

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF
FRANKLIN GRANVILLE VANCE SMART START, INC.
HENDERSON, NORTH CAROLINA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To Board Members of
Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Henderson, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc., which comprise the Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting 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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc., 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 this 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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, 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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'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 20 and Schedule 5 on page 23 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 19, 21, and 22 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 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 April 3, 2024, on our consideration of Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, 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 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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Charlotte, North Carolina
April 3, 2024

Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Statement of Receipts, Expenditures, and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Receipts:			
State Awards and Contracts	\$ 1,720,668	\$ -	\$ 1,720,668
Federal Awards	578,674	7,168	585,842
Local Awards	16,000	-	16,000
Private Contributions	10,504	5,635	16,139
Special Fundraising Events	11,524	-	11,524
Interest and Investment Earnings	1,910	-	1,910
Sales Tax Refunds	12,165	-	12,165
Other Receipts	3,203	-	3,203
Total Receipts	<u>2,354,648</u>	<u>12,803</u>	<u>2,367,451</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:			
Satisfaction of Program Restrictions	17,618	(17,618)	-
	<u>2,372,266</u>	<u>(4,815)</u>	<u>2,367,451</u>
Expenditures:			
Programs:			
Child Care and Education Quality	491,692	-	491,692
Family Support	308,368	-	308,368
Health and Safety	140,677	-	140,677
NC Pre-K	1,049,967	-	1,049,967
Support:			
Management and General	275,883	-	275,883
Program Planning, Coordination and Evaluation	141,188	-	141,188
Other:			
Sales Tax Paid	10,992	-	10,992
Total Expenditures	<u>2,418,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,418,767</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Expenditures	(46,501)	(4,815)	(51,316)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>48,671</u>	<u>24,393</u>	<u>73,064</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,170</u>	<u>\$ 19,578</u>	<u>\$ 21,748</u>
Net Assets Consisted of:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 299,140	\$ 19,578	\$ 318,718
Refunds Due from Contractors	1,281	-	1,281
	300,421	19,578	319,999
Less: Due to State	298,039	-	298,039
Funds Held for Others	212	-	212
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,170</u>	<u>\$ 19,578</u>	<u>\$ 21,748</u>

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

Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Statement of Functional Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit B

	Total	Personnel	Contracted Services	Supplies and Materials	Other Operating Expenditures	Fixed Charges and Other Expenditures	Property and Equipment Outlay	Services/Contracts/Grants
Smart Start Fund:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 445,544	\$ 303,445	\$ -	\$ 10,945	\$ 56,180	\$ 21,831	\$ 2,514	\$ 50,629
Family Support	151,566	69,506	-	(66)	5,126	1,894	-	75,106
Health and Safety	41,708	36,807	-	39	3,508	1,354	-	-
NC Pre-K	161,684	25,576	-	13	2,183	1,619	-	132,293
	<u>800,502</u>	<u>435,334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,931</u>	<u>66,997</u>	<u>26,698</u>	<u>2,514</u>	<u>258,028</u>
Support:								
Management and General	270,910	209,841	3,436	3,162	25,889	20,719	7,863	-
Program Planning, Coordination and Evaluation	141,188	119,344	7,500	1,043	7,330	5,798	173	-
	<u>412,098</u>	<u>329,185</u>	<u>10,936</u>	<u>4,205</u>	<u>33,219</u>	<u>26,517</u>	<u>8,036</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Smart Start Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,212,600</u>	<u>\$ 764,519</u>	<u>\$ 10,936</u>	<u>\$ 15,136</u>	<u>\$ 100,216</u>	<u>\$ 53,215</u>	<u>\$ 10,550</u>	<u>\$ 258,028</u>
Other Funds:								
Programs:								
Child Care and Education Quality	\$ 46,148	\$ 28,486	\$ -	\$ 10,603	\$ 6,552	\$ 507	\$ -	\$ -
Family Support	156,802	95,209	-	3,090	40,023	7,321	-	11,159
Health and Safety	98,969	1,927	-	-	15	-	-	97,027
NC Pre-K	888,283	25,354	-	204	2,187	-	-	860,538
	<u>1,190,202</u>	<u>150,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,897</u>	<u>48,777</u>	<u>7,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>968,724</u>
Support:								
Management and General	4,973	-	205	640	4,008	120	-	-
Program Planning, Coordination and Evaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,973</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>640</u>	<u>4,008</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Other:								
Sales Tax Paid	10,992	-	-	10,992	-	-	-	-
	<u>10,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Funds Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,206,167</u>	<u>\$ 150,976</u>	<u>\$ 205</u>	<u>\$ 25,529</u>	<u>\$ 52,785</u>	<u>\$ 7,948</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 968,724</u>

