

**SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES, INC.**

*Financial Statements
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023*

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors of
Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.
Monroe, Louisiana

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years 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 financial position of the Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with 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. 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 Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and 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 Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within 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 generally accepted 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 generally accepted 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 Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.'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 Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to the Executive Director and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 23 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the 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 October 24, 2024, on our consideration of the Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

David M. Nard, CPA (APSC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
October 24, 2024

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

	June 30,	
	2024	2023
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 127,579	\$ 626,958
Grants Receivable	304,520	230,360
Therapeutic Services (Medicaid) Receivable	1,095,093	1,060,601
Payroll Retention Credit Receivable	1,111,495	1,111,495
Other Receivables	80,000	5,134
Other Assets	1,885	-
Total Current Assets	2,720,572	3,034,548
Property and Equipment:		
Buildings	2,159,124	2,246,554
Furniture and Equipment	206,991	206,991
Computers	90,416	90,416
Vehicles	84,177	84,177
ROU Asset	1,243,269	1,243,269
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,250,493)	(900,202)
Net Property and Equipment	2,533,484	2,971,205
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	\$ 5,254,056	\$ 6,005,753

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 59,704	\$ 67,801
Payroll Liabilities	-	54,492
Deferred Revenue	4,603	202,788
Short Term Lease Obligations	165,869	279,056
Line of Credit	20,000	-
Total Current Liabilities	250,176	604,137
Long Term Liabilities:		
Long Term Lease Obligations	533,827	699,696
Total Liabilities	784,003	1,303,833
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions	4,470,053	4,701,920
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	\$ 5,254,056	\$ 6,005,753

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

<u>PUBLIC SUPPORT, GRANT REVENUE</u> <u>AND OTHER SUPPORT WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</u>	For the Years Ended June 30,	
	2024	2023
Government Grants and Contracts	\$ 2,683,217	\$ 3,259,211
Medicaid Reimbursement Revenue	7,574,979	6,319,631
Payroll Retention Credit Revenue	-	1,111,495
Fundraising	79,571	73,470
Contributions Without Donor Restrictions	550	-
Interest Income	7,756	29,299
Other Income	93,130	28,826
<u>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT, GRANT REVENUE</u> <u>AND OTHER SUPPORT WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</u>	10,439,203	10,821,932
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Program Services:		
CASA	819,958	805,606
VOCA	827,592	783,847
Therapeutic Services	4,597,458	4,502,605
Brokers of Hope	298,514	405,024
Family Support & Youth Transitions	261,051	282,599
Total Program Services	6,804,573	6,779,681
Management and General	3,824,925	3,672,476
Fundraising	48,434	28,235
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	10,677,932	10,480,392
<u>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS</u> <u>WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</u>	(238,729)	341,540
<u>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR (Restated)</u>	4,708,782	4,360,380
<u>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</u>	\$ 4,470,053	\$ 4,701,920

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SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	PROGRAM SERVICES				
	CASA	CAC	Therapeutic Services	Family Support and Youth Transitions	Brokers of Hope
Salaries	\$ 506,566	\$ 559,751	\$ 1,014,427	\$ 193,334	196,612
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	41,157	37,170	72,884	17,579	15,257
Contracts	-	29,584	3,271,358	2,088	38,888
Legal and Professional Development	10,638	1,750	7,797	4,132	2,007
Advertising	10,380	148	2,352	-	40
Recruiting	5,155	41	8,332	287	123
Office Supplies and Expense	29,397	20,424	20,671	995	2,607
Utilities	25,547	11,499	15,935	450	4,635
Rent	47,414	39,600	49,036	-	-
Christmas Project	-	-	-	-	-
Computer	15,207	48,506	210	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	33,742	16,993	9,196	-	141
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Dues	275	-	-	-	-
Fees and Licenses	761	19,892	4,509	439	520
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	74,244	39,049	38,370	-	20,449
Miscellaneous	51	-	365	-	-
Travel/Meeting	11,479	3,006	48,657	41,269	17,181
Training Meeting	7,945	179	33,359	478	54
	<u>\$ 819,958</u>	<u>\$ 827,592</u>	<u>\$ 4,597,458</u>	<u>\$ 261,051</u>	<u>298,514</u>
Total Expenses, year ended June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 819,958</u>	<u>\$ 827,592</u>	<u>\$ 4,597,458</u>	<u>\$ 261,051</u>	<u>298,514</u>

Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	TOTALS 2024
\$ 2,470,690	\$ 1,889,426	\$ -	\$ 4,360,116
184,047	165,903	-	349,950
3,341,918	244,718	-	3,586,636
26,324	158,566	1,968	186,858
12,920	80,156	1,184	94,260
13,938	146,045	-	159,983
74,094	67,903	1,122	143,119
58,066	134,833	-	192,899
136,050	131,365	-	267,415
-	1,784	40,612	42,396
63,923	159,070	-	222,993
60,072	110,103	547	170,722
-	78,848	-	78,848
275	-	-	275
26,121	165,323	1,011	192,455
-	3,120	-	3,120
172,112	218,852	-	390,964
416	4,134	625	5,175
121,592	16,387	865	138,844
42,015	48,389	500	90,904
<u>\$ 6,804,573</u>	<u>\$ 3,824,925</u>	<u>\$ 48,434</u>	<u>\$ 10,677,932</u>

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SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	PROGRAM SERVICES				
	CASA	CAC	Therapeutic Services	Family Support and Youth Transitions	Brokers of Hope
Salaries	\$ 500,262	\$ 451,987	\$ 1,201,102	\$ 299,282	161,349
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	44,310	34,506	77,660	22,754	12,988
Contracts	3,505	34,022	2,886,173	1,374	51,678
Legal and Professional Development	9,268	4,677	4,883	6,658	2,048
Advertising	12,231	4,364	-	-	2,473
Recruiting	6,221	-	2,120	246	41
Office Supplies and Expense	35,258	26,763	45,571	1,660	2,571
Utilities	24,213	13,022	36,655	900	4,357
Rent	51,925	39,600	58,615	-	-
Christmas Project	-	-	1,241	110	-
Computer	15,186	71,773	18,992	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	2,629	4,787	31,101	-	56
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Dues	324	-	-	-	-
Fees and Licenses	1,595	17,927	9,980	275	465
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	79,888	61,925	41,749	-	24,023
Miscellaneous	-	-	5,167	-	-
Travel/Meeting	9,313	16,214	18,028	71,281	19,217
Training Meeting	9,478	2,280	63,568	484	1,333
 Total Expenses, year ended June 30, 2023	 <u>\$ 805,606</u>	 <u>\$ 783,847</u>	 <u>\$ 4,502,605</u>	 <u>\$ 405,024</u>	 <u>282,599</u>

Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	TOTALS 2023
\$ 2,613,982	\$ 1,756,067	\$ -	\$ 4,370,049
192,218	139,557	-	331,775
2,976,752	179,900	170	3,156,822
27,534	179,276	-	206,810
19,068	71,094	-	90,162
8,628	75,625	-	84,253
111,823	116,737	-	228,560
79,147	156,151	-	235,298
150,140	142,061	-	292,201
1,351	508	27,694	29,553
105,951	189,037	-	294,988
38,573	89,159	-	127,732
-	70,730	-	70,730
324	-	-	324
30,242	128,687	-	158,929
-	313	-	313
207,585	313,795	-	521,380
5,167	3,490	371	9,028
134,053	34,582	-	168,635
77,143	25,707	-	102,850
<u>\$ 6,779,681</u>	<u>\$ 3,672,476</u>	<u>\$ 28,235</u>	<u>\$ 10,480,392</u>

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SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended	
	June 30,	
	2024	2023
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (238,729)	\$ 341,540
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Depreciation	350,291	346,385
Loss on Sale of Assets	6,862	-
(Increase) Decrease in Grants Receivable	(74,160)	122,846
(Increase) Decrease in Therapeutic Services Receivable	(34,492)	(30,574)
(Increase) Decrease in Other Receivables	(74,866)	(1,116,629)
(Increase) Decrease in Other Assets	(1,885)	-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(8,097)	6,670
Increase (Decrease) in Payroll Liabilities	(54,492)	23,287
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	(198,185)	(21,951)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(327,753)	(328,426)
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(670)	(1,555,980)
Disposal of Property	88,100	-
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	87,430	(1,555,980)
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</u>		
Increase (Decrease) in Lease Obligations	(279,056)	978,752
Proceeds (Decrease) from Line of Credit	20,000	(4,184)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	(259,056)	974,568
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>	(499,379)	(909,838)
<u>Cash at Beginning of Year</u>	626,958	1,536,796
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</u>	\$ 127,579	\$ 626,958

