

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF  
WAKE COUNTY SMART START  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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GAYLE HEADEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Wake County Smart Start

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Independent Auditor's Report

To Board Members of  
Wake County Smart Start  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

*Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wake County Smart Start, which comprise the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures and Net Assets - modified cash basis of the Wake County Smart Start, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the Statement of Functional Expenditures - modified cash basis for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

*Basis for Opinion*

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 *Wake County Smart Start*, 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 opinion.

*Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting*

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified 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 that matter.

*Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the 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 Wake County Smart Start's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

*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 opinion. 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 Wake County Smart Start'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 Wake County Smart Start'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 an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information in Schedule 2 on page 22 and Schedule 5 on page 25 is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor, and is not a required part of the financial statements. In accordance

with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion or provide any assurance on Schedules 2 and 5.

The accompanying supplementary information in Schedules 1, 3, and 4 on pages 20, 23, and 24 are also 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 18, 2023, on our consideration of Wake County Smart Start's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Wake County Smart Start'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 Wake County Smart Start's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Charlotte, North Carolina  
January 18, 2023

**Wake County Smart Start**  
**Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

**Exhibit A**

	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>			
State Awards and Contracts	\$ 12,587,871	\$ 50,520	\$ 12,638,391
Federal Awards	4,611,492	2	4,611,494
Local Awards	1,497,491	540,537	2,038,028
Private Contributions	87,453	251,988	339,441
Interest and Investment Earnings	3,767	-	3,767
Sales Tax Refunds	27,126	-	27,126
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>18,815,200</b>	<b>843,047</b>	<b>19,658,247</b>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:			
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	451,115	(451,115)	-
	<b>19,266,315</b>	<b>391,932</b>	<b>19,658,247</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Programs:			
Child Care and Education Quality	585,743	-	585,743
Family Support	2,359,994	-	2,359,994
Health and Safety	1,135,815	-	1,135,815
NC Pre-K	13,719,622	-	13,719,622
Support:			
Fund Raising	124,280	-	124,280
Management and General	1,031,143	-	1,031,143
Program Planning, Coordination and Evaluation	240,849	-	240,849
Other:			
Refund of Prior Year Grant	40,942	-	40,942
Sales Tax Paid	18,876	-	18,876
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>19,257,264</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,257,264</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Expenditures</b>	<b>9,051</b>	<b>391,932</b>	<b>400,983</b>
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>1,990,230</b>	<b>632,104</b>	<b>2,622,334</b>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,999,281</b>	<b>\$ 1,024,036</b>	<b>\$ 3,023,317</b>
<b>Net Assets Consisted of:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,269,251	\$ 1,024,036	\$ 3,293,287
Refunds Due From Contractors	122,512	-	122,512
	<b>2,391,763</b>	<b>1,024,036</b>	<b>3,415,799</b>
Less: Due to State	384,838	-	384,838
Funds Held for Others	7,644	-	7,644
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,999,281</b>	<b>\$ 1,024,036</b>	<b>\$ 3,023,317</b>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of the Financial Statements.

Wake County Smart Start  
Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Exhibit B

