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**APPALACHIAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

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Appalachian 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 statement due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statement pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statement in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statement present is misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statement you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

*Mary Taylor*

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March 23, 2009

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Appalachian Family and Children First Council  
Lawrence County  
604 Carlton Davidson Drive  
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To the Family and Children First Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Appalachian Family and Children First Council, Lawrence County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 this financial statement 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 statement of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

While the Council does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statement does not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require family and children first councils to reformat their statement. The Council has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. 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 years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 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 June 30, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the Appalachian Family and Children First Council, Lawrence County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

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 statement.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2009, 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.

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March 23, 2009



**APPALACHIAN FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>		
Intergovernmental	\$ 791,445	\$ 690,371
 Total Cash Receipts	 791,445	 690,371
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	32,742	42,731
Supplies and Equipment	559	2,435
Travel	1,072	1,344
Workers Compensation	0	576
Contract Services	851,834	618,344
Miscellaneous	430	679
 Total Cash Disbursements	 <u>886,637</u>	 <u>666,109</u>
 Excess (Deficiency) of Cash Receipts Over (Under) Cash Disbursements	 <u>(95,192)</u>	 <u>24,262</u>
 Cash Balance - Beginning of Year	 <u>261,395</u>	 <u>237,133</u>
 <b>Cash Balance - End of Year</b>	 <b><u><u>\$ 166,203</u></u></b>	 <b><u><u>\$ 261,395</u></u></b>

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

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LAWRENCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Section 127.37, Ohio Revised Code, created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council permitting counties to establish County Family and Children First Councils. Statutory membership of the Council consists of the following individuals:

- a. At least three individuals whose families are or have received services from an agency which is represented on the Council. If possible, twenty per cent of the Council's membership should consist of members representing families.
- b. The Director of the Community Mental Health Board.
- c. The Director of the County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. For counties served by a joint Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board, the Joint Board's Director must designate a member to participate on the County's Council.
- d. A representative from each City Board of Health and General Board of Health District in the County. If there are more than two health districts, then the membership is limited to the commissioners of the two districts with the largest populations.
- e. The Director of the County Department of Human Services.
- f. The Executive Director of the County Children's Services Board.
- g. The Superintendent for the County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.
- h. The Superintendent of the City, Exempted Village, or Local School District with the largest numbers of pupils residing in the County.
- i. The School Superintendent representing all other School Districts within the territory in the County, as designated at a biennial meeting of the Superintendents in those districts.
- j. A representative of the Municipal Corporation with the largest population in the County.
- k. The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners or a designee.
- l. A representative from the regional office of the Ohio Department of Youth Services.
- m. A representative of the County's Head Start agencies.
- n. A representative of the County's Early Intervention Collaborative.
- o. A representative of the Local Nonprofit Entity that funds, advocates or provides services to children and families.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

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

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

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.

A County Council's statutory responsibilities include the following:

- a. Refer to the Cabinet Council those children whom the Council cannot provide adequate services;
- b. Make periodic reports to the Cabinet Council regarding the number of children referred to the County Council and the progress made in meeting the needs of each child;
- c. Develop a plan that reviews and adjusts existing programs, fills service gaps where possible, or invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;
- d. Maintain an accountability system to monitor the Council's progress in achieving its purpose;
- e. Establish a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representative of families who are receiving services within the County system;
- f. Participate in the development of a County Wide, 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".

**B. Basis of Accounting**

This financial statement follows the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. 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.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Administrative and Fiscal Agents**

The Lawrence County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities is the administrative agent for the Council with Lawrence County acting as the Council's fiscal agent.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007  
(Continued)**

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

**D. Cash**

The Council's cash is maintained by Lawrence County, its statutory fiscal agent. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits, and Lawrence County is responsible for compliance. As of June 30, 2008 and 2007, the Council's share of Lawrence County's cash pool was as follows:

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	<u>\$ 166,203</u>	<u>\$ 261,395</u>

**E. Budgetary Process**

The Council files an annual estimate of expenditures with the Lawrence County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and Lawrence County as required by state law. This estimate is adopted by the Council. The Lawrence County Auditor inputs these appropriations into the system and monitors that the Council's expenditures do not exceed appropriations.

**2. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Council are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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

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To the Family and Children First Council:

We have audited the financial statement of the Appalachian Family and Children First Council, Lawrence County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2009, 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 as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Council's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Council's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Council's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the Council's management in a separate letter dated March 23, 2009.

### **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*.

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the Council's management in a separate letter dated March 23, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management and Council. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
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March 23, 2009





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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**

**CERTIFIED  
APRIL 14, 2009**