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Family and Children Fist Council
Ottawa County, Ohio

Regular Audit

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015
Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2016 and 2015



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Members of Council
Ottawa County Family & Children First Council
416 Columbus Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Ottawa County Family & Children First Council, Ottawa County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. 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 Ottawa County Family & Children First Council is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

October 31, 2017

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**Ottawa County Family and Children First Council
Ottawa County, Ohio**

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Independent Auditor's Report

Ottawa County Family & Children First Council
Ottawa County
416 Columbus Ave
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To the Members of 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 Ottawa County Family & Children First Council, Ottawa County, (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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 of 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 fair 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 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 opinion.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Council prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code 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 permitted 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, 2016, and 2015, or 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 combined cash balances of Ottawa County Family & Children First Council, Ottawa County, as of December 31, 2016, and 2015, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements 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) permits, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 22, 2017, on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe 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 Standard* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio
August 22, 2017

Ottawa County Family & Children First Council
Ottawa County
 Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances
 Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Totals</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental	\$ 23,640	\$ 100,472	\$ 124,112
Local Contributions	230	-	230
Miscellaneous	4,520	-	4,520
Total Cash Receipts	<u>28,390</u>	<u>100,472</u>	<u>128,862</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Personal Services	8,607	-	8,607
Contractual Services	15,831	68,811	84,642
Supplies and Materials	529	330	859
Services and Charges	17,304	-	17,304
Other	-	85	85
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>42,271</u>	<u>69,226</u>	<u>111,497</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(13,881)</u>	<u>31,246</u>	<u>17,365</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>85,456</u>	<u>64,812</u>	<u>150,268</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	96,058	96,058
Unassigned	<u>71,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,575</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 71,575</u>	<u>\$ 96,058</u>	<u>\$ 167,633</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Ottawa County Family & Children First Council
Ottawa County
 Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances
 Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental	\$ 27,634	\$ 102,290	\$ 129,924
Local Contributions	244	-	244
Miscellaneous	1,640	-	1,640
Total Cash Receipts	<u>29,518</u>	<u>102,290</u>	<u>131,808</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Contractual Services	19,645	79,882	99,527
Supplies and Materials	2,428	-	2,428
Services and Charges	2,381	-	2,381
Other	-	1,837	1,837
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>24,454</u>	<u>81,719</u>	<u>106,173</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>5,064</u>	<u>20,571</u>	<u>25,635</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>80,392</u>	<u>44,241</u>	<u>124,633</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	64,812	64,812
Unassigned	<u>85,456</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,456</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 85,456</u>	<u>\$ 64,812</u>	<u>\$ 150,268</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Ottawa County Family and Children First Council
Ottawa County**

**Notes to The Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

1. REPORTING ENTITY

Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.37, created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and permitted counties to establish county family and children first councils. Statutory membership of a 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;
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
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

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.

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 balance (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 accounts. The funds of the Council are presented below:

1. **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.
2. **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 money restricted for the purpose of the grant provisions.

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December 31, 2016 and 2015**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Help Me Grown – Part C – This fund receives federal grant money restricted for expectant parents; newborns and their families; and infants and toddlers at risk for or with developmental delays and disabilities and their families.

Children’s Trust Fund - This fund receives grant monies to provide community based human services programs for child abuse and neglect prevention.

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 Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties for the period of July 2014 to December 31, 2016. The Council authorizes the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties 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 mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties agrees to be ultimately responsible for fulfilling the fiscal and administrative obligations of the agreement.

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 presentation report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

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 Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties as required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2016 and 2015 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Deposits and Investments

The Council designated the Erie County Auditor as the fiscal agent for all funds received in the name of the Council. Deposits of monies are made with the Erie County Treasurer and fund expenditures and balances are reported through the Erie 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 or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payouts for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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Ottawa County**

**Notes to The Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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:

- 1. Non-spendable** - The non-spendable 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.
- 2. Restricted** - Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. Committed** - The 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.
- 4. 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 intended uses established by policies of the Council, which includes giving the administrative/fiscal agent the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.
- 5. Unassigned** - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from the overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Council applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**Ottawa County Family and Children First Council
Ottawa County**

**Notes to The Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 29,057	\$ 28,390	\$ (667)
Special Revenue	84,975	100,472	15,497
Total	\$ 114,032	\$ 128,862	\$ 14,830

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 45,000	\$ 42,272	\$ 2,728
Special Revenue	84,975	69,226	15,749
Total	\$ 129,975	\$ 111,498	\$ 18,477

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 29,057	\$ 29,518	\$ 461
Special Revenue	75,669	102,290	26,621
Total	\$ 104,726	\$ 131,808	\$ 27,082

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 37,000	\$ 24,454	\$ 12,546
Special Revenue	84,975	81,719	3,256
Total	\$ 121,975	\$ 106,173	\$ 15,802

4. Deposit and Investments

The Erie County Auditor, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash and investments pool used by all of Erie County Auditor's funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the Erie County Auditor is responsible for compliance. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was 167,633 and \$150,268 respectively.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Council is insured for comprehensive property, general liability, and errors and omissions by the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Erie and Ottawa Counties.

During 2016 and 2015 the Council did not pay for losses that exceeded insurance coverage.

**Ottawa County Family and Children First Council
Ottawa County**

**Notes to The Financial Statements
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6. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

In 2016 and 2015, the General Fund Miscellaneous receipts consisted of United Way contribution for the wraparound program, and reimbursements for conference fees.



**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and
Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

Ottawa County Family & Children First Council
Ottawa County
416 Columbus Ave
Sandusky , Ohio 43302

To the Members of the Council:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 balance, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of Ottawa County Family & Children First Council, Ottawa County, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 22, 2017, wherein we noted the Council followed accounting financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D).

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 testing 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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BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio
August 22, 2017

**Ottawa County Family and Children First Council
Ottawa County**

**Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected; Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2014-001	Material Weakness – Financial Reporting	Yes	

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OTTAWA COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

OTTAWA COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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NOVEMBER 14, 2017**