	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	Other Operating Expenditures	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/Contracts/Grants
<b>Smart Start Funds:</b>								
<b>Programs:</b>								
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 560,144	\$ 416,513	\$ 21,680	\$ 1,471	\$ 9,155	\$ 8,022	\$ 10,543	\$ 92,760
Family Support	2,052,428	418,314	55,429	4,793	7,599	23,124	22,974	1,520,196
Health and Safety	1,080,918	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,080,918
NC Pre-K	3,016,071	195,142	-	667	2,294	15,069	3,920	2,798,979
	<u>6,709,561</u>	<u>1,029,969</u>	<u>77,109</u>	<u>6,931</u>	<u>19,048</u>	<u>46,215</u>	<u>37,437</u>	<u>5,492,853</u>
<b>Support:</b>								
Fund Raising	124,280	112,345	1,857	646	1,400	8,032	-	-
Management and General	432,632	244,483	57,965	12,614	27,167	43,185	47,217	-
Program Planning, Coordination and Evaluation	240,849	184,063	35,915	2,436	1,754	10,081	6,599	-
	<u>797,761</u>	<u>540,891</u>	<u>95,737</u>	<u>15,696</u>	<u>30,321</u>	<u>61,298</u>	<u>53,816</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 7,507,322</u>	<u>\$ 1,570,860</u>	<u>\$ 172,846</u>	<u>\$ 22,627</u>	<u>\$ 49,369</u>	<u>\$ 107,513</u>	<u>\$ 91,253</u>	<u>\$ 5,492,853</u>
<b>Other Funds:</b>								
<b>Programs:</b>								
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 25,599	\$ 6,129	\$ 19,470	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Family Support	307,566	60,439	231,350	-	1,628	-	1,134	13,015
Health and Safety	54,897	16,475	3,200	98	43	98	-	34,983
NC Pre-K	10,703,551	517,954	172,193	2,887	16,303	25,717	25,356	9,943,140
	<u>11,091,613</u>	<u>600,997</u>	<u>426,213</u>	<u>2,985</u>	<u>17,974</u>	<u>25,815</u>	<u>26,490</u>	<u>9,991,138</u>
<b>Support:</b>								
Management and General	598,511	531,558	28,109	2,210	13,265	22,498	870	-
	<u>598,511</u>	<u>531,558</u>	<u>28,109</u>	<u>2,210</u>	<u>13,265</u>	<u>22,498</u>	<u>870</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other:</b>								
Refund of Prior Year Grant	40,942	-	-	-	-	40,942	-	-
Sales Tax Paid	18,876	-	-	18,876	-	-	-	-
	<u>59,818</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Other Funds Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 11,749,942</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,555</u>	<u>\$ 454,322</u>	<u>\$ 24,071</u>	<u>\$ 31,239</u>	<u>\$ 89,255</u>	<u>\$ 27,360</u>	<u>\$ 9,991,138</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of the Financial Statements.

**WAKE COUNTY SMART START  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2022**

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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Organization and Purpose** - Wake County Smart Start is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on August 18, 1994. Wake County Smart Start was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. Wake County Smart Start is tax-exempt as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**B. Basis of Presentation** - The accompanying financial statements present all funds for which Wake County Smart Start's Board of Directors is responsible. Pursuant to the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standard for *Not-For-Profit Entities*, the accompanying financial statements present information according to two classes of net assets: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions are the part of net assets not subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants). Net Assets with Donor Restrictions are the part of net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants). As permitted by this Standard, contributions with donor restrictions received and expended in the same year are reported as receipts without donor restrictions rather than receipts with donor restrictions.

Contributions with donor restrictions that are not expended within the year received are reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions. When the restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets as net assets released from restrictions.

**C. Basis of Accounting** - The accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America primarily because it recognizes long lived assets and other costs which benefit more than one period as expended in the year purchased; it recognizes revenue when received rather than when earned; and it recognizes expenditures when paid rather than when incurred.

However, unexpended advances to contractors that revert to the State of North Carolina are recognized as a reduction to expenditures and an increase to net assets. In addition, amounts withheld from employee paychecks or other amounts received in an agency capacity are recorded as funds held for others. Additionally, Smart Start funds advanced to the Local



Partnership that are unexpended and unearned at year end are recorded as funds Due to the State.

