



**LUCAS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
LUCAS COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

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LUCAS COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of Council:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lucas County Family and Children First Council, Lucas County, Ohio (the Council), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Council, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Council, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter – Accounting Basis

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 11 to the financial statements, during 2024, the Council has elected to change its financial presentation to a cash basis of accounting comparable to the requirements of *Governmental Accounting Standards*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Council's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards 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 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures 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 basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual financial report. The other information comprises the management's discussion & analysis but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 22, 2025, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's 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.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

July 22, 2025

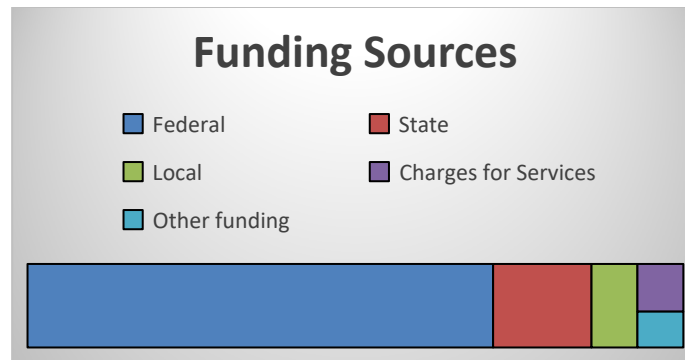
Lucas County Family and Children First Council
Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

This discussion and analysis of Lucas County Family and Children First Council's (the Council) financial performance provides an overall review of the Council's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024, within the limitations of the Council's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Council's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key highlights for 2024 are as follows:

1. **Net Position at the end of 2024:** The Council's net position increased from \$448,520 at the end of 2023 to \$744,397 in 2024. This is an increase of \$295,877 or a 66% increase. The 2024 statement of net position reflects an ending balance of \$744,397 as of December 31, 2024. As the majority of funds are on a cost reimbursement basis, the Board of Lucas County Commissioners provided a \$990,000 advance at the end of the calendar year to cover any negative balances due to the nature of reimbursement based billing.
2. **Funding Sources:** Intergovernmental revenue represents the majority of Council's total receipts as displayed below, primarily passed through grantees as a delegate. This dependence on grantees and governmental funding does increase risks to Council during the current political environment and the as of reporting date, unknown federal and state budgetary futures. Council will continue to monitor political developments and has taken steps to gain more autonomy by applying for new grants as a grantee.

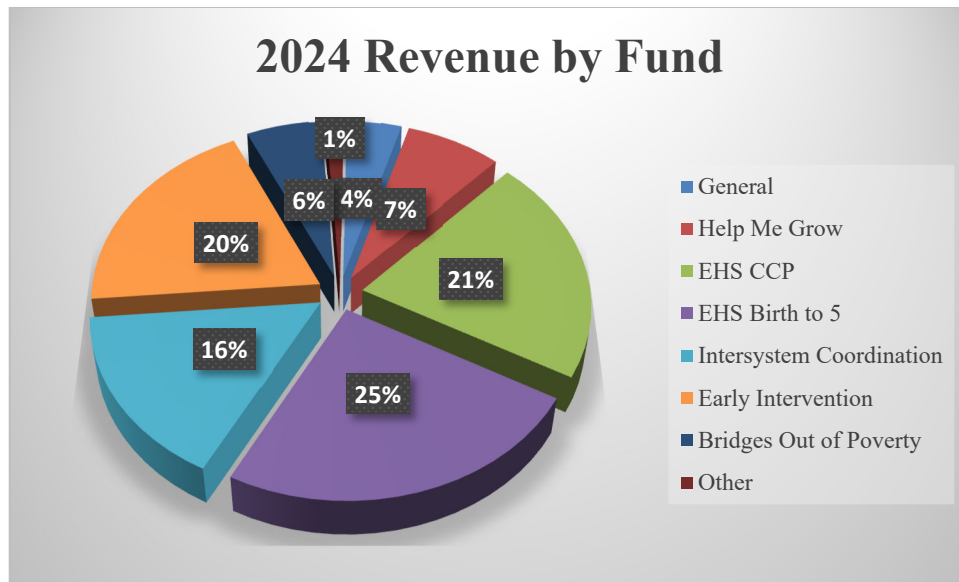


3. **Major Funds/Programs:** In addition to the general fund used for administration of Council, there are 7 major funds, including "Other" for smaller programs to be consolidated together. Council provides multiple services focused on families and children in Lucas County, which are tracked in individual funds. These 7 social services based funds are restricted to be used only for their program's specific purpose. The funds and their total 2024 revenue are listed below.

