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Betty Montgomery**

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
NOBLE COUNTY**

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Family and Children First Council
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To the Family and Children First 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 a February 2, 2005 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 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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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 30, 2005

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Family and Children First Council
Noble County
38 Olive Street, P.O. Box 250
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To the Family and Children First Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Noble County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. 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.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Council to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. 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 the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Council has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Council does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, 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.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statement referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2004 does 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, 2004, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Family and Children First Council, Noble County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Council to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. 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 30, 2005, 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.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 30, 2005

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
NOBLE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$18,800	\$67,151	\$85,951
Total Cash Receipts	<u>18,800</u>	<u>67,151</u>	<u>85,951</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Coordinator Contract	16,229	223	16,452
Travel Expenses	1,477		1,477
Supplies and Materials	1,144		1,144
Rental Expense	600		600
Contractual Services	1,079	52,723	53,802
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>20,529</u>	<u>52,946</u>	<u>73,475</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(1,729)</u>	<u>14,205</u>	<u>12,476</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>28,643</u>	<u>18,764</u>	<u>47,407</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$26,914</u>	<u>\$32,969</u>	<u>\$59,883</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

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, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$20,000	\$177,997	\$197,997
Total Cash Receipts	<u>20,000</u>	<u>177,997</u>	<u>197,997</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
Current:			
Coordinator Contract	15,362	667	16,029
Travel Expenses	2,258		2,258
Supplies and Materials	247		247
Contractual Services	4,134	187,664	191,798
Reimbursements	600		600
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>22,601</u>	<u>188,331</u>	<u>210,932</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(2,601)</u>	<u>(10,334)</u>	<u>(12,935)</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>31,244</u>	<u>29,098</u>	<u>60,342</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$28,643</u>	<u>\$18,764</u>	<u>\$47,407</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$900</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$900</u>

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

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
NOBLE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

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:

- a. 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;
- j. 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;
- l. A representative of the regional office of the Department of Youth Services;

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(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:

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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:

Wellness Program Fund – This fund receives state and federal monies to provide community-based programs of prevention services to reduce the rate of births to teens and to plan for and implement a child abuse and neglected prevention program. This fund only had activity during 2003.

Family Stability Grant Fund - This fund receives federal funds to be used to reduce the number of children removed from their homes and to encourage the development of interagency diversion teams to provide appropriate services and support to prevent such removals. This fund only had activity during 2003.

Help Me Grow Fund – This fund receives a blended pool of grant funds to be used for an early intervention program to aid children ages one through three for developing social skills and interaction with other children.

D. Administrative/Fiscal Agent

The Noble County Department of Job and Family Services is the designated administrative agent for the Council. The Noble County Auditor is the designated fiscal agent for the Noble County Department of Job and Family Services. The Council's grant funds are maintained by the County in special revenue funds and the administrative monies are maintained by the County in a separate agency fund.

E. Equity in Pooled Cash

The Council's cash is maintained by the Noble County Auditor. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the County is responsible for compliance. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Council's share of the County's cash pool was as follows:

	2004	2003
Demand deposits	<u>\$ 59,883</u>	<u>\$ 47,407</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. Budgetary Activity

The Council files an annual estimate of expenditures and revenue with Noble County for their Administrative (General) Fund, as required by Ohio law. This estimate is adopted by the Council and the Noble County Commissioners. The annual estimate of expenditures and revenue for the Council's Special Revenue Funds are co-mingled and maintained within the Noble County Public Assistance Fund, which is budgeted by the Noble County Department of Jobs and Family Services. The Council and County Commissioners approve any changes made to these estimates 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.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the Administrative (General) Fund for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 0	\$ 18,800	\$ 18,800

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 24,200	\$ 21,529	\$ 2,671

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 22,200	\$ 23,501	\$ (1,301)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is insured through the Noble 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.

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Family and Children First Council
Noble County
38 Olive Street, PO Box 250
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Family and Children First Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Noble County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated August 30, 2005, 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 to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Council's management dated August 30, 2005, we reported a matter involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem a reportable condition.

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*. In a separate letter to the Council's management dated August 30, 2005, we reported a matter related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management and the Council. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 30, 2005



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NOBLE 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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
NOVEMBER 10, 2005**