- D. Cash and Cash Equivalents** - This classification appears on the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis and includes all demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit and other short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.
- E. Refunds Due from Contractors** - Refunds Due from Contractors represent the unexpended amount of advances to contractors at year-end that are to be refunded back to the State. As recoveries are collected, the advances are recorded as a reduction to the State awards balance.
- F. Due to State** - The funding provided by the State of North Carolina for the Smart Start Initiative is funded on a cost-reimbursement basis. The money is earned to the extent of allowable costs incurred. Any unexpended funds as of June 30 are required to be reverted to The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. to be returned to the State of North Carolina.
- G. Fund Held for Others** - Funds Held for Others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which Wake County Smart Start acts in an agency capacity. For the year ended June 30, 2022, Wake County Smart Start was holding amounts withheld from employee paychecks for social security contributions, retirement contributions and optional life insurance premiums. As of June 30, 2022, Funds Hold for Others were as follows:

Social Security Contribution Payable	\$	5
Retirement Contribution Payable		6,862
Optional Employee Insurance Payable		777
		7,644
	\$	7,644

- H. Property and Equipment** - Under the modified cash basis of accounting, purchases of property and equipment are reported as expenditures in the year incurred. However, Wake County Smart Start is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. Wake County Smart Start has a policy to track purchases of property and equipment items with an individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Such items are valued at their original purchase price, which may be different from their valuation as of June 30, 2022. Donated items are recorded on the property and equipment log at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation, which is defined as the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service capacity in an orderly market transaction at the acquisition date.
- I. Compensated Absences** - As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, liabilities related to accrued compensated absences are not recorded in the financial statements. Expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded when paid. The amount of accrued compensated

absences for accumulated, unpaid leave that would be due to employees upon termination is reported as a commitment in Note 9A.

- J. Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by Wake County Smart Start requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as allocation of joint costs); accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. It is management's belief that these estimates are reasonable and fair.
- K. Qualifying Match and Contributions In-Kind** - Wake County Smart Start, in accordance with applicable Smart Start legislation, reports qualifying match provided at both the Partnership and the contractor level; the qualifying match is reported in supplemental Schedule 5. The match includes contributions of cash and other financial assets, and nonfinancial assets. Contributions of cash and other financial assets, received and expended at the Partnership level, are recognized as revenue when they are received and as expenditures when they are paid and are included in the modified cash basis financial statements. For valuation of contributions of other financial assets and nonfinancial assets, Wake County Smart Start utilizes fair value on the date of the gift. Nonfinancial assets could be donated equipment, supplies, office space, or services. Wake County Smart Start also benefits from donor volunteer hours which do not require special expertise, but which are nonetheless central to Wake County Smart Start's operations. During the year ended June 30, 2022, the Wake County Smart Start did not receive any contributions of other financial assets. Under the modified cash basis of accounting, the qualifying match reported on Schedule 5 for cash provided at the contractor level and for donated assets and services at both the Partnership and contractor levels is not recorded. See supplemental Schedule 5 for more information on the contributions of nonfinancial assets.
- L. Implementation of accounting standard** - For the year ended June 30, 2022, Wake County Smart Start adopted ASU 2020-07, *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*. This standard provides guidance on the presentation of contributed nonfinancial assets in the statement of activities and additional disclosure requirements for each type of contributed nonfinancial asset. The ASU provides transparency on the measurement of the contributed nonfinancial assets of the organization and will not change existing recognition and measurement requirements. Wake County Smart Start has implemented the provisions of ASU 2020-07 applicable to all contributed nonfinancial assets, which has been applied retrospectively to all periods presented.

**NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS**

All funds of Wake County Smart Start are deposited with commercial bank and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000.

Deposits over insured amounts subjects Wake County Smart Start to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2022, Wake County Smart Start's bank deposits in excess of the FDIC insured limit was \$2,543,135.

**NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS AND CONTRACTS**

**Smart Start Program** - One of Wake County Smart Start's major sources of revenue and support is from the State of North Carolina based on cost-reimbursement contracts with The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. (NCP) for the Smart Start program. A significant reduction in the level of funding from the State could have an adverse effect on the operations of Wake County Smart Start and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, Wake County Smart Start is responsible for developing a comprehensive, collaborative, long-range plan of services to children and families for the service-delivery area. During the year, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) entered into a contract with and made payments to service providers selected by Wake County Smart Start. The service provider contract is not reflected on the accompanying financial statements. However, a summary of the service provider contract entered by DHHS is presented on Schedule 2 accompanying the financial statements.

