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**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
PERRY COUNTY**

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Perry County
499 North State Street
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To the Members of the 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 an 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 adverse 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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April 8, 2009

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Family and Children First Council
Perry County
499 North State Street
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To the Members of the Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Perry County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. 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.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity-wide statements and presenting the Council's larger (i.e., major) funds separately. 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 family and children first councils to reformat their statements. The Council has elected not to follow GAAP statement reformatting 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 statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do 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, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Family and Children First Council, Perry County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined 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 statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 8, 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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April 8, 2009

**FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
PERRY COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 77,097	\$ 329,353	\$ 406,450
Rent Income		21,167	21,167
Other Revenue		855	855
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Total Cash Receipts	<u>77,097</u>	<u>351,375</u>	<u>428,472</u>
Cash Disbursements:			
FAST	30,742		30,742
H.B. 289	206		206
Creative Options	2,350		2,350
Childrens Trust Fund	12,056		12,056
Supplies		4,236	4,236
Equipment		852	852
Telephone		2,534	2,534
Contracted Services	18,406	351,508	369,914
Outreach Expense		1,350	1,350
Liability Insurance		1,418	1,418
Building Expense		17,803	17,803
Administrative Fees		1,303	1,303
Other Expenses	2,096	2,088	4,184
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Total Cash Disbursements	<u>65,856</u>	<u>383,092</u>	<u>448,948</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	11,241	(31,717)	(20,476)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>22,252</u>	<u>192,830</u>	<u>215,082</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 33,493</u>	<u>\$ 161,113</u>	<u>\$ 194,606</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, 2007**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Intergovernmental	\$ 65,763	\$ 343,230	\$ 408,993
Rent Income		20,128	20,128
Other Revenue		6,370	6,370
	<u>65,763</u>	<u>369,728</u>	<u>435,491</u>
Total Cash Receipts	65,763	369,728	435,491
Cash Disbursements:			
FAST	20,779		20,779
H.B. 289	3,699		3,699
Access to Better Care	6,252		6,252
RHISCO	6,372		6,372
Childrens Trust Fund	17,050		17,050
Supplies		5,988	5,988
Equipment		12,800	12,800
Telephone		2,215	2,215
Contracted Services	19,379	337,966	357,345
Outreach Expense		3,813	3,813
Liability Insurance		1,583	1,583
Building Expense		14,880	14,880
Administrative Fees		19,255	19,255
Other Expenses	2,066	4,185	6,251
	<u>75,597</u>	<u>402,685</u>	<u>478,282</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	75,597	402,685	478,282
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(9,834)	(32,957)	(42,791)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>32,086</u>	<u>225,787</u>	<u>257,873</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 22,252</u>	<u>\$ 192,830</u>	<u>\$ 215,082</u>

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PERRY COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 and 2007**

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 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 its County Council. Each County Council must include the following individuals:

1. At least three individuals who are not employed by an agency represented on the council whose families are or have received services from an agency which is represented on the Council or another County's Council. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty per cent of the Council's 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 the 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;
3. 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;
4. The Director of the County Department of Job and Family Services;
5. The Executive Director of the Public Children Services Agency;
6. The Superintendent of the County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities;
7. 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;
8. The Superintendent of the city, exempted village, or local school district with the largest numbers of pupils residing in the County, as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, which shall notify each Board of County Commissioners of its determination at least biennially;
9. 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;
10. A representative of the municipal corporation with the largest population in the County;
11. The President of the Board of County Commissioners, or an individual designated by the Board;
12. A representative from the regional office of the Ohio Department of Youth Services;

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 and 2007
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

A. Description of the Entity (Continued)

13. A representative of the County's Head Start Agencies, as defined in Ohio Rev. Code Section 3301.32;
14. 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
15. A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

A County Council's statutory responsibilities include the following:

1. Refer to the Cabinet Council those children for whom the Council cannot provide adequate services;
2. Develop and implement 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. Participate 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. Maintain an accountability system to monitor the Council's progress in achieving results for families and children; and
5. Establish a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the County system.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements follow 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. The statements include adequate disclosure of material matters the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 and 2007
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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:

General Fund

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.

Special Revenue Funds

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

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

D. Fiscal and Administrative Agent

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

E. Budgetary

The Council is required by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37(B)(4) to file an annual budget with its administrative agent. The Council estimates revenues and expenditures for the year and submits these estimates to the Perry County Board of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities and it is included in the annual budgets submitted to the County Auditor. The Council and the Board approve any changes made to these estimates during the year. In 2007 and 2008, the Council filed the required budgets with their administrative agent.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

Perry County serves as the fiscal agent for the Perry County Board of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities, the Council's fiscal agent. Perry County maintains a cash pool for all funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the County's allowable deposits and investments. As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Council's share of the County cash pool was as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Demand Deposits	\$194,606	\$215,082

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 and 2007
(Continued)**

3. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Perry County Board of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities employees perform certain services for the Council and are paid with Help Me Grow Funds. These employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post retirement health care, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by Ohio Revised Code. For 2008, PERS members contributed 10.00% of their gross salaries. The Council contributed an amount equal to 14.00% of participants' gross salaries. For 2007, PERS members contributed 9.50% of their gross salaries. The Council contributed an amount equal to 13.85% of participants' gross salaries. The Council has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

5. 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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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
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To the Members of the Council:

We have audited the financial statements of the Family and Children First Council, Perry County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated April 8, 2009. 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 statements, 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.

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

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April 8, 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

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MAY 7, 2009**