Program	Revenue
• General Fund	\$279,723
• Help Me Grow	\$478,470
• Early Head Start (EHS) Child Care Partnership (CCP)	\$1,389,045
• Early Head Start (EHS) Birth to Five	\$1,616,025
• Intersystem Coordination	\$879,226
• Early Intervention	\$1,282,972
• Bridges Out of Poverty	\$379,165
• Other (consolidated smaller funds)	\$62,805

4. **Total Annual Receipts:** Overall, receipts decreased from \$6,947,750 in 2023 to \$6,367,431 in 2024, a decrease of 8.35%. The decrease is primarily related to the end of COVID-19 funding in 2023 and a decrease of \$164,370 in the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grant.

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As can be seen from the chart above, the largest share of receipts Council received in FY 2024, were from the two Early Head Start grants, Early Intervention, and Intersystem Care Coordination, each of which accounted for over one million dollars in total receipts, and over five million dollars together.

5. **Total Annual Expenditures:** Total expenditures decreased from \$6,713,676 in 2023 to \$6,486,554 in 2024; a decrease of \$227,122. The restricted funds made up the majority of spending at 95.3% of the total at \$6,183,575.

Total 2024 Expenditures	
General	\$ 302,979
Help Me Grow	\$ 539,031
EHS CCP	\$ 1,272,286
EHS Birth to 5	\$ 1,428,381
Intersystem Coordination	\$ 1,277,843
Early Intervention	\$ 1,240,286
Bridges Out of Poverty	\$ 405,355
Other	\$ 20,393
	<u>\$ 6,486,554</u>

The top 3 spending categories across funds are listed below, which were expected as it demonstrates the focus on providing services through community partnerships, and the costs to retain qualified staff (living wages and benefits such as health insurance).

Line Item	Total
Contract Services	\$ 3,283,044
Salaries	\$ 1,766,920
Health Insurance	\$ 508,719

6. **Outstanding Commitments:** Outstanding commitments of Council at the end of 2024 totaled \$121,875. The outstanding encumbrances are due to the different fiscal periods of the projects.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)
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Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Council's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net position and the statement of activities provide information about the Council's cash position and the changes in cash position at the entity-wide level. The statement of cash basis assets and fund balances and the statement of cash receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash basis fund balances highlights the cash position and the changes in the cash position by the major fund.

The ending balances in the statement of receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances reconciles with the fund balances in the statement of assets and fund balances. Similarly, the total net position in the statement of net position is consistent with the cumulative results shown in the statement of activities. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements and provide expanded explanations and detail regarding the information reported in the statements. And together, the statements and notes provide a complete picture of Council's financial standing and operational cash flows under the cash basis of accounting.

Aspect	Statement of Net Position	Statement of Activities	Statement of Assets & Fund Balances	Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, & Changes in Fund Balances
Focus	Entire Council activity (entity-wide)	Entire Council revenues & expenses	Individual funds	Individual funds' cash flows & balances
Timeframe	Point-in-time (snapshot)	Over a period (flow statement)	Point-in-time (snapshot)	Over a period (flow statement)
Level of Detail	Council-wide totals	Council-wide operations	Fund-specific balances	Fund-specific transactions
Shows financial performance?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Shows changes over time?	No	Yes	No	Yes

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. These financial statements follow the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under this basis, receipts are recognized when received in cash, rather than when earned, and disbursements when paid, rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

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Reporting the Government as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Council's net position for 2024 compared to 2023 on a cash basis. As mentioned previously, in 2024, the net position increased by \$295,877 representing a 66% increase compared to 2023.

Table 1: Net Position Comparison

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2024
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 448,520	\$ 744,397
Net Position		
Restricted	\$ 1,031,101	\$ 1,089,895
Unassigned (deficit)	\$ (582,581)	\$ (345,498)
Total Net Position	\$ 448,520	\$ 744,397

Table 2 provides a comparison from 2023 to 2024 of the net activities. This table also shows a comparison with changes in net position.