Wake County Smart Start was awarded and has received \$7,892,160 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCP. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. Wake County Smart Start has refunded \$384,839 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCP subsequent to June 30, 2022.

Wake County Smart Start expects to receive continued funding through new Smart Start contracts with the State.

**NC Pre-K** - Wake County Smart Start also received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina for the NC Pre-K program. A significant reduction in the level of funding from the State could have an adverse effect on the operations of Wake County Smart Start and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue. Wake County Smart Start was awarded \$9,576,270, received \$9,462,177, and expended \$9,413,814 under a current year financial assistance contract. Wake County Smart Start also refunded \$40,942 of a prior year contract during the year ended June 30, 2022.

Wake County Smart Start expects to receive continued funding through new NC Pre-K contracts with the State.

**Wake County Pre-K** - Wake County Smart Start also received revenue and support from Wake County for the NC Pre-K program. A significant reduction in the level of funding from the County could have an adverse effect on the operations of Wake County Smart Start and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue. Wake County Smart Start was awarded and received \$2,038,028 and expended \$1,703,103 under a current year grant contract.

Wake County Smart Start expects to receive continued funding through new NC Pre-K contracts with the County.

**Dolly Parton Imagination Library Expansion Program** - Wake County Smart Start was awarded, received, and expended \$52,500 under a current year Dolly Parton Imagination Library Expansion Grant (DPIL) with NCPC. As allowed by program regulation, the unexpended balance of the current year contract is available to carry forward to the subsequent year.

Wake County Smart Start expects to receive continued funding through new DPIL contracts with NCPC.

**Multi-Partnership Accounting and Contracting Grant** - The Wake County Smart Start was awarded, received, and expended \$124,359 under a current year grant with NCPC.

Wake County Smart Start expects to receive continued funding through new contracts with the State.

**Child Care and Development Block Grant (Shape NC)** - Wake County Smart Start was awarded \$110,000, received and expended \$60,387 under a contract with NCPC for a Shape NC grant. The term of this contract is January 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022. Wake County Smart Start also received \$8,356 in funds allocated for a prior year during the year ended June 30, 2022.

Wake County Smart Start does not expect to receive continued funding through new Shape NC contracts with NCPC.

**State Physical Activity and Nutrition (REACH)** - Wake County Smart Start was awarded \$63,554, received \$17,092 and expended \$20,112 under a contract with DHHS for a REACH grant. The term of this contract is October 1, 2021 to September 29, 2022.

Wake County Smart Start does not expect to receive continued funding through new REACH contracts with DHHS.

**Every School Succeeds Act/Preschool Development Grants** - Wake County Smart Start was awarded \$20,000, received \$6,614 and expended \$8,771 under a contract with DHHS for a preschool development grant. The term of this contract is November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022.

Wake County Smart Start does not expect to receive continued funding through new preschool development grants with DHHS.

Wake County Smart Start was awarded \$25,000, received \$11,079 and expended \$12,029 under a contract with NCPC for a family engagement and leadership grant. The term of this contract is September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

Wake County Smart Start does not expect to receive continued funding through new Family Engagement and Leadership grant contracts with NCPC.

**NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

**A. Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations** - The board members of Wake County Smart Start are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of Wake County Smart Start that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, Wake County Smart Start entered into contracts with board member organizations for program activities as identified on Schedule 1 accompanying the financial statements. In addition, Schedule 2 identifies contracts entered by DHHS with board member organizations for activities funded by Wake County Smart Start's allocation.

