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**HAMILTON COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Hamilton County Family and Children First Council
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To the Executive Committee:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and related notes of the Hamilton County Family and Children First Council, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Council).

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1C of the financial statements, the Council prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Council does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Hamilton County Family and Children First Council, Hamilton County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year 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 for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and related notes of the Hamilton County Family and Children First Council, Hamilton County, Ohio, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, as described in Note 1C.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 4 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Council. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Faber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "F".

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
September 15, 2021

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Hamilton County Family and Children First Council
Hamilton County, Ohio
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements
And Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental - Local	\$202,933	\$0	\$202,933
Intergovernmental - State	16,818	523,537	540,355
Intergovernmental - Federal	0	1,400,252	1,400,252
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>219,752</u>	<u>1,923,789</u>	<u>2,143,541</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Personal Services	0	60,706	60,706
Contractual Services	24,516	1,510,919	1,535,435
Treatment Services	0	0	0
Services and Charges	0	0	0
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>24,516</u>	<u>1,571,625</u>	<u>1,596,141</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>195,235</u>	<u>352,164</u>	<u>547,400</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	195,235	352,164	547,400
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	797,883	(76,072)	721,811
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$993,118</u>	<u>\$276,092</u>	<u>\$1,269,211</u>

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

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**HAMILTON COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY**

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

1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37 created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and required each Board of County Commissioners to establish a County Family and Children First Council. Statutory membership of County Council consists of the following individuals:

- a. 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;
- b. 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;
- c. The Director of the County Department of Job and Family Services;
- d. 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;
- e. The Superintendent of the County Board of Developmental Disabilities, or the Superintendent of more than one County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Superintendent's designee;
- f. 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;
- g. 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;
- h. A representative of the municipal corporation with the largest population in the County;
- i. The President of the Board of County Commissioners or an individual designated by the Board;
- j. A representative of the regional office of the Ohio Department of Youth Services;
- k. A representative of the County's Head Start agencies, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.32;
- l. 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
- m. A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

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1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

- n. At least three individuals representing the interest of families in the County who are not employed by an agency represented on the council and whose families are or have received services from an agency represented on the council or another county's council. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty percent of the Council's remaining membership

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:

- a. Referrals to the Cabinet Council of those children for whom the County Council cannot provide adequate services;
- b. 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;
- c. 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";
- d. Maintenance of an accountability system to monitor the County Council's progress in achieving results for families and children; and
- e. Establishment of a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the County system.

B. Reporting Entity

The County's Council membership includes representation from the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, the Hamilton County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Hamilton County Juvenile Court, the City of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Public Schools, the Hamilton County Health District, the Hamilton County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, the Hamilton County Educational Services Center, the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, Cincinnati Children's Hospital United Way of Greater Cincinnati, The Cincinnati/Hamilton County Community Action Agency and parent representative. The purpose of the Council is to identify ways in which systems serving children can provide services to the community in the most efficient and effective manner.

The Executive Committee is the governing and policy-making body. The Council is responsible for establishing broad goals, objectives, and policy statements. This committee is responsible for the creation of all standing committees and task groups of the Council. The Council is legally entitled to and can otherwise access the organization's resources.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Basis of Accounting

The Council's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis). These financial statements follow the accounting basis as permitted by 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.

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 is the operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - These funds 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:

1. Early Intervention Service Coordination Grant Fund- This fund receives state general revenue funds and federal grant dollars made available through Part C of IDEA (CFDA 84.181) administered by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in order to support service coordination services, evaluation and assessment and costs that support the provision of these mandated activities to infants and toddlers with disabilities (age's birth through age 2 years) and their families.
2. Family-Centered Services and Supports Fund (FCSS)- This fund receives monies from the Ohio Family and Children First Council restricted for maintaining children and youth in their homes and communities by meeting the multi-systematic needs of children receiving service coordination.

E. Administrative/Fiscal Agent

The Hamilton County Auditor serves as the fiscal agent and maintains the Council's funds in a separate agency fund.

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1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Section 121.37(B)(5)(a), Ohio Revised Code, states that each county council shall designate an administrative agent. As permitted by Section 121.37(B)(5)(b)(i), where the board of county commissioners has been designated as the administrative agent, the board may by resolution delegate any of its powers and duties as administrative agent to an executive committee that the board establishes from the membership of the county council. The Council designated the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners as administrative agent, which has subsequently delegated its duties to an Executive Committee. Beginning on July 1, 2017 Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services assumed the role of administrative agent.

F. Budgetary Process

A Family and Children First Council established under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37 is not a taxing authority and is not subject to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705. As of October 1, 1997, all Family and Children First Councils are required to file an annual budget with its administrative agent. The Council filed the annual budget with the County Budget Commission.

G. Deposits and Investments

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

H. Capital Assets

The Council records cash disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

I. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Council must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

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

Restricted - Fund balance is restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), granters, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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.

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, 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.

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 by unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

2. Deposits and Investments

The Hamilton County Auditor, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash and investments pool used by all of the Hamilton County Auditor's funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the Hamilton County Auditor is responsible for compliance. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at December 31 was \$993,119 for the General Fund and \$276,091 for Special Revenue Funds.

The Council designated the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners as administrative agent, which has subsequently delegated its duties to Hamilton County Disabilities Services beginning on July 1, 2017.

3. Risk Management

Personal Property of the Council is covered under an insurance policy maintained by Hamilton County. The Council has no liability or employee dishonesty insurance.

4. COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures may impact subsequent periods of the Council. Hamilton County, Ohio, functions as the Council's fiscal agent, and the Council's balances are part of the County's pooled cash and investments.

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4. COVID-19 (Continued)

Because the values of individual investments fluctuate with market conditions, and due to market volatility, the amount of losses that may be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, cannot be determined. In addition, the impact on future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from the emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

5. 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	-	-	-
Outstanding Encumbrances	10,439	-	10,439

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.

HAMILTON COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities</i>				
Early Intervention Services:				
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	H181A190024	\$773,241	\$890,815
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	H181A180024	298,243	298,243
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,071,484</u>	<u>1,189,058</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Mental Health</i>				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	N/A	292,604	292,604
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services	93.645	N/A	36,164	36,164
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>328,768</u>	<u>328,768</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u><u>\$1,400,252</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,517,826</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(B)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of Hamilton County Family and Children First Council (the Council) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2020. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Council, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Council.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COSTS

The Council has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D – SUBRECIPIENTS

The Council passes certain federal awards received from US Department of Education and US Department of Health and Human Services to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As NOTE B describes, the Council reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a subrecipient, the Council has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the awards' performance goals.

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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

Hamilton County Family and Children First Council
Hamilton County
1520 Madison Road
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To the Members of the Executive Committee:

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 for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the related notes of the Hamilton County Family and Children First Council, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Council), and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 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. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the continuing emergency measures may 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.

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 we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Hamilton County Family and Children First Council
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To the Members of the Executive Committee:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Hamilton County Family and Children First Council, Hamilton County, Ohio (the Council's), compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the Council's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2020. The *Summary of Auditor's Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the Council's major federal program.

Management's Responsibility

The Council's Management is responsible for complying with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal program.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on the Council's compliance for the Council's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards and the Uniform Guidance require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Council's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the Council's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Council's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Hamilton County Family and Children First Council complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The Council's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the Council's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control over compliance tests and the results of this testing based on Uniform Guidance requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
September 15, 2021

**HAMILTON COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2020**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Adverse – GAAP Basis Unmodified – Regulatory Basis
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	CFDA 84.181 – Special Education Grants for Infants and Families
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



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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.



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