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

Note 1 - Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Activities

Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. (the Center) is a nonprofit public service association organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana on February 8, 1999. The Center was organized for the advocacy of children in the court and foster care systems within the Fourth District of Louisiana, and to do any and all things germane, incidental, and necessary to carry out these purposes into full effect. Revenues are derived primarily from the State of Louisiana, contributions from the general public, and fundraising efforts. On January 13, 2004, Center for Children and Families, Inc. changed its legal name from CASA of Northeast Louisiana, Inc. (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to better represent to the public its functions of helping youth and juvenile offenders and their families. On November 20, 2016, the Center changed its name to Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. The Center's mission is to promote safe, healthy environments through advocacy, education, counseling and prevention. In August 2019, the Center began providing therapeutic services in Clinton, MS using the Functional Family Therapy evidence-based model.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Center have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting as applicable to voluntary health and welfare organizations. The more significant accounting policies of the Center are described below.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents represent cash and all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with original maturities of three months or less.

Grants Receivable

Grants receivable represent amounts that have been expensed for grant purposes and are to be reimbursed in full by the grantor and have been promised over the next twelve months.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Generally, an asset is capitalized at \$1,500 or more. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets using the straight-line method:

Furniture, Equipment & Vehicles

5 years

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
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Note 1 - Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Public Support and Revenue

Annual contributions are recorded as revenue when received and are generally available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Unreimbursed expenses are recorded as income and as grants receivable when requests for reimbursement are submitted to the grants.

Contributions of donated non-cash assets are recorded at their fair value in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The cost of providing the various programs and activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Liquidity

Assets are presented in the accompanying statement of financial position according to their nearness of conversion to cash and liabilities according to the nearness of their maturity and resulting use of cash.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

ASC section 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* and ASC section 825 *Financial Instruments* require all entities to disclose the fair value of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value.

Accounting Pronouncement Adopted

During 2018, the Center adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*, which finalizes Proposed ASU No. 2015-230, by the same name and topic, and simplifies and improves the manner in which a not-for-profit (NFP) classifies its net assets, as well as the information that it presents in financial statements and notes concerning liquidity, financial performance, and cash flows. In particular, ASU No. 2016-14 amends the requirements for financial statements and notes in Topic 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities*, and requires an NFP to, among other things, (1) present on the face of the statement of financial position amounts for two classes of net assets at the end of the period, rather than for the currently required three classes; (2) present on the face of the statement of activities the amount of the change in each of the two classes of net assets referenced above, rather than that of the currently required three classes; (3) continue to present on the face of the statement of cash flows the net amount for operating cash flows, using either the direct or the indirect method of reporting, but no longer require the presentation or disclosure of the indirect method (reconciliation) if using the direct method.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

Note 1 - Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accounting Pronouncement Adopted (Continued)

Net assets previously reported as temporarily restricted and permanently restricted are now reported as net assets with donor restrictions. Likewise, net assets previously reported as unrestricted are now reported as net assets without donor restrictions.

Contributions

In accordance with FASB ASC 958-205, *Not-For-Profit Entities – Revenue Recognition*, contributions received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions depending upon the existence of donor-imposed restrictions. The Center has elected to recognize restricted contributions which are released from the restriction in the same year as unrestricted contributions.

Donated Services

Members, agencies, businesses, volunteers and others contribute substantial services toward fulfillment of the projects initiated by the Center. No amounts have been recognized in the Statement of Activities because the criteria for recognition of such volunteer efforts under FASB ASC 958-205 have not been satisfied.

Not-For-Profit Accounting

The Center reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets; net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions. The Center does not have any net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2024.