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

FRANKLIN GRANVILLE VANCE SMART START, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Organization and Purpose - The Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc. (FGV Partnership) is a legally separate nonprofit organization incorporated on July 11, 1996. The FGV Partnership was established to develop and provide, through public and private means, early childhood education and developmental services for children and families. The FGV Partnership 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 The FGV Partnership'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. 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 - Modified Cash Basis 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 back 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. Funds Held for Others** - Funds Held for Others includes amounts received that are fiduciary in nature in which the FGV Partnership acts in an agency capacity. The FGV Partnership made all payroll-withholding disbursements prior to June 30; however, the Partnership is acting in an agency capacity for the FGV Child Care Provider Assoc. and the Franklin County LICC which had \$155 and \$57 respectively for a total of \$212.
- 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, the FGV Partnership is required by contract regulation to track and maintain property and equipment items as presented in Schedule 4 of this report. The FGV Partnership 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, 2023. Donated items are recorded on the property and equipment log at estimated fair market 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 9.
- J. Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the FGV Partnership 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 of Financial and Nonfinancial Assets - The FGV Partnership, 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, the FGV Partnership utilizes fair value on the date of the gift. Nonfinancial assets could be donated equipment, supplies, office space, or services. The FGV Partnership also benefits from donor volunteer hours which do not require special expertise, but which are nonetheless central to the FGV Partnership's operations. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the FGV Partnership 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, the FGV Partnership 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 Schedule 5 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. The FGV Partnership 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 the FGV Partnership are deposited with commercial banks and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 per bank.

Deposits over insured amounts subjects the FGV Partnership to a concentration of credit risk. At June 30, 2023, the FGV Partnership did not have any bank deposits not insured by FDIC.

NOTE 3 - FUNDING FROM GRANT AWARDS AND CONTRACTS

Smart Start Program - One of the FGV Partnership'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. (NCPC) 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 the FGV Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue.

Associated with these contracts, the FGV Partnership 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 contracts with and made payments to service providers selected by the FGV Partnership. These service provider contracts are not reflected on the accompanying financial statements. However, a summary of the service provider contracts entered into by DHHS is presented on Schedule 2 accompanying the financial statements.

The FGV Partnership was awarded and has received \$1,511,607 under a current year Smart Start contract with NCPC. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State. The FGV Partnership refunded \$298,039 of this contract to the State based on financial status reports submitted to NCPC subsequent to June 30, 2023. The FGV Partnership has also refunded \$968 in prior year contracts during the year ended June 30, 2023.

The FGV Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new Smart Start contracts with the State.

Child Care Health Consultant - The FGV Partnership was awarded \$180,678, received \$118,867, and expended \$98,853 under a prior year Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC) contract with NCPC. The FGV Partnership has also refunded \$119 in prior year contracts subsequent to June 30, 2023.

The FGV Partnership does not expect to receive continued funding through new CCHC contracts with NCPC.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library Expansion Program - The FGV Partnership was awarded \$32,000, received \$25,444, and expended \$32,000 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.

The FGV Partnership does not expect to receive continued funding through new DPIL contracts with NCPC.

NC Pre-K - The FGV Partnership received revenue and support from the State of North Carolina and DHHS 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 the FGV Partnership and represents a concentration of credit risk as to the generation of revenue. The FGV Partnership was awarded \$948,954, received \$816,066 and expended \$881,298 under a current year financial assistance contract. The unexpended balance of this contract is subject to reversion to the State based on receipts and expenditures recorded as of June 30, 2023.

The FGV Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new NC Pre-K contracts with the State and DHHS.

Adolescent Parenting Program - The FGV Partnership was awarded \$100,000, received and expended \$95,790 under prior year Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TiPPI) with DHHS. As allowed by program regulation, the unexpended balance of the current year contract is available to carry forward to the subsequent year.

The FGV Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new TiPPI contracts with DHHS.

Local Data-Informed Strategic Planning Preschool Development Grant - The FGV Partnership was awarded and received \$3,000, and expended \$0 under a current year Local Data-Informed Strategic Planning Preschool Development Grant (LDISP) with James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy Foundation (The Hunt Institute). As allowed by program regulation, the unexpended balance of the current year contract is available to carry forward to the subsequent year.

The FGV Partnership does not expect to receive continued funding through new LDISP contracts with The Hunt Institute.