	Net Disbursements Receipts/Changes in Net Position	Net Disbursements Receipts/Changes in Net Position
	2023	2024
General government	\$ 46,573	\$ (23,256)
Social services	\$ 187,501	\$ (95,867)
Total governmental activities	\$ 234,074	\$ (119,123)
Other Financing (Uses)		
County Advances In	\$ 575,000	\$ 990,000
County Advances Out	\$ (990,000)	\$ (575,000)
	\$ (415,000)	\$ 415,000
Changes in net position	\$ (180,926)	\$ 295,877
Net position beginning of year	\$ 629,446	\$ 448,520
Net position end of year	\$ 448,520	\$ 744,397

Although the net position increased in 2024 from 2023, the revenues decreased, reflecting a small loss in funding from the end of COVID funds and a contract decrease. However, the expenses also decreased from 2023 to 2024. As seen from the table above, the primary factor in the net position increase was the larger advance at year end.

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Reductions to contracts from grantees and the potential loss of federal funding is always a concern to Council. Therefore, a strategy has been to focus on developing more locally based programs. This focus led to the creation of a new program, Marian Brannon Parent Advocacy, Leadership, and Support, named in memory of a former Council employee who previously did this work. This program is funded by 5 local agencies and a portion of the Strong Families, Safe Communities grant through a pooled fund approach. Council intends to continue this focus on local options and to apply for grants as a grantee as they become available in order to further diversify our revenues and create a more stable funding base.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

The Council has no capital assets and no debt.

Summary

These statements report the Council's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, these changes are one way to measure the Council's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Council's cash position are one indicator of whether the Council's financial health is improving or deteriorating. This evaluation of the Council's financial condition included the consideration of other nonfinancial factors such as the condition of the Council's internal operations, the extent of the Council's reliance on nonlocal financial resources, and the need for continued growth in other revenue sources. At this point in time, we believe Council is strong fiscally with appropriate operational controls in place and a plan for the future.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Council's finances and to reflect the Council's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to:

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Helping families move from reliance to resilience.

Lucas County Family and Children First Council

Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis

December 31, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$744,397</u>
Net Position	
Restricted	1,089,895
Unrestricted	<u>(345,498)</u>
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u><u>\$744,397</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Lucas County Family and Children First Council
Statement of Activities - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

		Program Cash	Program Cash Receipts	Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities				
General Government	\$302,979	\$245,373	\$34,350	(\$23,256)
Social Services	6,183,575		6,087,708	(95,867)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$6,486,554</u>	<u>\$245,373</u>	<u>\$6,122,058</u>	<u>(119,123)</u>
General Receipts:				
County Advances In				990,000
County Advances Out				(575,000)
				<u>415,000</u>
Change in Net Position				295,877
<i>Net Position Beginning of Year</i>				<u>448,520</u>
<i>Net Position End of Year</i>				<u><u>\$744,397</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Lucas County Family and Children First Council
Statement of Assets and Fund Balances - Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2024

	General	Help Me Grow	Early Head Start CCP	Early Head Start	Intersystem Coordination	Early Intervention
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$135,459</u>	<u>(\$133,395)</u>	<u>(\$100,863)</u>	<u>(\$132,501)</u>	<u>\$37,301</u>	<u>(\$63,957)</u>
Fund Balances						
Restricted					37,301	
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>135,459</u>	<u>(133,395)</u>	<u>(100,863)</u>	<u>(132,501)</u>		<u>(63,957)</u>
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$135,459</u>	<u>(\$133,395)</u>	<u>(\$100,863)</u>	<u>(\$132,501)</u>	<u>\$37,301</u>	<u>(\$63,957)</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Bridges Out of Poverty	LCFC Reserve	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>(\$50,241)</u>	<u>\$996,653</u>	<u>\$55,941</u>	<u>\$744,397</u>
(50,241)	996,653	55,941	1,089,895
<u>(\$50,241)</u>	<u>\$996,653</u>	<u>\$55,941</u>	<u>\$744,397</u>

