

**ESSEX COUNTY
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020



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ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.

DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc.
Newark, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc. ("Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows 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 financial position of the Organization as of December 31, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Organization 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.

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 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 these financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these financial statements are available to be issued.



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Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 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, including omissions, 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 and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 these financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Organization'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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards on page 15, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 August 8, 2022, on our consideration of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 the 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 Organization's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Sobel & Co, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Livingston, New Jersey
August 8, 2022

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	December 31,	
	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 217,968	\$ 66,426
Grants receivable	208,293	189,817
Prepaid expenses	-	3,000
Property and equipment, net	-	4,816
	\$ 426,261	\$ 264,059
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 85,985	\$ 77,504
Deferred revenues	81,607	-
	167,592	77,504
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
NET ASSETS:		
Without donor restrictions	258,669	186,555
	\$ 426,261	\$ 264,059

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
(With Summarized, Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2020)

	2021			2020
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:				
Contributions and grants:				
Individuals	\$ 15,440	\$ -	\$ 15,440	\$ 22,067
Government grants	961,253	-	961,253	854,289
Corporate, foundation and trust grants	110,900	-	110,900	45,000
In-kind contributions	158,076	-	158,076	209,622
Special fundraising events, net of direct expenses of \$3,396 in 2021 and \$-0- in 2020	4,858	-	4,858	-
Interest income	71	-	71	190
Total Support and Revenue	1,250,598	-	1,250,598	1,131,168
EXPENSES:				
Program services	802,665	-	802,665	837,577
Supporting services:				
Management and general	330,129	-	330,129	307,443
Fundraising	45,690	-	45,690	42,307
Total Supporting Services	375,819	-	375,819	349,750
Total Expenses	1,178,484	-	1,178,484	1,187,327
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	72,114	-	72,114	(56,159)
NET ASSETS:				
Beginning of year	186,555	-	186,555	242,714
End of year	\$ 258,669	\$ -	\$ 258,669	\$ 186,555

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

(With Summarized, Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2020)

	2021					2020 Total	
	Supporting Services				Total		
	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Supporting Services			
Salaries	\$ 379,058	\$ 200,621	\$ 27,745	\$ 228,366	\$ 607,424	\$ 564,152	
Payroll taxes	29,605	15,669	2,167	17,836	47,441	45,552	
Employee benefits	69,856	26,888	2,638	29,526	99,382	56,291	
Professional fees	181,676	28,327	2,415	30,742	212,418	255,566	
In-kind expense	109,437	39,519	9,120	48,639	158,076	209,622	
Office expense	3,564	1,334	122	1,456	5,020	9,379	
Telephone	12,701	4,587	1,058	5,645	18,346	12,779	
Occupancy	-	5,507	-	5,507	5,507	6,058	
Postage and shipping	-	-	-	-	-	74	
Printing	158	57	31	88	246	213	
Travel	-	-	-	-	-	250	
Education	2,400	-	-	-	2,400	3,507	
Insurance	4,725	1,706	394	2,100	6,825	5,821	
Victims' aid	9,485	-	-	-	9,485	5,294	
Miscellaneous expense	-	1,098	-	1,098	1,098	946	
Total expenses before depreciation	802,665	325,313	45,690	371,003	1,173,668	1,175,504	
Depreciation	-	4,816	-	4,816	4,816	11,823	
Total Expenses	\$ 802,665	\$ 330,129	\$ 45,690	\$ 375,819	\$ 1,178,484	\$ 1,187,327	

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED FOR):		
<u>OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>		
Changes in net assets	\$ 72,114	\$ (56,159)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation	4,816	11,823
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	(18,476)	(6,285)
Prepaid expenses	3,000	-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,481	2,337
Deferred revenue	81,607	-
Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities	151,542	(48,284)
CASH:		
Beginning of year	66,426	114,710
End of year	\$ 217,968	\$ 66,426

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES:

Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc. ("Organization") is the first Family Justice Center in the state of New Jersey and was established in 2010 to provide accessible and coordinated services to victims of domestic violence. The Family Justice Center Model is designed to reduce the barriers and fragmentation of existing services and meet the diverse needs of victims by bringing government and nongovernment agencies together in one place. The U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, recognizes the Family Justice Center Model as a best practice in the field of domestic violence intervention and prevention.

The Organization's main revenue sources are government grants, grants from corporations, foundations, and trusts, and contributions from the general public.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Financial Statement Presentation:

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

Grants Receivable:

Grants receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Organization charges uncollectible grants receivable to operations when determined to be uncollectible based on historical trends. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, management determined an allowance for uncollectible grants receivable was not deemed necessary.

Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment is stated at cost on the date of acquisition, or fair value on the date of gift for donated assets. Significant additions, renewals, or betterments greater than \$2,500 are capitalized while replacements, maintenance, and repairs which do not improve or extend the life of an asset, are expensed.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Property and Equipment: (Continued)

Depreciation is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>	
Leasehold improvements	life of lease
Furniture and equipment	3-5 years

When assets are retired, or otherwise disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the change in net assets for the period.

Donated Services and Facilities:

Amounts are reported in the financial statements for voluntary donations of services when those services create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills provided by individuals possessing those skills, and which typically would be purchased if not provided by donation. Donated services are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The amount of donated security services for each of the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$44,680, and is included in in-kind contributions and in-kind expense on the statement of activities and changes in net assets, and statement of functional expenses, respectively. The Organization also regularly receives services from volunteers who are not acting in a professional capacity. Such volunteer services do not meet the criteria for financial statement recognition and are not included in the financial statements.

The Organization receives donated office space, used for its program services and administrative offices, and parking space from Essex County at two separate locations in Newark, New Jersey. Donated facilities are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The amount of donated office facilities for the each of the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 was \$113,396. Donated parking totaled \$51,546 for the year ended December 31, 2020. There was no donated parking recorded for the year ended December 31, 2021. Donated office space and parking are included in in-kind contributions and in-kind expense on the statement of activities and changes in net assets and statement of functional expenses, respectively.

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Revenue Recognition:

Contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or unconditionally pledged. Conditional contributions are not recognized until the conditions are substantially met or explicitly waived.

Contributions are recorded as revenue as either with or without donor restrictions according to donor stipulations that limit the use of these assets due to time or purpose restrictions. When a donor 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 activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions with restrictions that are met in the same reporting period as they are received are reported as unrestricted support.

Funds received from various federal, state and local agencies represent grants awarded to the Organization to provide program services. Revenue with respect to these awards is considered a conditional contribution and is not recognized until the conditions related to this revenue are substantially met. Funds received in advance of the conditions being satisfied are reported as deferred revenue in the statements of financial position. Amounts that are spent in accordance with contract requirements, but not yet received, are reported grants receivable in the statements of financial position.

Income Taxes:

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision has been made for federal or state income taxes.

The Organization follows accounting standards that provide clarification on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the Organization's financial statements. The guidance prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken, or expected to be taken, in a tax return, and also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosure and transition. The Organization's policy is to recognize interest and penalties on unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. No interest or penalties were recorded during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, there are no significant income tax uncertainties that are expected to have a material impact on the Organization's financial statements.

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (Continued)

Use of Estimates:

In preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the 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.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements:

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an accounting pronouncement, *Leases*, which requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with a term longer than 12 months. Under this new pronouncement, a modified retrospective transition approach or a cumulative-effect adjustment transition approach may be used, and the new standard is applied to all leases existing at the date of initial application. An entity may choose to use either (1) its effective date, or (2) the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements as its date of initial application. The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021. Earlier adoption is permitted subject to certain limitations. The Organization is currently evaluating the effect the provisions of this standard will have on its financial statements.

Summarized, Comparative Financial Information:

The financial statements include certain prior-year, summarized, comparative information in total but not by net asset class or functional area. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020, from which the summarized information was derived.

Subsequent Events:

The Organization has evaluated events subsequent to the statement of financial position date as of December 31, 2021 through August 8, 2022, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3 - GRANTS RECEIVABLE:

Grants receivable consist of the following:

	December 31, 2021	2020
New Jersey Victims' Assistance Grant	\$ 115,487	\$ 141,279
Improving Criminal Justice Responses Grant	59,540	14,816
Justice for Families Grant	8,722	9,882
Violence Against Women Act Grant	21,211	23,840
Safe House	3,333	-
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	\$ 208,293	\$ 189,817

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Property and equipment consists of the following:

	December 31, 2021	2020
Leasehold improvements	\$ 65,430	\$ 27,936
Furniture and equipment	27,936	65,430
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Less: Accumulated depreciation	93,366	93,366
Property and Equipment, Net	93,366	88,550
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	\$ -	\$ 4,816

NOTE 5 - LINE OF CREDIT:

The Organization had a revolving line of credit with a bank providing for maximum borrowings of \$75,000 through July 1, 2021. On August 9, 2021, the line of credit was increased to \$100,000 and extended through August 1, 2024. The line is secured by substantially all of the Organization's assets. Borrowings under the revolving line of credit bear interest at the bank's prime rate (5.25% at December 31, 2021). There were no outstanding borrowings against the line of credit as of December 31, 2021 or 2020.

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NOTE 6 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:

Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Certain categories of expenses are attributed to more than one program or supporting function and, therefore, require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include salaries, payroll taxes, employee benefits, professional fees related to information technology, in-kind expenses, office expenses, telephone, occupancy, printing, and insurance, which are allocated based on time and effort.

NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

Operating Leases:

The Organization had an operating lease for telephone equipment which expired in June 2021 and was not renewed. Rent expense under the lease totaled \$854 and \$2,016 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and is included in office expense on the statement of functional expenses. The Organization assumed ownership of the telephone equipment upon buyout in April 2021.

NOTE 8 - CONCENTRATIONS:

The Organization maintains cash balances at a financial institution. At times, cumulative balances may exceed the federally insured limit.

The Organization receives a large portion of its funding from various federal, state and local governmental agencies. The operations of the Organization are subject to the administrative directives, rules and regulations of federal, state and local regulatory agencies. Such administrative directives, rules and regulations are subject to changes that may occur because of inadequate funding with little notice to pay for the related costs, including the additional administrative burden, to comply with a change. A material reduction of such support could have a significant impact on the Organization's operations. Management, however, does not expect that its support will be materially reduced.

Approximately 77% and 76% of the Organization's total support and revenue for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, were from government agencies.

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 9 - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY:

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at December 31, 2021 and 2020, reduced by amounts not available for general use within one year of the statement of financial position date because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions or internal designations.

	December 31,	
	2021	2020
Cash	\$ 217,968	\$ 66,426
Grants receivable	208,293	189,817
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months	<u>\$ 426,261</u>	<u>\$ 256,243</u>

The Organization has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. The Organization also has a line of credit that is fully available for operating needs.

NOTE 10 - RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The Organization is actively monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and its potential impact on its employees, clients, volunteers, donors, and operations. It is not known at this time how much effect the virus will have on operations and/or financial results. The potential impact of COVID-19 is not foreseeable due to various uncertainties, including the severity of the disease, the duration of the outbreak, and further actions that may be taken by governmental authorities.

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Grantor Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	ALN Number	Grant Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women					
Justice for Families Program	16.021	2015-FJ-AX-0023	10/1/2015 - 9/30/2021	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 83,525
Improving Criminal Justice Responses Program	16.590	2016-WE-AX-0004	10/1/2016 - 9/30/2023	1,750,000	298,033
U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs					
NJ Department of Law and Public Safety					
STOP VAWA Grant Program	16.588	VAWA 69-19	7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021	42,161	18,249
STOP VAWA Grant Program	16.588	VAWA 52-20	7/1/2021-6/30/2022	45,000	21,211
					39,460
Competitive Victim Assistance Grant (VAG) Program	16.575	VAG-70-18	9/1/2019 - 8/31/2021	385,686	133,222
Competitive Victim Assistance Grant (VAG) Program	16.575	VAG-71-18	9/1/2019 - 8/31/2021	381,790	109,407
Competitive Victim Assistance Grant (VAG) Program	16.575	VAG-69-18	9/1/2019 - 8/31/2021	365,891	117,302
Competitive Victim Assistance Grant (VAG) Program	16.575	VAG-47-20	9/17/2021-8/31/2023	275,000	26,210
Competitive Victim Assistance Grant (VAG) Program	16.575	VAG-49-20	9/17/2021-8/31/2023	275,000	46,191
Competitive Victim Assistance Grant (VAG) Program	16.575	VAG-48-20	9/17/2021-8/31/2023	275,000	43,085
					475,417
Total Federal Awards				\$	896,435

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc. ("Organization") and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUBRECIPIENTS:

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Organization did not provide any funds relating to their federal or state programs to subrecipients.

NOTE 3 - INDIRECT COSTS:

The Organization elected to use the de minimis cost rate when allocating indirect costs to federal and state programs.

NOTE 4 - LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAMS:

As of December 31, 2021, the Organization did not have any loan or loan guarantee programs.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 the Board of Trustees
Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc.
Newark, New Jersey

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 of America, the financial statements of Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc. ("Organization"), (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2021, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 8, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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



Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organization'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 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 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sobel & Co, LLC".

Certified Public Accountants

Livingston, New Jersey
August 8, 2022

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

To the Board of Trustees
Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc.
Newark, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc.'s ("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 Organization's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2021. The Organization's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditors' Results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Organization 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 December 31, 2021.

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 *Government 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Auditors' 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 Organization'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 Organization'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 Organization'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 Organization'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 Organization's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or 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. 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 Auditors' 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.

Sobel & Co., LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Livingston, New Jersey
August 8, 2022

ESSEX COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, INC.
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

The auditors' report issued on the basic financial statements of Essex County Family Justice Center, Inc. was an unmodified opinion.

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes No
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? _____ Yes No
- Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes No

The auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs was an unmodified opinion.

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance? _____ Yes No

The following federal programs were designated as major programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
16.575	Competitive Victim Assistance Grant (VAG) Programs

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$ 750,000

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II. Summary of Auditors' Results (Continued)

Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? Yes No

III. Financial Statement Findings

NONE

IV. Compliance Findings

NONE

V. Follow-up of Prior Audit Findings

NONE