Child Care Resource and Referral Program - The FGV Partnership was awarded \$33,500, received \$29,630, and expended \$31,678 under a current year Child Care Resource and Referral Program Grant (CCR&R) with the Child Care Services Association, Inc. (CCSA). The FGV Partnership received \$5,113 for a prior year contract during the year ended June 30, 2023.

The FGV Partnership expects to receive continued funding through new CCR&R contracts with CCSA.

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Service Provider Contracts with Board Member Organizations - The board members of the FGV Partnership are representative of various organizations that benefit from actions taken by the Board. It is the policy of the FGV Partnership that board members not be involved with decisions regarding organizations they represent. During the year, the FGV Partnership 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 into by DHHS with board member organizations for activities funded by the FGV Partnership's Smart Start allocation.

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 associated with quality enhancement and maintenance, child care resource and referral, accessing higher education (professional development), learning materials and teaching aids, and kindergarten transition.

Family Support - Used to account for service activities associated with teen parent/child programs, ongoing parenting education, general family support, community systems building and public awareness, and literacy projects.

Health and Safety - Used to account for service activities including child care health consultations and special needs – early intervention services/special education.

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

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, and daily practices of service delivery. Also, costs associated with monitoring 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.

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2023:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Operating Leases</u>
2024	\$ 49,963
2025	49,795
2026	<u>14,369</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 114,127</u>

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$48,730.

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN

IRC Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7) Plans - All permanent employees who are at least half-time can participate in tax sheltered annuity plans (Plans) created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7). The employee's eligible contributions, made through salary reduction agreements, are exempt from federal and State income taxes until the annuity is received or the contributions are withdrawn. These Plans are exclusively for employees of universities and certain charitable and other nonprofit organizations. All costs of administering and funding these Plans are the responsibility of the Plan participants. The FGV Partnership pays an annual administrative fee of \$600; all other costs are the responsibility of the employee.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The FGV Partnership 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. The FGV Partnership manages these various risks of loss as follows:

<u>Type of Loss</u>	<u>Method Managed</u>	<u>Risk of Loss Retained</u>
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 the FGV Partnership. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Compensated Absences - As a result of the FGV Partnership'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, 2023 is \$23,009. No funds or reservation of net assets has been made for this commitment.

NOTE 10 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS

A. Net Assets With Donor Restrictions - Net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2023 are restricted for the following purposes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Reach Out and Read	\$ 9,962
NC PreK (DCDEE)	4,050
Local Data Informed Planning Committee (G,V)	3,000
Vance County Safe Kids	2,113
Adolescent Parenting Program	195
Provider Recognition program	139
Child Care Health Consultant Program (NCPC)	119
	<u>\$ 19,578</u>

B. Net Assets Released From Donor Restrictions - Net assets were released from donor restrictions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 by incurring expenditures satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

Purpose	Amount
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Expansion (NCPC)	\$ 6,556
Vance County Safe Kids	5,107
Reach Out and Read	5,038
Dolly Parton Imagination Library (Private Fund)	500
Adolescent Parenting Program	417
	<u>\$ 17,618</u>

NOTE 11 - FINANCIAL ASSETS AVAILABLE TO MEET CASH NEEDS

The following reflects the FGV Partnership financial assets as of June 30, 2023 reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of June 30, 2023:

Financial assets at year-end	\$ 21,748
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)	<u>(19,578)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 2,170</u>

The FGV Partnership 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, the FGV Partnership 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 of June 30, 2023, the FGV Partnership did not have a board approved liquidity management policy. Currently, the Partnership's funds without donor restrictions are easily accessible and available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

NOTE 12 - INCOME TAXES

The FGV Partnership 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. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the FGV Partnership and has concluded that, as of June 30, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Income tax returns for 2020 through 2022 remain open to examination by the tax authorities.

NOTE 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The FGV Partnership has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between June 30, 2023 and April 3, 2024, 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, 2023 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, 2023.