Lucas County Family
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General	Help Me Grow	Early Head Start CCP	Early Head Start	Intersystem Coordination
Receipts					
Intergovernmental - Federal			\$1,389,045	\$1,616,014	\$59,970
Intergovernmental - State	\$34,350	\$478,470			489,148
Intergovernmental - Local					330,108
Charges for Services	245,373				
Miscellaneous				11	
Total Receipts	279,723	478,470	1,389,045	1,616,025	879,226
Disbursements					
Salaries	185,045	302,460	348,068	363,825	266,863
OPERS	25,556	42,344	48,628	50,911	35,611
Medicare	2,655	4,303	4,946	5,174	3,838
Workers Compensation	1,960	5,220	5,059	5,363	4,057
Health Insurance	34,676	123,224	100,421	99,726	70,490
Allowances-Part Rep Stipends	1,015				
Contract Services	43	61	618,056	725,133	817,055
Documentation Destruction	20	76	70	73	41
Parent / Family Engagement			2,116	4,053	
De minimis indirect cost			76,346	69,407	53,200
Administrative Agent Fee	23,658	6,342			
Mileage / Car Rental / Parking	1,715	9,157	2,322	1,601	744
Office Supplies	1,357	689	842	2,681	928
Food	286				
Postage		1,245			
Program Supplies	11	6,959	2,724	34,636	1,762
Copying	1,030	102	227	227	77
Rent	9,321	23,885	23,053	23,958	13,701
IT Services	1,774	4,681	4,507	4,726	2,641
Desk Phones / Fax Lines	1,837	180	569	705	512
Cell Phones	1,051	2,197	2,607	2,969	2,307
Internet/Email Server	981	2,521	2,431	2,511	1,445
Conference	2,395		11,131	11,191	
Staff Development	1,430		9,819	4,685	
Membership Dues & Subscription	3,036	176	34	2,962	907
Training Travel Costs			5,219	8,596	
Liability Insurance	301	740	717	760	379
Annual Audit	1,021	2,469	2,374	2,508	1,285
Miscellaneous	805				
Total Disbursements	302,979	539,031	1,272,286	1,428,381	1,277,843
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(23,256)	(60,561)	116,759	187,644	(398,617)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
County Advances In					
County Advances Out					
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Net Change in Fund Balances	(23,256)	(60,561)	116,759	187,644	(398,617)
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	158,715	(72,834)	(217,622)	(320,145)	435,918
Fund Balances End of Year	\$135,459	(\$133,395)	(\$100,863)	(\$132,501)	\$37,301

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Early Intervention	Bridges Out of Poverty	LCFC Reserve	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$1,282,972	\$296,342		\$8,060	\$4,652,403
	62,157		7,813	1,009,781
			46,432	438,697
	20,666			245,373
			500	21,177
1,282,972	379,165		62,805	6,367,431
88,411	208,416		3,832	1,766,920
12,378	27,754		537	243,719
1,255	2,935		54	25,160
1,186	2,706			25,551
27,623	51,776		783	508,719
				1,015
1,076,648	34,067		11,981	3,283,044
14	44			338
				6,169
22,955	23,105		360	245,373
				30,000
718	479			16,736
235	263		1,081	8,076
				286
				1,245
393	23,956		1,695	72,136
8	546			2,217
5,287	12,388		50	111,643
1,043	2,479		10	21,861
96	45		3	3,947
590	726		2	12,449
558	1,299		5	11,751
	1,255			25,972
				15,934
164	9,157			16,436
	145			13,960
168	383			3,448
556	1,431			11,644
				805
1,240,286	405,355		20,393	6,486,554
42,686	(26,190)		42,412	(119,123)
		\$990,000		990,000
		(575,000)		(575,000)
		415,000		415,000
42,686	(26,190)	415,000	42,412	295,877
(106,643)	(24,051)	581,653	13,529	448,520
(\$63,957)	(\$50,241)	\$996,653	\$55,941	\$744,397

LUCAS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1 - Reporting Entity

Description of the Entity

The Lucas County Family and Children First Council (the Council) was established in April 1993 as one of the pilot sites of the Ohio Family and Children First Initiative. The Council is a statutorily established collaborative body focused on improving outcomes for the children and families of Lucas County. The mission of the Council is "to coordinate a system of services that support the wellbeing of children and families in Lucas County."

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:

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 [In Lucas County, this is the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board];
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;

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Note 1 - Reporting Entity (continued)

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.

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.