**B. Other Related Parties** - Wake County Smart Start served as a fiscal agent for with an organization contracting with a board member of Wake County Smart Start. Wake County Smart Start also entered transactions for contracted services with a private business associated with a board member of Wake County Smart Start. The amounts paid included:

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kaleidoscope	\$ 227,435
Director Search	4,175
	<u>\$ 231,610</u>

**NOTE 5 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENDITURES**

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis. Also, the Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis, provides detail of the functional costs by their natural classification. Following are the services associated with the functional categories presented in the accompanying financial statements and the methods utilized to allocate joint cost:

**A. Program Functions**

**Child Care and Education Quality** - Used to account for service activities including quality enhancement and maintenance, professional development and supplements, literacy for child care providers, child care substitutes, provider training, mentoring programs, learning materials and teaching aids, curriculum enhancements, child care needs and resources assessments, and kindergarten orientation/transition.

**Family Support** - Used to account for service activities including ongoing parenting education, general family support, family intervention, literacy or family literacy projects, transportation services, community systems building and public awareness, and home visiting.

**Health and Safety** - Used to account for service activities including comprehensive medical home services, child care health consultations,

prenatal/newborn services, health care access and support, special needs - early intervention services/special education, or nutrition programs.

**NC Pre-K** - Used to account for development and implementation of NC Pre-K prekindergarten program for four-year-olds. The goal is to provide quality prekindergarten services in order to enhance kindergarten readiness.

## **B. Support Functions**

**Fund Raising** - Expenditures that are incurred in inducing others to contribute money, securities, time, materials, or facilities for which the contributor will receive no direct economic benefit.

**Management and General** - Expenditures that are not identifiable with a single program or fund-raising activity but are indispensable to the conduct of those activities and to an organization's existence, including expenditures for the overall direction of the organization, its general board activities, business management, general recordkeeping, budgeting, and related purposes.

**Program Planning, Coordination and Evaluation** - Expenditures that are incurred to coordinate the policies, procedures, daily practices, and evaluation of service delivery, needs assessment and strategic planning. Also, costs associated with providing technical assistance, monitoring and reporting of in-house and direct service provider activities as to the delivery of services and adherence to the specific terms and conditions of the contracts.

## **C. Allocation of Joint Costs**

Expenditures benefiting more than one purpose were allocated as follows:

**Salaries and Benefits** - Direct allocation based on employee time reports.

**Other Costs** - Other costs including occupancy cost (rent, utilities and maintenance), supplies and materials, and communication costs (telephone and printing) were indirectly allocated based on estimates of utilization data.

**NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2022:

Fiscal Year	Operating Leases
2023	\$ 224,215
2024	230,942
2025	237,870
2026	245,006
2027	230,750
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 1,168,783</u>

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$126,309.

**NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN**

**Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Retirement Income Plans - IRC Section 401(k) Plan** - Wake County Smart Start has an IRC Section 401(k) plan (Plan). Wake County Smart Start contributed matching contributions up to 5% under plan provisions for the year ended June 30, 2022. Employees may make voluntary contributions to the Plan. For the year ended June 30, 2022, Wake County Smart Start contributed \$143,789.

**NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

Wake County Smart Start is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; employees' health and life; and natural disasters. Wake County Smart Start manages these various risks of loss as follows:

Type of Loss	Method Managed	Risk of Loss Retained
Torts, errors and omissions, health and life	Purchased commercial insurance	None
Workers Compensation - employee injuries	Purchased commercial insurance	None
Physical property loss and natural disasters	Purchased commercial insurance	None

Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant losses to Wake County Smart Start. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

- A. Compensated Absences** - As a result of Wake County Smart Start's use of the modified cash basis of accounting, accrued liabilities related to compensated absences (vacation only; sick leave does not vest) and any employer-related costs earned and unpaid, are not reflected in the financial statements. The compensated absences commitment for vacation leave at June 30, 2022, is \$86,513. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.
- B.** In early 2020, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) emerged globally. As a result, events have occurred including mandates from federal, state and local authorities leading to an overall decline in economic activity. As of June 30, 2022, there was no significant impact to the Wake County Smart Start's operations. However, the Wake County Smart Start is not able to reliably estimate the length or severity of this outbreak. If the length of the outbreak and related effects on the Wake County Smart Start's operations continues for an extended period of time, there could be a loss of revenue and other material adverse effects to the Wake County Smart Start's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

**NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS**

- A. Net Assets With Donor Restrictions** - Net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2022 are restricted for the following purposes:

Purpose	Amount
Wake County NC PreK and ThreeSchool	\$ 540,536
Program Services	43,214
Technical Assistance Coalition (TAC)	13,617
The Kaleidoscope Project	236,988
Blue Cross Blue Shield-Exclusionary Discipline	124,158
Capacity Cuilding for Wake YCMHC	15,000
DCDEE NC PreK	50,523
	<u>\$ 1,024,036</u>



**B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions** - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	Amount
Wake County NC PreK and ThreeSchool	\$ 205,612
Disciple	30,842
Technical Assistance Coalition (TAC)	1,050
The Kaleidoscope Project	213,611
	<u>\$ 451,115</u>

**NOTE 11 - BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Occasionally, the Board designates a portion of financial assets for various programs. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, Wake County Smart Start's Board could use these designated financial assets to meet unanticipated liquidity needs. At June 30, 2022, Wake County Smart Start had Board designated funds of \$1,685,444 for the development, operation, and administration of program services.

**NOTE 12 - FINANCIAL ASSETS AVAILABLE TO MEET CASH NEEDS**

The following reflects Wake County Smart Start's financial assets as of June 30, 2022 reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of June 30, 2022:

Financial assets at year-end	\$ 3,023,317
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:	
Contractual or donor-imposed restrictions:	
Restricted by donor with time and purpose restrictions (See Note 10A)	(1,024,036)
Board Designated Funds (See Note 11)	<u>(1,685,444)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 313,837</u>

Wake County Smart Start is supported by contributions with donor restrictions. Because a donor's restriction requires resources to be used in a particular manner or in a future period, Wake County Smart Start must maintain sufficient resources to meet these responsibilities to its donors. Thus, financial assets may not be available for general expenditures within one year.

As part of Wake County Smart Start's liquidity plan, excess cash is invested in money market accounts. Wake County Smart Start has Board Designated funds of \$1,685,444 to meet cash flow needs.

**NOTE 13 - INCOME TAXES**

Wake County Smart Start is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provision of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except to the extent of taxes on any unrelated business income.

FASB ASC 740 provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the financial statements. FASB ASC 740 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing financial statements to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained by the applicable tax authority. Wake County Smart Start does not believe there are any unrecognized tax benefits or costs as of June 30, 2022.

Income tax returns for 2019 through 2021 remain open to examination by the tax authorities.

**NOTE 14 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Wake County Smart Start has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between June 30, 2022 and January 18, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Events or transactions that provided evidence about conditions that did not exist at June 30, 2022 but arose before the financial statements were available to be issued have not been recognized in the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2022.

This information is an integral part of the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**Wake County SmartStart**  
**Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

