	ırsements
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Passed through Ohio Department of Health:				
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families with Disabilities	84.181	N/A	\$	63,591
Total Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families with Disabilities				63,591
Total United States Department of Education				63,591
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Passed through Perry County Department of Job and Family Services:				
Family Stability Incentive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	93.556 93.558	N/A N/A		71,739 373,378
Total United States Department of Health and Human Services				445,117
Total Federal Awards Expenditures			\$	508,708

The Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures are an integral part of this Schedule.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule) summarizes activity of the Council's federal award programs. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Family and Children First Council Perry County 205 West Brown Street P.O. Box 896 New Lexington, Ohio 43764

To the Members of the Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Perry County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 4, 2003. 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Council in a separate letter dated June 4, 2003.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Council in a separate letter dated June 4, 2003.

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Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

Betty Montgomery

June 4, 2003



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Family and Children First Council Perry County 205 West Brown Street P.O. Box 896 New Lexington, Ohio 43764

To the Members of the Council:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Family and Children First Council, Perry County, Ohio (the Council), with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2002. The Council's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance occurred with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Council's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Council complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2002.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Council is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Council's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Council, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

Betty Montgomery

June 4, 2003

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505 DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families – CFDA # 93.558
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	No

2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS	

None.

None.



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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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED AUGUST 5, 2003