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Note 1 - Reporting Entity (continued)

Primary Government

The primary government of the Council consists of all funds, departments, and activities that are not legally separate from the Council. They comprise the Council's legal entity which provides for:

Program Area	Funding Sources Supporting the Program Area
General Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Capacity Building Fund • Administrative/Indirect Costs Charges to each of the programs/funding sources
Intersystem Care Coordination (ISCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooled Fund Group • Family Centered Services and Supports • MSY-PCSA • Strong Families Safe Communities
Help Me Grow (HMG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Intake and Referral
Early Intervention (EI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal and State
Bridges Out of Poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TANF Funding from Lucas County Dept. of Job and Family Services (LCDJFS) • Bridges Out of Poverty Training (Local Authorized Consultant) • Training & Technical Assistance Contracts with community organizations
Early Head Start (EHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHS Child Care Partnerships (CCP) Grant • EHS Birth to Five Grant
Community Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marian Brannon Parent Advocacy, Leadership, and Support • Healthy Babies/ACT

All of the above programs/funding sources seek to promote the wellbeing of children and families in Lucas County. The Council, the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director have direct responsibility for these activities.

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

As discussed further in the "Basis of Accounting" section of this note, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Council's accounting policies.

Basis of Presentation

The Council's financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position, a statement of activities, a combined statement of cash basis assets and fund balances, and a combined statement of receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances (cash basis).

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Council as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Council at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and receipts for each program or function of the Council's governmental activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Receipts that are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the Council, with certain limited exceptions.

The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental program is self-financing or draws from the general receipts of the Council.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Council segregates transactions related to certain Council functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present the financial information of the Council at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

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 Council utilizes the governmental category of funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Council typically are financed. The following are the Council's major governmental funds:

General Fund The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for 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 and the Charter of the Council.

Help Me Grow Grant Fund State funding supports the operation of the Help Me Grow Central Intake and Referral functions for 15 northwest Ohio counties as a delegate to Bright Beginnings based in Cuyahoga County (they are the lead grantee funded by the Ohio Department of Health).

Early Intervention Fund This fund receives federal and state revenues to provide service coordination, evaluation and assessment, and child find outreach activities for infants and toddlers with disabilities through age 2 and their families. The funding has been received from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities until the transition to the Department of Children and Youth, who is the current payer.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

EHS Child Care Partnership Fund This fund is used to provide high-quality child development services to eligible EHS children, ages 6 months to 3 years old residing in the county from low-income families, and quality services to their families by the Head Start Act, as amended by other regulations. Council is a delegate to Great Lakes Community Action Partnership.

EHS Birth to Five Grant Fund This fund is used to provide high-quality child development services to eligible EHS children, ages 6 months to 3 years old residing in the county from low-income families and quality services to their families by the Head Start Act, as amended by other regulations. Council is a delegate to Toledo Public Schools.

Intersystem Care Coordination (ISCC) Fund ISCC provides a cross-system mechanism to ensure the coordination of care for Lucas County children/youth, through the age of 21, and their families who have multi-systemic and complex needs. ISCC in Lucas County is defined in the County-wide ISCC Plan, as required by ORC 121.37 (C-F). Key components of the ISCC Plan include:

- Information and Referral
- Community-Based Services and Supports Funding
- Wraparound/Service Coordination
- Funding for Intersystem Placements

The following funds support this program area:

- **Pooled Fund Group:** Five public agencies, which comprise the Pooled Fund Group, are dedicated to the funding of services for children and youth identified as eligible through the ISCC process.
- **Family Centered Services and Support/Strong Families, Safe Communities:** This funding provides maintenance to children and youth in their homes through the provision of non-clinical, community-based services. Funding is provided through Ohio Family and Children First (FCSS) and/or Ohio DCY (SFSC).
- **Multi-System Youth – Public Children Service Agency (MSY-PCSA) Flexible Funding:** This is funding that is made available through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to local PCSA, 12% of which is to then be transferred to the local Family and Children First Council for the purpose of the following activities:
 - Prevent parental relinquishment of custody to the PCSA solely for a child to obtain needed treatment.
 - Support the care of children in a PCSA for congregate care.
 - Provide the services and supports necessary to ensure the child's successful transition from a congregate-care facility following discharge.

LCFC Reserve This is used to account for the "Advance In" receipt to avoid a negative fund balance at the end of the year.

Bridges Out of Poverty/Two Generational Poverty Initiative The mission of this program is to help people to develop an effective understanding of poverty and how this impacts their lives and focus on strategies that build community capacity to move people out of poverty.

