



**ALLEN COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
ALLEN COUNTY  
REGULAR AUDIT  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 - 2019**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Allen County Family and Children First Council, Allen County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Allen County Family and Children First Council is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

**July 02, 2021**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 11, 2021

Allen County Family and Children First Council  
Allen County  
PO Box 1243  
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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 **Allen County Family and Children First Council**, Allen County, Ohio (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

### ***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.

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

As described in Note 2 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, 2020 and 2019, 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 Allen County Family and Children First Council, Allen County as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and 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 2.

***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Notes to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Council. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 11, 2021, 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.



**Perry & Associates**  
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.  
Marietta, Ohio



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ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
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	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Intergovernmental - Local	\$ 26,442	\$ -	\$ 26,442
Intergovernmental - State	31,318	278,276	309,594
Intergovernmental - Federal	-	168,646	168,646
Local Contributions	23,900	-	23,900
Miscellaneous	250	210	460
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>81,910</u>	<u>447,132</u>	<u>529,042</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Personal Services	61,673	-	61,673
Contractual Services	-	422,640	422,640
Travel Reimbursements	89	-	89
Supplies and Materials	2,985	-	2,985
Capital Outlay	9,365	-	9,365
Other	1,400	-	1,400
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>75,512</u>	<u>422,640</u>	<u>498,152</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	6,398	24,492	30,890
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>61,085</u>	<u>104,721</u>	<u>165,806</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 67,483</u>	<u>\$ 129,213</u>	<u>\$ 196,696</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY**

Ohio Rev. 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 largest city in the County;
10. The chair 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;
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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 1 – REPORTING 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.

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.

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

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Basis of Presentation***

The Council’s financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis).

***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 funds of the Council are presented below:

**General Fund** – The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Council for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**Special Revenue Fund** – These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Council had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Fund Accounting (Continued)***

***Special Revenue Fund (Continued)***

***FCFC Early Intervention Service Coordination***– This fund receives state and federal grant monies to be used as specified in the Early Intervention grant agreement. These funds are used to provide outreach/child find and service coordination to families with children who need Early Intervention and other related Early Childhood services.

***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.

***Multi-System Youth Fund*** – This fund receives state and federal grant monies restricted for the purpose of the Multi-System Youth Program grant provisions.

***Conference*** – This fund is used when training / conferences are put on by Local FCFC.

***Administrative/Fiscal Agent***

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37(B)(S)(a) requires the Council to select an administrative agent to provide fiscal and administrative services to the Council. The Council selected the Allen County Commissioner's Office. The Council authorizes the Allen County Commissioner's Office, as fiscal agent and administrative agent, to subcontract with, designate, and/or seek assistance from any agencies and/or organizations that it deems necessary in order to complete the obligations set forth in the agreement. The Allen County Commissioner's Office agrees to be ultimately responsible for fulfilling the fiscal and administrative obligations of the agreement. Due to the resignation of the Council Coordinator, the Board of DD was designated as the "Fiscal Agent" for FCFC beginning June 28, 2018.

***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 the 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. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

***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 Allen County Auditor as required by Ohio law.

A summary of fiscal year 2020 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Deposits and Investments***

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

***Accumulated Leave***

In certain circumstances, such as leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

***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 Council classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the Council.

***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*** – The Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Council must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

***Assigned*** – Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as assigned unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Council, which includes giving the administrative/fiscal agent the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

***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.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Fund Balance (Continued)***

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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 10.

**NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2020, follows:

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 70,410	\$ 81,910	\$ 11,500
Special Revenue	434,041	447,132	13,091
Total	\$ 504,451	\$ 529,042	\$ 24,591

2020 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 85,595	\$ 75,512	\$ 10,083
Special Revenue	422,587	422,640	(53)
Total	\$ 508,182	\$ 498,152	\$ 10,030

**NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	2020
Demand deposits	\$ 196,696
Total deposits	\$ 196,696

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.

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**NOTE 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Council is insured through the Allen County Commission for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

**NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The Council's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2020, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries and the Council contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Council has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2020.

<i>Retirement Rates</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Member Rate</i>	<i>Employer Rate</i>
<i>OPERS – Local</i>	<i>2012-2020</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>14%</i>

**NOTE 7 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

OPERS offer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2020. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during the calendar year 2020.

**NOTE 8 – CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Council are subject to audit and adjustment by the 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.

**NOTE 9 – RELATED PARTIES**

The Council used office space donated by the Allen County Commissioners and meeting space donated by Council member agencies.

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**NOTE 10 – FUND BALANCES**

Included in fund balance are amounts the Council cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilities effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Total
Nonspendable:			
Unclaimed Monies	\$0	\$0	\$0
Outstanding Encumbrances	0	0	0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue funds would including the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

**NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

N/A – There are no subsequent events to report.

