



**FAMILY, ADULT & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**



**JIM PETRO**  
**AUDITOR OF STATE**  

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Family, Adult and Children First Council  
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Family, Adult and Children First Council, Fairfield County, Ohio, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described Note 1, the Council prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of Family, Adult and Children First Council, Fairfield County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 13, 2001 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, Council, Steering Committee and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**JIM PETRO**  
Auditor of State

March 13, 2001

**FAMILY, ADULT & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
Cash Receipts:		
Intergovernmental	\$304,856	\$253,971
Miscellaneous	8,550	2,340
	313,406	256,311
Cash Disbursements:		
Salaries	14,687	16,005
Benefits	2,061	2,853
Supplies and Materials	148	163
Purchased Services	294,428	140,920
Advertising and Printing	43	0
Training	1,100	898
	312,467	160,839
Total Cash Disbursements	312,467	160,839
Total Cash Receipts Over / Total Cash Disbursements	939	95,472
Cash Balance, January 1	96,384	912
Cash Balance, December 31	\$97,323	\$96,384

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

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**FAMILY, ADULT AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF ENTITY**

Section 121.37, Revised Code, created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and permitted counties to establish county family and children first councils. Statutory membership of a county council consists of the following individuals:

- a. The director of the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services that serves the county, or, in the case of a county that has a board of alcohol and drug addiction services and a community mental health board, the directors of both boards;
- b. The health commissioner of the board of health of each city or general health district in the county, or their designees;
- c. The director of the county department of human services;
- d. The executive director of the county agency responsible for the administration of children services pursuant to section 5153.15 of the Revised Code;
- e. The superintendent of the county board of mental retardation and developmental disabilities;
- f. The county's juvenile court judge senior in service;
- g. 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 department of education, which shall notify each county of its determination at least biennially;
- h. 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;
- i. A representative of the largest city in the county;
- j. The chair of the board of county commissioners, or an individual designated by the board;
- k. A representative of the regional office of the department of youth services;
- l. A representative of the county's head start agencies, as defined in section 3301.31 of the Revised Code;
- m. A representative of the county's early intervention collaborative established pursuant to the federal early intervention program operated under the "Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986";
- n. At least three individuals representing the interests of families in the county. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty per cent of the council's remaining membership.

A county family and children first council may invite any other local public or private agency or group that funds, advocates, or provides services to children to have a representative become a permanent or temporary member of the council.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999  
(Continued)**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY (Continued)**

A county council's statutory responsibilities include the following:

- a. Refer to the cabinet council those children for whom the council cannot provide adequate services;
- b. Make periodic reports to the cabinet council regarding the number of children referred to the county council and the progress made in meeting the needs of each child;
- c. Develop a plan that reviews and adjusts existing programs, fills service gaps where possible, or invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;
- d. Participate in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families, as established pursuant to federal grants received and administered by the department of health for early intervention services under the "Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986";
- e. Maintain an accountability system to monitor the council's progress in achieving its purposes;
- f. Establish a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a broad representation of families who are receiving services within the county system.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when a payment is made rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**B. FISCAL AGENT**

Fairfield County served as fiscal agent for the Council for the period January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2000. Council funds are maintained in a separate agency fund at the County.

**C. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

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

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**3. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

The Fairfield County Treasurer (fiscal agent of the Council) maintains a cash pool used by all of the County's funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The Council's carrying amount of cash on deposit with the County at December 31, 2000 and 1999 was \$97,323 and \$96,384, respectively. The Fairfield County Treasurer, as the fiscal agent for the Council, is responsible for all risks associated with the Council's deposits.

**4. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Council's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 1999 and 2000, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Council contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 1999 and 10.84% for 2000. The Council has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2000.

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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We have audited the financial statements of Family, Adult and Children First Council, Fairfield County, Ohio (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 1999, and have issued our report thereon dated March 13, 2001. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Compliance**

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

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Council in a separate letter dated March 13, 2001.

This report is intended for the information and use of management, Council, and Steering Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**JIM PETRO**  
Auditor of State

March 13, 2001



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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MAY 8, 2001**