The other governmental funds of the Council account for and report grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed or assigned to a particular purpose.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Administrative and Fiscal Agent

ORC Section 121.37(B)(5)(a) requires the Council to select an administrative agent to provide fiscal and administrative services to the Council. Council selected the Board of Lucas County Commissioners to serve as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Council. The Council authorizes the Board of Lucas County Commissioners 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 Board of Lucas County Commissioners agrees to be ultimately responsible for fulfilling the fiscal and administrative obligations of the agreement. The funds are maintained in a separate special revenue fund and broken down by sub-fund (programs) by the Lucas County Auditor.

Basis of Accounting

The Council's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Council's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the Council are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

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 Board of the Lucas County Commissioners as required by Ohio law. The major documents prepared are the budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Council may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Council's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Council. The legal level of budgetary control has been established by the Council at the fund level. The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Fiscal Officer or Executive Director. The appropriation resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources.

Cash and Investments

The County Treasurer is the custodian for the Council's cash and investments. The County's cash and investment pool holds the Council's cash and investments, which are reported at the County Treasurer's carrying amount. Deposits and investments disclosures for the County as a whole may be obtained from the County.

Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Council reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Accumulated Leave

For 2024, GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, was effective. GASB 101 defines a compensated absence as leave for which employees may receive cash payments when the leave is used for time off or receive cash payments for unused leave upon termination of employment. These payments could occur during employment or upon termination of employment. Compensated absences generally do not have a set payment schedule. Council does not offer noncash settlements.

Council employees earn sick and vacation time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave.

This GASB pronouncement had no effect on beginning net position/fund balance as unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Council's cash basis of accounting.

Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Council recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 5 and 6, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Long-Term Obligations

The Council's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset (including the intangible right to use) when entering into a lease, SBITA or financed purchase transaction is not the result of a cash transaction, neither an other financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure is reported at inception. Lease payments, SBITA payments, and financed purchase payments are reported when paid.

Leases and SBITAs

The Council is the lessee in one office space lease (as defined by GASB 87). Lease disbursements are recognized when they are paid. The Council entered into a 10-year office space lease agreement with Toledo Business Technology Center, LLP on December 21st, 2016. This agreement has two components to it: the rent and improvements to the space portion. The Council can exercise the right to terminate the rent portion without any financial obligation if total funding falls below 50% 90 days after the lease termination notice is delivered to the lessor. However, the Council has a financial obligation to pay the unamortized cost of the improvement of the space portion as of that date. The obligation as of December 31st, 2024 equals \$33,750 of \$150,000 in total.

The Council has entered into noncancelable Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) for various software. Subscription disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Council first applies restricted resources when incurring a disbursement for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted resources.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable

The Council classifies assets as non-spendable 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 Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfying 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 or a Council official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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 used only to report a deficit balance.

The Council applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or other fund balance categories (committed, assigned, and unassigned) are available. Similarly, within the other fund balance categories, 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 other fund balance categories could be used.

Internal Activity

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the Statement of Activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating receipts/disbursements in proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

Note 3 - Deposits and Investments

The Lucas County Auditor, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash and investments pool used by all of Lucas County Auditor's funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the Lucas County Auditor is responsible for compliance.

This 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 4 - Risk Management

The Council is covered under the County's insurance policies. The County is self-funded for dental, prescription drugs, and health benefits. For the workers' compensation program, the County pays premiums to the State Bureau of Workers' Compensation for claims over the coverage provided by the Fund. The Council is charged for its proportionate share of the cost for covered employees. The County accounts for its risk management activities in its Internal Service funds.

Commercial Insurance

The Council has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Errors and omissions.

Note 5 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description – Council employees, participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan, and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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Note 5 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	Group B 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Group C Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35
Public Safety	Public Safety	Public Safety
Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement	Law Enforcement
Age and Service Requirements: Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 52 with 15 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 48 with 25 years of service credit or Age 56 with 15 years of service credit
Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement	Public Safety and Law Enforcement
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.5% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 25 years and 2.1% for service years in excess of 25

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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Note 5 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)

Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20 percent each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	State and Local	Public Safety	Law Enforcement
2024 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates			
Employer	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Employee ***	10.0 %	*	**
2024 Actual Contribution Rates			
Employer:			
Pension	14.0 %	18.1 %	18.1 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits ****	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Employer	<u>14.0 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>	<u>18.1 %</u>
Employee	<u>10.0 %</u>	<u>12.0 %</u>	<u>13.0 %</u>

* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.