**Schedule 1**

Organization Name	Smart Start Funds		Other Funds	
	Amount Advanced	Refund Due	Amount Advanced	Refund Due
<b>Organizations:</b>				
A Safe Place Child Enrichment Center, Inc.	* \$ 63,934	\$ -	\$ 125,362	\$ -
ABC Land, Inc.	199,051	-	369,173	-
Academically Based Child Care	196,493	-	391,339	-
Bacilio, LLC (Kiddie Academy of Holly Springs)	30,719	-	105,048	-
Banbino's Playschool	5,323	-	-	-
Big Blue Marble	2,050	-	13,310	-
Bright Beginnings of Cary, Inc.	224,769	-	513,991	-
Buttons and Bows Preschool & Kindergarten	141,905	-	432,131	-
Catholic Charities	159,337	9,928	-	-
Child Care Services Association	126,732	869	-	-
Childcare Network, Inc.	503,133	-	1,432,428	-
Creative Learning Enterprise, Inc. (Fairview Children's Center)	40,329	-	143,632	-
Creative Schools, Inc.	139,120	-	446,675	-
DHIC, Inc.	-	-	2,400	-
Discovery Point Heritage Child Development Center	-	-	6,000	-
Early Preschool and Learning Center, LLC	100,936	-	290,744	-
Family Resource Center South Atlantic	394,788	46,272	-	-
Frankie Lemmon School & Development Center	45,232	-	106,758	-
Harps Mill Creative School	37,208	-	145,948	-
Iglesia Fiesta Cristiana	38,750	6,094	-	-
Kiddie Academy Briar Creek	-	-	6,000	-
KinderCare Education	28,948	-	119,320	-
Kids First Academy, Inc.	85,505	-	270,255	-
Kreepers-N-Krawlers	-	-	6,440	-
La Petite Academy, Inc.	149,767	-	374,932	-
Little Believers Academy	27,697	-	72,437	-
Little Destiny Literacy & Discovery Child Development	54,146	-	215,010	-
Little Hands N Feet Child Care Center, Inc.	29,338	-	120,547	-
Lucy Daniels Center	529,068	19,271	-	-
Method Child Development Center, Inc.	47,036	-	144,127	-
Methodist Home for Children, Inc.(Jordan Child & Family Enrichment Center)	63,015	-	201,658	-
Morrisville Square Creative School	-	-	5,653	-
Passage Home, Inc.	62,232	-	-	-
Pathwright Duo Interactive LLC	5,389	-	-	-
Preston Children's Academy, Inc.	90,583	-	203,568	-
Primary Beginnings, LLC	184,183	-	502,897	-
Ready or Not Here I Grow	8,599	-	-	-
REE Southeast, Inc.(Little Pros Academy)	67,138	-	155,024	-
Reach Out and Read Carolinas	58,270	-	-	-
Rex Child Development Center	10,045	-	-	-
SAFEchild, Inc.	88,196	2,001	-	-

Wake County SmartStart  
Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Schedule 1 (continued)

Organization Name	Smart Start Funds		Other Funds	
	Amount Advanced	Refund Due	Amount Advanced	Refund Due
<b>Organizations:</b>				
Shaw University Center for Early Childhood	46,761.00	-	156,196.00	-
Smart Start Advocates	-	-	5,000	-
Tammy Lynn Center	34,836	-	172,104	-
Telamon Corporation (Head Start)	*	-	591,000	-
The Goddard School	808	-	-	-
The Happy Face Preschool & Childcare, Inc.	103,618	-	274,768	-
Triangle Area Parenting Support	76,676	4,652	-	-
Wake County Human Services	* 579,050	16,615	-	-
Wake County Public School System	* 650,372	16,810	1,589,280	-
Wanda's Little Hands Educational Center, Inc.	61,780	-	249,618	-
Wonderschool, Inc.	22,500	-	-	-
	<u>5,615,365</u>	<u>122,512</u>	<u>9,960,773</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Individuals:</b>				
Community Outreach	-	-	3,715	-
Family Engagement and Leadership Stipends	-	-	1,900	-
NC Pre-Kindergarten - Classroom Materials and Training	-	-	19,355	-
Wake ThreeSchool - Classroom Materials	-	-	505	-
Healthy Starts for Infants and Toddlers (wellness guides)	-	-	4,890	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,365</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 5,615,365</u>	<u>\$ 122,512</u>	<u>\$ 9,991,138</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

\* These organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4A - Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations.

**Wake County Smart Start  
 Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts (Unaudited)  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

**Schedule 2**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>DHHS Contracts</b>
Wake County Human Services	* \$ 4,983,458
	<u>\$ 4,983,458</u>

\* These organizations are represented on the Partnership's Board as described in Note 4A - Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations.