The net assets are composed of the following:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets and revenue available and used for current operations and expenditures for current programs. These net assets are not subject to donor or grantor restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor or grantor imposed restrictions. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met with the passage of time or occurrence of other events. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates the resources be maintained perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled or both.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Medicaid Revenue

Medicaid revenue is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the Center expects to be entitled for providing care. These amounts are due from third-party payors and include variable consideration for retroactive revenue adjustments due to settlement of reviews and audits as well as supplemental payments related to current period operations. Generally, the Center bills the third party payors after the services are performed or shortly after. Revenue is recognized as performance obligations are satisfied. Performance obligations are determined based on the nature of the services provided by the Center.

Revenue for performance obligations satisfied over time is recognized based on actual charges incurred, which is reduced by an amount that reflects the consideration expected to be received for the services provided based on historic collection patterns. The Center believes that this method provides a reasonable depiction of the transfer of services over the term of the performance obligation based on the inputs needed to satisfy the obligation.

The Center measures the performance obligation from the original visit to the point when it is no longer required to provide services to that patient. These services are considered to be a single performance obligation. Revenue for performance obligations satisfied at a point in time is recognized when services are provided. Management believes this method provides an accurate depiction of the transfer of services over the term of performance obligations based on the inputs needed to satisfy the obligations.

The Center recognizes revenue for performance obligations satisfied at a point in time, which generally relate to clients receiving services, when (1) services are provided and (2) the patient no longer requires additional services.

Because its performance obligations relate to contracts with a duration of less than one year, the Center has elected to apply the optional exemption provided in FASB ASC 606-10-60-14(a), and therefore, is not required to disclose the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period. The unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied performance obligations are primarily related to the services at the end of the reporting period. As provided for under the guidance, the Center does not adjust the expected net revenue from clients and third-party payors for the effects of a significant financing component due to the expectation that the period between the time the service is provided to a client and the time that the client or a third-payor pays for that service will be one year or less.

Settlements with third-payors for retroactive adjustments due to review and audits are considered variable consideration and are included in the determination of the estimated transaction price for providing care in the period the related services are provided using the most likely outcome method.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Medicaid Revenue (Continued)

The Center records retroactive Medicaid settlements based upon estimates of amounts that are ultimately determined through annual cost reports filed with and audited by the fiscal intermediary, correspondence from the payor and the Center's historical settlement activity, including an assessment to ensure that it is probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of the cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the retroactive adjustment is subsequently resolved

Grants, Contributions and Gifts With Donor Restrictions

From time to time, the Center receives grants from individuals, private and public entities. Revenues from grants (including contributions of capital assets) are recognized when all of the eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met, and when there is reasonable assurance that the grants will be received. Grants may be restricted for either specific operating purposes or for capital purposes. Amounts are recorded as either operating or non-operating revenue based upon their nature.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accrued interest receivable, and bequests receivable approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments. The carrying value, which is the fair value of investments and funds held in trust by others, is based upon quoted market values. In the limited cases where such values are not available, historical cost is used as an estimate of market value.

Leases

Through June 30, 2024 rent expense was recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, *Leases*, to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position. Most prominent among the changes in the standard is the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases. The Center adopted the standard and recognized and measured leases existing at, or entered into after July 1, 2022, using the modified retrospective approach, with certain practical expedients available. The adoption of ASC 842 did not result in any adjustments to net assets or changes in the timing or amounts of lease costs. Comparable periods continue to be presented under the guidance of the previous standard.

The Center determines if an arrangement is a lease at the inception of the contract. For leases with terms greater than twelve months, ROU assets and lease liabilities are recognized at the contract commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. ROU assets represent the Center's right to use the underlying asset for the lease term.

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Note 1 - Nature of Activities and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Lease liabilities present the Center's obligation to make lease payments arising from these contracts. The Center used the risk-free rate at July 1, 2023, in determining the present value of lease payments. The Center's operating leases in effect prior to July 1, 2023, were recognized at the present value of the remaining payments on the remaining lease term as of July 1, 2023.

Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that such options will be exercised. The estimated useful life of ROU assets is limited by the expected lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise. The Center's lease agreements generally do not contain any material residual value guarantees, restrictions or covenants.

The Center has elected to apply the short-term lease exemption to all classes of assets where leases that have a term of 12 months or less are excluded from the measurement of the right-of-use asset and lease liability. There were no short-term lease costs during 2024.

Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Center maintains its cash balance in a local financial institution. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the bank balances were \$149,447 and \$629,958, respectively.

Note 3 - Income Taxes

The Center is a nonprofit corporation exempted from federal income taxes under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made; however, should the Organization engage in activities unrelated to its exempt purpose, taxable income could result. The Organization had no material unrelated business income for the year ended June 30, 2024. The earliest income tax year that is subject to examination is 2020.

Note 4 - Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consisted of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CASA AP Grant	\$ 77,886	\$ 64,946
Family Support & Youth Transition	58,055	68,609
VOCA (Victims of Criminal Acts)	71,596	96,804
Other Grants Receivable	<u>96,983</u>	<u>5,134</u>
Total Grants Receivable	<u>\$ 304,520</u>	<u>\$ 235,493</u>
Payroll Retention Credit	1,111,495	1,111,495
Insurance Refunds	80,000	-
Therapeutic Services (Medicaid)	<u>1,095,093</u>	<u>1,060,601</u>
Total Other Receivables	<u>2,286,588</u>	<u>2,172,096</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$2,591,108</u>	<u>\$2,407,589</u>

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Note 5 - Property and Equipment

A summary of furniture, equipment and accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2024 and 2023 is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 206,991	\$ 206,991
Buildings	2,159,124	2,246,554
Computers	90,416	90,416
Vehicles	84,177	84,177
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(687,238)</u>	<u>(624,547)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>\$1,853,470</u>	<u>\$2,003,591</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$78,848 and \$70,729, respectively.

Right of Use Assets (Leases)	\$1,243,269	\$1,243,269
Accumulated Amortization	<u>(563,255)</u>	<u>(275,655)</u>
Net Right of Use Assets (Leases)	<u>\$ 680,014</u>	<u>\$ 967,614</u>

Note 6 - Leases

The Center began leasing a building from St. Francis Hospital which is across the street from the Center for \$2,947 per month. During this fiscal, the Center is leasing buildings in Shreveport and Crowley for \$3,598 per month and \$4,200 per month respectively. These are also twelve month leases. The Center also began leasing another office in Monroe for 3,300 per month which is also a twelve month lease. The Center is also leasing a building in Mississippi for \$2,867 per month. This is a three year lease.

The Center's operating leases are for building space. Through implementation of prior leases amounts recognized at July 1, 2023 related to ROU assets and related lease liabilities were approximately \$574,000. There was no significant impact to the 2024 statement of activities and changes in net assets as a result of the adoption of this standard.

At June 30, 2024, amounts recognized included ROU assets totaling \$930,135 and lease liabilities totaling \$699,696. Operating lease cost was \$275,655 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Under the prior lease standard, lease expense was \$258,870 for the year ended June 30, 2024. Other information related to leases is as follows at June 30, 2024:

Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 314,134
ROU assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	967,613
Amortization of ROU asset	287,299
Weighted average remaining lease term (years)	5.08
Weighted average discount rate	3.22%

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Note 6 - Leases

Operating lease liabilities under non-cancellable leases (excluding short-term) leases are as follows:

<u>Years Ending June 30,</u>	
2025	\$ 165,869
2026	165,714
2027	134,699
2028	103,216
2029	51,110
Thereafter	<u>139,324</u>
Total Lease Payments	\$ 759,932
Less: Interest	<u>(60,136)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 699,796</u>

Note 7 - Letters of Credit and Notes Payable

During the year the Center was extended a line of credit in the amount of \$1,250,000 at 9.0% interest per year. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Center owed \$20,000 and \$0, respectively, on the line of credit.

Note 8 - Deferred Revenue

Medicaid revenue received the last few days of the fiscal year is considered deferred revenue in the amount of \$4,603 and \$202,788, respectively. The revenue is in the billing system but not yet coded to revenue. This is a clearing account which is created because of the timing differences between the collection and recording of funds. The difference between the balance in each year is related to the increased efforts to reconcile the amounts collected to the amounts owed on the last day of the fiscal year.