**NOTE 12 – COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Council. The Council’s investment portfolio fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the Council’s future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.



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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Intergovernmental - State	\$ 15,750	\$ 146,030	\$ 161,780
Intergovernmental - Federal	-	201,831	201,831
Administrative	13,600	-	13,600
Miscellaneous	24,823	3,245	28,068
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>54,173</u>	<u>351,106</u>	<u>405,279</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Personal Services	62,434	-	62,434
Contractual Services	4,532	356,075	360,607
Travel Reimbursements	801	-	801
Supplies and Materials	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	2,391	2,391
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>67,767</u>	<u>358,466</u>	<u>426,233</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	(13,594)	(7,360)	(20,954)
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Transfers-In	1,549	-	1,549
Transfers-Out	-	(1,549)	(1,549)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>(1,549)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(12,045)	(8,909)	(20,954)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>73,130</u>	<u>113,630</u>	<u>186,760</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	-	104,721	104,721
Assigned	4,495	-	4,495
Unassigned	56,590	-	56,590
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 61,085</u>	<u>\$ 104,721</u>	<u>\$ 165,806</u>

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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.

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

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Basis of Presentation***

The Council’s financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis).

***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 funds of the Council are presented below:

**General Fund** – The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the Council for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

**Special Revenue Fund** – These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Council had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**Special Revenue Fund (Continued)**

***FCFC Early Intervention Service Coordination***– This fund receives state and federal grant monies to be used as specified in the Early Intervention grant agreement. These funds are used to provide outreach/child find and service coordination to families with children who need Early Intervention and other related Early Childhood services.

***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.

***Conference*** – This fund is used when training / conferences are put on by Local FCFC.

***Administrative/Fiscal Agent***

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37(B)(S)(a) requires the Council to select an administrative agent to provide fiscal and administrative services to the Council. The Council selected the Allen County Commissioner's Office. The Council authorizes the Allen County Commissioner's Office, as fiscal agent and administrative agent, to subcontract with, designate, and/or seek assistance from any agencies and/or organizations that it deems necessary in order to complete the obligations set forth in the agreement. The Allen County Commissioner's Office agrees to be ultimately responsible for fulfilling the fiscal and administrative obligations of the agreement. Due to the resignation of the Council Coordinator, the Board of DD was designated as the "Fiscal Agent" for FCFC beginning June 28, 2018.

***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 the 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. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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

***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 Allen County Auditor as required by Ohio law.

A summary of fiscal year 2019 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Deposits and Investments***

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

***Accumulated Leave***

In certain circumstances, such as leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

***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 Council classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

***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*** – The Council can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Council must adhere to these commitments unless the Council amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

***Assigned*** – Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent 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.

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**NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2019, follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 65,750	\$ 55,722	\$ (10,028)
Special Revenue	353,237	351,106	(2,131)
Total	\$ 418,987	\$ 406,828	\$ (12,159)

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 71,994	\$ 67,767	\$ 4,227
Special Revenue	348,237	360,015	(11,778)
Total	\$ 420,231	\$ 427,782	\$ (7,551)

**NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Allen County Auditor, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash and investments pool used by all of Allen County Auditor’s funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the Allen County Auditor is responsible for compliance. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31, 2019 was as follows:

	2019
Demand deposits	\$ 165,806
Total deposits	\$ 165,806

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.

**NOTE 5 – RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Council is insured through the Allen County Commission for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

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**NOTE 6 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

The Council's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2019, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries and the Council contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Council has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2019.

<i>Retirement Rates</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Member Rate</i>	<i>Employer Rate</i>
<i>OPERS – Local</i>	<i>2012-2019</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>14%</i>

**NOTE 7 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

OPERS offer cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plans, which include multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, and deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2019. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for OPERS members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during the calendar year 2019.

**NOTE 8 – CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Council are subject to audit and adjustment by the 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.

**NOTE 9 – RELATED PARTIES**

The Council used office space donated by the Allen County Commissioners and meeting space donated by Council member agencies.

**NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

N/A – There are no subsequent events to report.

**NOTE 11 – COVID-19**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Council. The Council's investment portfolio fluctuates with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of gains or losses that will be realized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on the Council's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.



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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**

June 11, 2021

Allen County Family and Children First Council  
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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 **Allen County Family and Children First Council**, Allen County, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2021, 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 and we noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Council.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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.

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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 financial statements. 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 that 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 communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2018-001	Financial Statement Preparation and Fund Balance Classification	Partially Corrected	Issued Verbal Recommendation

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**ALLEN COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL**

**ALLEN COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



**Certified for Release 7/15/2021**

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