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**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Family and Children First Council  
Belmont County  
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To the Members of the Council:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Family and Children First Council, Belmont County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit; 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.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Council prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative § 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Council does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***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* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above 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, 2018 and 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of the Family and Children First Council, Belmont County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 20 2019, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on 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  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

May 20, 2019

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$15,750	\$45,014	\$60,764
Intergovernmental (GRF. - Ohio DODD)	0	47,258	47,258
Intergovernmental (Part C - Ohio DODD)	0	40,622	40,622
Intergovernmental (Healthier Buckeye Council)	0	11,177	11,177
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>144,071</u>	<u>159,821</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Contractual Services	9,998	139,021	149,019
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>9,998</u>	<u>139,021</u>	<u>149,019</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	5,752	5,050	10,802
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>18,250</u>	<u>88,179</u>	<u>106,429</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31:</b>			
Restricted	0	93,229	93,229
Unassigned (Deficit)	24,002	0	24,002
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$24,002</u></u>	<u><u>\$93,229</u></u>	<u><u>\$117,231</u></u>

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

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**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**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 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:

- a. 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;
- 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 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;
- d. The Director of the County Department of Job and Family Services;
- e. 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 § 5153.15;
- f. The Superintendent of the County Board of Developmental Disabilities or if the Superintendent serves as Superintendent of more than one County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Superintendent's designee;
- 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 Ohio 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 Ohio Department of Youth Services;
- l. A representative of the County's Head Start agencies as defined in Ohio Revised Code § 3301.32;

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**A. Description of the Entity (Continued)**

- m. A representative of the County's Early Intervention collaborative established pursuant to the federal early intervention program operated under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004"; and
- n. A representative of the local non-profit entity that funds, advocates or provides services to children and families.

A County Family and Children First Council may invite 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.

On April 6, 2016, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution authorizing the Belmont County Family and Children First Council to organize and serve as the Belmont County Healthier Buckeye Council in accordance with ORC Section 355.02.

The Belmont County Healthier Buckeye Council applied for and received a \$334,000 grant for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to promote the development of self-sufficiency and reduce reliance on public assistance through a community environment that maximizes opportunities for individuals and families to achieve optimal health. The grant was originally set to expire on June 30, 2017 but the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services extended the grant through December 31, 2017 due to delays in issuing grant funding. The grant expenditures had a liquidation period that expired on March 31, 2018.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and Belmont County Healthier Buckeye Council entered into an agreement in July, 2016 (Grant G-1617-17-5642).

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 Council shall provide the following:

- a. Referrals to the Cabinet Council of those children for whom the County 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 and coordinated, multidisciplinary interagency system for infants and toddlers with development 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";
- 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.

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements following the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D). 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.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit.

**C. 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 Councils classifies its funds into the following types:

**General Fund** – The General Fund is the operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

**Special Revenue Funds** – These funds are used to account for and report specific resources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes. The Council had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Help Me Grow Grant Fund – This fund receives state and federal grant monies restricted to the purpose of the grant provisions.

**D. Administrative/Fiscal Agent**

Ohio Revised Code § 121.37(B)(5)(a) requires the Council to select an administrative agent to provide fiscal and administrative services to the Council. The Council has selected the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services to serve as administrative agency for the Council and the Belmont County Auditor is the designated fiscal agent for the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services. Belmont County maintains the Council funds in a Special Revenue Fund on the County's financial records. The administrative agent agrees to:

- a. Serve as the Council's appointing authority;
- b. Exercise spending authority within the limits of the annual budget developed and approved by the Council; and
- c. Perform the following on behalf of Council but only upon expressed approval of and direction by the Council:
  - Enters into written agreements or administer contracts with public or private entities to fulfill Council business;
  - Provide financial stipends, reimbursements, or both, to family representatives for expenses related to Council activity;
  - Receive by gift, grant, devised or bequest any monies and/or other property for the purposes for which the Council is established.

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Budgetary Process**

A Family and Children First Council established under Ohio Revised Code § 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. The Council filed an estimate of financial resources and an appropriation measure with the Belmont County Auditor.

**F. Cash and Investments**

The Council designated the Belmont County Auditor as the fiscal agent for all funds received in the name of the Council. Deposits of monies are made with the Belmont County Treasurer and fund expenditures and balances are reported through the Belmont County Auditor. Deposits and investments are made in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and are valued at the fiscal agent's carrying amount. Currently, there are not any council investments, only deposits.

**G. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into two 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:

**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 or enabling legislation.

**Unassigned** – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from the overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed or assigned.

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.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

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

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BELMONT COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018  
(Continued)**

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH (Continued)**

2018

Demand Deposits      \$117,231

The 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.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2018 follows:

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$0
Special Revenue	122,656	144,071	21,415
Total	\$138,406	\$159,821	\$21,415

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$15,750	\$9,998	(\$5,752)
Special Revenue	229,085	154,021	(75,064)
Total	\$244,835	\$164,019	(\$80,816)

**4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

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 grantor may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Intergovernmental	\$15,750	\$27,008	\$42,758
Intergovernmental (GRF. - Ohio DODD)	0	44,438	44,438
Intergovernmental (Part C - Ohio DODD)	0	69,586	69,586
Intergovernmental (Healthier Buckeye Council)	0	192,706	192,706
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>333,738</u>	<u>349,488</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Contractual Services	15,750	301,483	317,233
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>301,483</u>	<u>317,233</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	0	32,255	32,255
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>18,250</u>	<u>55,924</u>	<u>74,174</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31:</b>			
Restricted	0	88,179	88,179
Unassigned (Deficit)	18,250	0	18,250
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$18,250</u></u>	<u><u>\$88,179</u></u>	<u><u>\$106,429</u></u>

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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- a. Serve as the Council's appointing authority;
- b. Exercise spending authority within the limits of the annual budget developed and approved by the Council; and
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**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017  
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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Budgetary Process**

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**G. Fund Balance**

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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.

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

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

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017  
(Continued)**

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH (Continued)**

2017

Demand Deposits      \$106,429

The 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.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2017 follows:

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$0
Special Revenue	446,234	333,738	(112,496)
Total	\$461,984	\$349,488	(\$112,496)

2017 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$15,750	\$15,750	\$0
Special Revenue	520,407	371,483	(148,924)
Total	\$536,157	\$387,233	(\$148,924)

**4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

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 grantor may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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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

Family and Children First Council  
Belmont County  
68145 Hammond Road  
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

To the Members of Council:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of the Family and Children First Council, Belmont County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 20, 2019 wherein we noted the Council followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Council's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider Finding 2018-001 to be a material weakness.

***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, opining 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*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

May 20, 2019



**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
BELMONT COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2018-001**

**Material Weakness**

All public offices should maintain an accounting system and accounting records sufficient to enable the public office to identify, assemble, analyze, classify, record and report its transactions, maintain accountability for the related assets document compliance with finance-related legal and contractual requirements and prepare financial statements.

The Council's receipts were not always posted into accurate classifications. The following reclassifications were noted:

- During 2018, the Council recorded \$25,252 of state funding within the Help Me Grow Part C Fund as Intergovernmental Receipts (Part C) instead of Intergovernmental Receipts (GRF).
- During 2017, the Council recorded \$21,811 of state funding within the Help Me Grow Part C Fund as Intergovernmental Receipts (Part C) instead of Intergovernmental Receipts (GRF).

These material reclassifications, to which management agrees, have been adjusted in the accompanying Council financial statements.

The Fiscal Officer should utilize available authoritative resources to appropriately classify receipt transactions.

**Officials' Response:** We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

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**BELMONT COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL**

**BELMONT 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  
JUNE 11, 2019**