Note 9 - Financial Instruments

Fair Values

The Center's financial instruments consist of cash, receivables, accounts payable and a line of credit. The carrying values of these instruments approximate their fair values.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Center has concentrated credit risk for cash by maintaining deposits in one bank. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, cash balance (bank balance) exceeded the federally insured limit by approximately \$0 and \$376,623. The Center has not experienced any loss on such deposits.

Collateralization Policy

The Center does not require collateral to support financial instruments subject to credit risk unless otherwise disclosed.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
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Note 10 - Disclosures About Concentrations

The Center receives the majority of its revenue in the form of Medicaid billing from the State of Louisiana for behavioral health services rendered by the Center. This billing is subject to review by the State, which could result in disallowed costs. Billing rates for services rendered could be changed from year to year. The rates are determined by Louisiana's Department of Health.

Note 11 - Liquidity and Availability of Resources

The organization's financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date for general expenditures are as follows:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 127,579
Grants Receivable	304,520
Other Receivables	80,000
Therapeutic Services Receivable	1,095,093
Payroll Retention Credit Receivable	<u>1,111,495</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,718,687</u>

None of the financial assets is subject to donor restrictions or contractual restrictions that make them unavailable within one year.

Note 12 - Prior Period Adjustment

During the year, the Center cleaned up old outstanding payables from the system that were no longer owed as of June 30, 2024. This resulted in an increase to Net Assets of \$6,862.

Note 13 - Subsequent Events

In accordance with ASC 855, the Center evaluated subsequent events through October 24, 2024, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grants/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	CFDA Number	Agency or Pass - Through Number	Expenditures
Department of Health and Human Services			
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	None	\$ 409,999
Department of Justice			
Passed Through the Louisiana			
Commission on Law Enforcement:			
Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA)	16.575	2021-VA-01/03/04 7270 *	237,539
Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA)	16.575	2022-VA-01/03/04 7799 *	213,807
Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA)	16.575	2021-VA-03/04/1 7148 *	10,083
Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA)	16.575	2022-VA-03/04 7455 *	21,750
Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA)	16.575	2022-VA-01/03/04 7495 *	82,337
Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA)	16.575	2021-VA-01/03/04 6852 *	58,922
Total			624,438
Office for Victims of Crime	16.575		* 106,602
Total Department of Justice			731,040
			\$ 1,141,039

1. General

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal award programs of the Center for Children and Families, Inc. All federal award programs received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards passed through other government agencies, are included on the schedule.

2. Basis of Accounting

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Center's financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

3. Relationship of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to the Primary Financial Statements

The following reconciliation is provided to help the reader of the Center's financial statements and supplementary information relate such information to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the year ended June 30, 2024.

*Denotes Major Federal Assistance Program.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (continued)

3. Relationship of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to the Primary Financial Statements
(continued)

CASA Program Services

Salaries	\$ 477,509
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	42,635
Advertising	5,648
Background Checks	6,221
Office Supplies & Expense	45,713
Utilities	8,667
Rent	51,925
Computer & Equipment	15,726
Dues	638
Audit	6,000
Fees & Licenses	389
Insurance	79,136
Travel/Meeting	18,144
	758,351
 <u>Total Expenditures Requested for Reimbursement</u>	 <u>\$ 758,351</u>

Reconciliation of Federal Expenditures to Total Program Expenditures:

Federal Grant Expenditures	\$ 409,999
State Portion of Grant Expenditures	374,224
General Operating Fund Expenditures	35,735
 <u>Total Grant Funds for CASA Program Services</u>	 <u>\$ 784,223</u>

De minimis Indirect Cost Rate - The Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**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**

Board of Directors
Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with 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 the Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Center's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine 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 the Center's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center'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 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 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Center’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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-01.

Organizations’ Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.’s response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Center’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 organization’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 organization’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



West Monroe, Louisiana
October 24, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Directors of
Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.
Monroe, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Center's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Center's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the Center complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 Center and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements related 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 each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Center's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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 Center's federal programs.