** This rate is also determined by OPERS' Board, but is limited by ORC to not more than 2 percent greater than the Public Safety rate.

*** Member contributions within the combined plan are not used to fund the defined benefit retirement allowance.

**** This employer health care rate is for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contribution for the member-directed plan is 4 percent.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Council's contractually required contribution was \$243,719 for the year 2024.

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Note 6 - Postemployment Benefits

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description – The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require, OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. Retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice and other eligible expenses. An OPERS vendor is available to assist with the selection of a health care program

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Age 65 or older Retirees Minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Age 60 to 64 Retirees Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of total service with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group B 31 years of total service credit with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group C 32 years of total service cred with at least 20 years of qualified health care service credit.

Age 59 or younger Based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualified health care service credit;

Group B 32 years of qualified health care service credit at any age or 31 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualified health care service credit and at least age 55.

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Note 6 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Retirees who do not meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022, who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022, as summarized in the following table:

Group A	Group B	Group C
Age and Service Requirements December 1, 2014 or Prior	Age and Service Requirements December 1, 2014 or Prior	Age and Service Requirements December 1, 2014 or Prior
Any Age with 10 years of service credit	Any Age with 10 years of service credit	Any Age with 10 years of service credit
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021	January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2021
Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 30 years of service credit	Age 52 with 31 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit or Any Age with 32 years of service credit	Age 55 with 32 years of service credit or Age 60 with 20 years of service credit

See the Age and Service Retirement section of the OPERS ACFR for a description of Groups A, B and C.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

The base allowance is determined by OPERS and is currently \$1,200 per month for non-Medicare retirees and \$350 per month for Medicare retirees. The retiree receives a percentage of the base allowance, calculated based on years of qualifying service credit and age when the retiree first enrolled in OPERS health care. Monthly allowances range between 51 percent and 90 percent of the base allowance for both non-Medicare and Medicare retirees.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

Participants in the Member-Directed Plan have access to the Connector and have a separate health care funding mechanism. A portion of employer contributions for these participants is allocated to a retiree medical account (RMA). Members who elect the Member-Directed Plan after July 1, 2015, will vest in the RMA over 15 years at a rate of 10 percent each year starting with the sixth year of participation. Members who elected the Member-Directed Plan prior to July 1, 2015, vest in the RMA over a five-year period at a rate of 20 percent per year. Upon separation or retirement, participants may use vested RMA funds for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses.

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Note 6 - Postemployment Benefits (continued)

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. For fiscal year 2024, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2024, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan. Beginning July 1, 2022, there was a two percent allocation to health care for the Combined Plan which has continued through 2024. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2024 was 4.0 percent. Effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves which has continued through 2024.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Council's contractually required contribution was \$0 for the year 2024.

Note 7 - Contractual Commitment

The Council entered into a 10-year office space lease agreement with Toledo Business Technology Center, LLP on December 21st, 2016. This agreement moved the council's operation to a new location which was effective 60 days after the lease signature date and has two components to it: the rent and improvements to the space portion. The Council can exercise the right to terminate the rent portion without any financial obligation if total funding falls below 50% 90 days after the lease termination notice is delivered to the lessor. However, the Council has a financial obligation to pay the unamortized cost of the improvement of the space portion as of that date. The obligation as of December 31st, 2024 equals \$33,750 of \$150,000 in total.

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 Party Transactions

Management is not aware of any significant related party transactions.

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Note 10 - Fund Balances

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Council is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Help Me Grow</u>	<u>Early Head Start CCP</u>	<u>Early Head Start</u>	<u>Intersystem Coordination</u>
Restricted for Other Purposes					\$ 37,301
Unassigned (Deficit)	\$ 135,459	\$ (133,395)	\$ (100,863)	\$ (132,501)	
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 135,459</u>	<u>\$ (133,395)</u>	<u>\$ (100,863)</u>	<u>\$ (132,501)</u>	<u>\$ 37,301</u>

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>Early Intervention</u>	<u>Bridges Out of Poverty</u>	<u>LCFC Reserves</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Restricted for Other Purposes			\$ 996,653	\$ 55,941	\$ 1,089,895
Unassigned (Deficit)	\$ (63,957)	\$ (50,241)			(345,498)
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ (63,957)</u>	<u>\$ (50,241)</u>	<u>\$ 996,653</u>	<u>\$ 55,941</u>	<u>\$ 744,397</u>