The information on this schedule provides a listing of service provider contracts entered into by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as described in Note 3 - Funding from Grant Awards and Contracts.

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Contract Number	Receipts	Expenditures
<b>Federal Awards:</b>				
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
Child Care and Development Block Grant (NC Pre-K) (Prior Year)	93.575	40332	\$ -	\$ 38
Child Care and Development Block Grant (NC Pre-K) (Current Year)	* 93.575	42031	177,555	177,553
Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (NC Pre-K) (Current Year)	** * 93.558	42031	4,180,670	4,180,670
COVID - 19 Child Care and Development Block Grant (CRRSA) (NC Pre-K) (Current Year)	* 93.575	42031	149,741	149,741
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
Every School Succeeds Act/Preschool Development Grants (Current Year)	93.434	43474	6,614	8,771
Pass through from The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.				
Every School Succeeds Act/Preschool Development Grant (Current Year)	93.434	315:21/22-02075	11,079	12,029
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
Pass through from The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.				
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Shape NC) (Prior Year)	93.575	314.20/21-067	8,356	-
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Shape NC) (Current Year)	93.575	314.20/21-067	60,387	60,387
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
State Physical Activity and Nutrition (Current Year)	93.439	42521	17,092	20,112
<b>Total Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u>4,611,494</u>	<u>4,609,301</u>
<b>State Awards:</b>				
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
Pass-through from The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc.				
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year)	*	264-072232021	7,507,321	7,507,321
Multi-Partnership Accounting and Contracting Grant (Current Yr)		197:20/21-014	124,359	124,359
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Expansion (Current Year)			52,500	52,500
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
NC Pre-K (Prior Year)		40332	-	40,904
NC Pre-K (Current Year)	*	42031	4,954,211	4,905,850
<b>Total Receipts and Expenditures of State Awards</b>			<u>12,638,391</u>	<u>12,630,934</u>
<b>Total Receipts and Expenditures of Federal and State Awards</b>			<u>\$ 17,249,885</u>	<u>\$ 17,240,235</u>

\* Programs with compliance requirements that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

\*\* Major Programs per Uniform Guidance

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**Wake County Smart Start**  
**Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

**Schedule 4**

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Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment	\$ 79,671
Computer Equipment/Printers	<u>108,756</u>
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 188,427</u></u></b>

The information on this schedule provides a summary of property and equipment with acquisition or donated cost of \$500 or more which were held by the Partnership at year end. The valuations represent historical cost. On the modified cash basis of accounting, these items are expensed in the year of purchase.



**Wake County Smart Start  
Schedule of Qualifying Match (Non-GAAP) (Unaudited)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

**Schedule 5**

**Match Provided at the Partnership Level:**

Cash	\$ 2,025,755
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	<u>10,981</u>
	<u>\$ 2,036,736</u>

**Match Provided at the Contractor Level:**

Cash	\$ -
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	<u>638,599</u>
	<u>\$ 638,599</u>

Note: This schedule is presented in accordance with the program match requirement as provided for by North Carolina Session Law 2021-180, Section 9C.6.(d). The match is comprised of both cash and contributions of nonfinancial assets. Only contributions of nonfinancial assets that are verifiable, quantifiable, and related to the Smart Start Program can be applied to the match requirement, including volunteer services. The law allows for volunteer services to be valued for match purposes, a concept that deviates from generally accepted accounting principles. This schedule identifies those amounts allowable for this partnership in meeting the statewide match requirement.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, Smart Start met the legislative statewide match requirement and will be waiving penalties for local partnerships that do not meet their match requirement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on  
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To Board Members of  
Wake County Smart Start  
Raleigh, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Wake County Smart Start (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 18, 2023.

As described in Note 1, the financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity'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 over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Wake County Smart Start'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*.

### Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this 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 entity's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Charlotte, North Carolina  
January 18, 2023