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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 Center'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Center's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Center'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 Center'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 Center's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, not 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 a 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.

Board of Directors of
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Monroe, Louisiana

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 that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

David M. Nault, CPA (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
October 24, 2024

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Summary of Auditor's Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.
2. No instances of material weaknesses or significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported.
3. One instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. was disclosed during the audit.
4. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance, relating to the audit of a major federal award program are reported.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. expresses an unmodified opinion.
6. There were no findings relative to major federal award programs for Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc.
7. The programs tested as major programs included:

<u>Program</u>	<u>CFDA No.</u>
Victims of Criminal Acts (VOCA)	16.575

8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. Southern Center for Children and Families, Inc. was determined to be a low-risk auditee.
10. No management letter was issued related to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Findings and Questioned Costs – Financial Statements Audit

2024-01 Employee Theft of Funds

Condition: During the year, it was discovered that the accountant of the Center, Tori Bayles, engaged in deliberate actions to misappropriate Organization funds. Actions include activities such as the unauthorized use of the bank debit card. Also, analysis of transaction records such as payroll checks and accounts payable checks showed multiple instances of unauthorized fund transfers to her personal account. Supporting documents, including transfer confirmations, were linked to the employee. Total amount of the theft was discovered to be approximately \$170,000 and the period of time is believed to be over the last five-six years.

Criteria: An effective set of internal controls must be maintained to ensure errors or irregularities (whether intentional or unintentional) would be discovered and addressed immediately upon their discovery.

Effect: By not maintaining and monitoring the effectiveness of the internal controls that are in place, errors or irregularities could occur, which also did not detect the theft in a timely manner. The former employee was able to circumvent existing controls.

Recommendation: Review and strengthen internal controls put in place by the Organization and should be monitored as to their effectiveness for approvals and authorizations to prevent future incidents of theft. Conduct training for employees on ethics and reporting suspicious activities. The process to initiate recovery procedures for the misappropriated funds should also occur.

Management's Corrective Action: Upon discovery of the employee theft by the accountant, CFCF contacted the fiscal auditor to verify employee theft. Once verified, the suspected employee was placed on administration leave while the internal investigation was complete. It was then determined that the suspected employee made unauthorized purchases using the company debit card and issued additional payroll checks to herself. It was also determined that the employee acted alone. The employee was then terminated. The CFO conducted a full revision of the internal controls. These controls were then reviewed by the Executive Team and approved by the Board of Directors. CFCF also filed a theft report with the Legislative Auditor and contacted all federal and state funding sources. CFCF also filed a police report with the city of Monroe which was referred to the Fourth Judicial District Attorney for prosecution and restitution. As of the date of this audit report, her trial is still pending in Fourth District Court. Based on the recommendation of the auditor, a training will be conducted to staff on ethics and the whistle blowing policy.

Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Programs

None

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Findings and Questioned Costs – Financial Statements Audit

None

Findings and Questioned Costs – Major Federal Award Programs

None

SOUTHERN CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO
AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Matthew Thornton CEO
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<i>Purpose:</i>		
Salary	\$	165,840
Benefits - Insurance		6,008
Travel Reimbursements		244
Total	\$	<u>172,092</u>

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Center for Children and Families and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Center for Children and Families (the Entity) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA), on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Center for Children and Families has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and related exceptions obtained are described in the attachment to this report.

We were engaged by the Center for Children and Families to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Center for Children and Families and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

David M. Hartt, CPA (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
October 24, 2024

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - iv. ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - v. ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - vi. ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - vii. ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - viii. ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
 - ix. ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
 - x. ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
 - xi. ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

- xii. ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Exceptions

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
 - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
 - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Exception

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection

location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Exceptions

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.*

Exceptions

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid

expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected

- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

8) *Contracts*

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
 - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

9) *Payroll and Personnel*

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions noted in the above procedures.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

These procedures not required for a not-for-profit.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

This section not applicable.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
 - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
 - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management. No exceptions were noted.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exceptions

These procedures not required for a not-for-profit, but there is a written policy in place preventing sexual harassment.