This information is an integral part of the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Schedule of Contract and Grant Expenditures - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Schedule 1

Organization Name	Smart Start Funds		Other Funds	
	Amount Advanced	Refund Due	Amount Advanced	Refund Due
Organizations:				
ABC Adventures, Inc.	\$ 28,720	\$ -	\$ 129,951	\$ -
Bright Beginnings	4,205	-	-	-
Children's Ark Creative Learning Center	28,720	-	130,578	-
Community Fellowship Child Dev. Center	1,011	-	-	-
Cornerstone Christian Daycare	3,199	-	-	-
Dream World Academy	* 28,720	-	100,959	-
Franklin County Schools	* -	-	255,735	-
Franklinton UMC Daycare	6,844	-	-	-
FVW Opportunity, Inc.	* -	-	242,656	-
Granville County Schools	26,133	-	-	-
Granville Health System	-	-	96,927	-
Imagination Station	1,805	-	-	-
Kid World, Inc.	3,199	-	-	-
Kiddie Klubhouse	1,516	-	-	-
Little Explorer Academy	3,107	-	-	-
St. Paul Presbyterian Church Child Care	* 3,351	-	-	-
Vance County Schools	20,000	-	-	-
Vance Cty Coop Ext	72,173	1,281	500	-
VGCC Day Care Center - Vance	* 3,496	-	-	-
	<u>236,199</u>	<u>1,281</u>	<u>957,306</u>	<u>-</u>
Individuals:				
Accessing Higher Education Stipends	600	-	-	-
Adolescent Parenting Program Incentives	-	-	2,641	-
CCR&R Outdoor Learning Equipment	2,298	-	-	-
Kindergarten Transition Educational Mtls	2,617	-	-	-
LICC Parent Stipends	-	-	100	-
NC PreK LETRS Stipends	-	-	660	-
Quality Child Care Incentives	13,380	-	-	-
ROR Books	4,215	-	5,037	-
Safe Kids Carseats	-	-	2,980	-
	<u>23,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,418</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 259,309</u>	<u>\$ 1,281</u>	<u>\$ 968,724</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

See Independent Auditor's Report

Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Schedule of State Level Service Provider Contracts (Unaudited)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Schedule 2

Organization Name	DHHS Contracts
Child Care Services Association - WAGE\$	\$ 206,516
Department of Social Services Franklin County *	212,994
Department of Social Services Granville County *	199,478
Department of Social Services Vance County	442,329
	<u>\$ 1,061,317</u>

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.

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

Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Schedule of Federal and State Awards - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Schedule 3

Federal/State Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Contract Number	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Awards:				
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Administration for Children and Families				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (Current Year)	*	93.558	\$ 288,917	\$ 288,917
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Current Year)		93.575	14,971	14,971
COVID-19 - Child Care and Development Block Grant (ARPA) (Current Year)		93.575	29,554	25,505
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 (CCHC) (Prior Year)		93.575	20/21-0761	118,867
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass-through from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Public Health				
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (Prior Year)		93.558	43994	95,790
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 Hunt Institute				
Every Student Succeeds/Preschool Development Grants (Current Year)		93.434	N/A	3,000
United States Department of Health and Human Services				
Pass-through from Child Care Services Association, Inc.				
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Prior Year)		93.575	42265-FGV-22	5,113
Child Care and Development Block Grant (Current Year)		93.575	44144-FGV-23	29,630
Total Receipts and Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>585,842</u>	<u>555,714</u>
State Awards:				
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 (Prior Year)			(968)	(968)
Early Childhood Initiatives Program (Current Year)	*		1,213,568	1,213,568
Dolly Parton Imagination Library Expansion (Current Year)			25,444	32,000
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services				
Division of Child Development and Early Education				
NC Pre-K (Current Year)	*	43834	<u>482,624</u>	<u>551,905</u>
Total Receipts and Expenditures of State Awards			<u>1,720,668</u>	<u>1,796,505</u>
Total Receipts and Expenditures of Federal and State Awards			<u>\$ 2,306,510</u>	<u>\$ 2,352,219</u>

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

Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Schedule of Property and Equipment - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Schedule 4

Furniture and Noncomputer Equipment	\$ 17,312
Computer Equipment/Printers	32,603
Leasehold Improvements	24,523
Motor Vehicles	<u>14,945</u>
Total Property and Equipment	<u><u>\$ 89,383</u></u>

Note: 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.

Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Schedule of Qualifying Match (Non-GAAP) (Unaudited)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Schedule 5

Match Provided at the Partnership Level:

Cash	\$	48,652
Contributions of nonfinancial assets		<u>102,933</u>
	\$	<u><u>151,585</u></u>

Match Provided at the Contractor Level:

Cash	\$	8,955
Contributions of nonfinancial assets		<u>19,200</u>
	\$	<u><u>28,155</u></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, 2023, 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, 2023.

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
Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.
Henderson, 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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc. (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, 2023, 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 April 3, 2024.

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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'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 were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start, Inc.'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
April 3, 2024