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**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
FAYETTE COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Family and Children First Council
Fayette County
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To 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, Fayette County, Ohio (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 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 Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 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.

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

As described in Note 1c of the financial statements, the Council prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 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 Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 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 December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the years 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, Fayette County, as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1c.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 15, 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 15, 2019

Family and Children First Council
Fayette County, Ohio
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements
And Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental	\$15,750	\$124,923	\$140,673
Charges for Services	7,344		7,344
Foundation/Donations	2,000		2,000
Refund - BWC	445		445
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>25,539</u>	<u>124,923</u>	<u>150,462</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Contractual Services	19,641	105,626	125,267
Family Support	385		385
Miscellaneous	516	28,855	29,371
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>20,542</u>	<u>134,481</u>	<u>155,023</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>4,997</u>	<u>(9,558)</u>	<u>(4,561)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>20,752</u>	<u>9,558</u>	<u>30,310</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31:			
Assigned	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	25,749	0	25,749
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$25,749</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$25,749</u>

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

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Family and Children First Council
Fayette County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Note 1 – Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of 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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13. 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
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.

B. Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other Organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the Council consists of all funds, departments, and activities that are not legally separate from the Council. They comprise the Council's legal entity which provides services including human, social, health and education to families and children.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Council is financially accountable. The Council is financially accountable for an organization if the Council appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Council is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Council is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Council is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to,

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the organization; or the Council is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Council in that the Council approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The Council has no component units.

The Administrative Council is a governing and policy making body. The Council is responsible for determining the need for staff positions pursuant to established goals, objectives, and policy statements. This committee is responsible for the creation of all standing committees and task groups of the Council.

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

C. 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(D). This basis is similar to cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

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(D) permit.

D. 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 Council 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 sources (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 Funds:

Help Me Grow Grant Fund - This fund receives state and federal grant monies restricted for the purpose of the grant provisions promoting healthy pregnancies, as well as positive growth and development for babies and young children.

Family-Centered Services and 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 receiving service coordination.

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E. 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 has selected the Fayette County Department of Job and Family Services (JFS) to serve as the Council's administrative agent and the Fayette County Auditor to serve as the Council's fiscal officer

F. 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. The Council filed an estimate of financial resources and an appropriation measure with the Fayette County Auditor as required by Ohio law. The estimated expenditures are approved per grant.

G. Cash

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

H. 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 nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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 - Committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Council. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by Council for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, *assigned* amounts represent

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intended uses established by the Council, which includes giving the administrative/fiscal agent the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

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.

I. Equity in Pooled Cash

The Fayette County Auditor, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash and investments pool used by all of the Fayette County Auditor's funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the Fayette County Auditor is responsible for compliance. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31, 2018 was \$25,749.

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.

J. Risk Management

The Council is covered under the Fayette County Auditor's insurance policy.

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	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental	\$15,750	\$131,689	\$147,439
Charges for Services	4,525	0	4,525
Foundation/Donations	3,276	0	3,276
Refund - BWC	219	0	219
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>23,770</u>	<u>131,689</u>	<u>155,459</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Contractual Services	16,782	109,832	126,614
Miscellaneous	5,022	22,248	27,270
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>21,804</u>	<u>132,080</u>	<u>153,884</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>1,966</u>	<u>(391)</u>	<u>1,575</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>18,786</u>	<u>9,949</u>	<u>28,735</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31:			
Restricted	0	9,558	9,558
Unassigned (Deficit)	20,752	0	20,752
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$20,752</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,558</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,310</u></u>

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Fayette County

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ADAMH Respite Funds – This fund was restricted for the use of respite care for families and children receiving service coordination. This was a one-time grant received from the ADAMH Board which serves a 5 county area.

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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.

J. Risk Management

The Council is covered under the Fayette County Auditor's insurance policy.

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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*

Fayette County Family and Children First Council
Fayette County
133 South Main Street
Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

To the 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 Fayette County Family and Children First Council, Fayette County, (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 15, 2019, wherein we noted the Council followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 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 opinion 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. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

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.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

May 15, 2019

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



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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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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JUNE 4, 2019**