Note 11 - Change in Financing Reporting Framework

Last year Council reported fund financial statements by fund type using the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. This year Council has implemented the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2. The fund financial statements now present each major fund in a separate column with nonmajor funds aggregated and presented in a single column, rather than a column for each fund type. This change had no impact to beginning net position.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities:</i>				
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	H181A200024	\$ 440,127	\$ 529,441
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	H181A220024	591,033	689,519
Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	H181A230024	18,279	21,325
Total AL # 84.181			<u>1,049,439</u>	<u>1,240,285</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>1,049,439</u>	<u>1,240,285</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Passed Through Great Lakes Community Action Partnership:</i>				
<u>Head Start Cluster:</u>				
Head Start	93.600	05HP000472-01		1,272,285
Total Head Start Cluster				<u>1,272,285</u>
<i>Passed Through Lucas County Department of Job and Family Services:</i>				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	48-25-TANF-08		57,043
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	48-24-TANF-08		246,073
Total AL # 93.558				<u>303,116</u>
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	48-24-TXX-03		13,031
<i>Passed Through Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio:</i>				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	48-24-TANF-24		12,062
COVID-19 Community Health Workers for Public Health Response and Resilient	93.495	NU58DP007030		763
<i>Passed Through Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio:</i>				
Maternal and Child Health Federal and Consolidated Program	93.110	U2Z46637		8,412
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Family and Children First:</i>				
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	5AU-20-C0048		12,363
Marylee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	5AU-20-C0048		102,653
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				<u>1,724,685</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,049,439</u>	<u>\$ 2,964,970</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, 2024**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Lucas County Family and Children First Council, Lucas County, Ohio (the Council) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. 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 or changes in net position of the Council.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The Council has elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D – SUBRECIPIENTS

The Council passes certain federal awards received from the United States Department of Education 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 pass-through entity, 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 award's performance goals.

NOTE E – MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the Council to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The Council has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.



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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**

Lucas County Family and Children First Council
Lucas County
1946 North 13th Street, Suite 420
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To the Members of Council:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lucas County Family and Children First Council, Lucas County, Ohio (the Council) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 22, 2025, wherein we noted the Council uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles. We also noted the Council began using a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Council's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Council's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Council's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Council's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and corrective action plan. The Council's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

July 22, 2025



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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**

Lucas County Family and Children First Council
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To the Members of Council:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Lucas County Family and Children First Council, Lucas County, Ohio's (the Council) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Lucas County Family and Children First Council's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024. Lucas County Family and Children First Council's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Lucas County Family and Children First Council complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Council and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Council's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The Council's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Council's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Council's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Council's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Council's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Council's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. 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 type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program 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 *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

July 22, 2025

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**LUCAS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(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):	Special Education - Grants for Infants and Families – AL # 84.181
(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**

FINDING NUMBER 2024-001

Financial Reporting – Material Weakness

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; 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 as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

Miscellaneous receipts and miscellaneous disbursements in the amounts of \$9,555, \$167,204, \$132, and \$24,700 were overstated due to double booking of these receipts and disbursements in the Help Me Grow Fund, Intersystem Coordination Fund, Bridges Out of Poverty Fund, and Other Governmental Funds, respectively.

This error was not identified and corrected prior to the Council preparing its financial statements and notes to the financial statements due to deficiencies in the Council's internal controls over financial statement monitoring. Failing to prepare accurate financial statements and notes to the financial statements could lead the Members of Council to make misinformed decisions. The accompanying financial statements have been adjusted to reflect this error. In addition to the adjustment noted above, we also identified additional misstatements ranging from \$1,491 to \$245,373, which we have brought to the Council's attention.

The Council should adopt policies and procedures over financial reporting, including a final review of the financial statements and notes to the financial statements by the Director, Finance Director and Members of Council to help identify and correct errors and omissions.

Officials' Response:

See corrective action plan.

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN 2 CFR § 200.511(c) DECEMBER 31, 2024

Finding Number:	2024-001
Planned Corrective Action:	Interfund transfers or corrections made as miscellaneous expense/revenue per the County guidelines will be removed through adjusting entries before the annual financial statements are prepared.
Anticipated Completion Date:	March 2, 2026 ¹
Responsible Contact Person:	Lori Herrick

¹ As the financial statements are prepared annually, this will next be completed upon submission of the 2025 report.

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LUCAS COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

LUCAS 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.



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