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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Request for Public Comments Concerning the Implementation and Management of Child Welfare Training for Which Federal Financial Participation Is Available Under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Children's Bureau, in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families administers the title IV-E training program which provides funds to States to assist with the training of public agency staff, foster and adoptive parents, and private agency staff. Federal financial participation (FFP) is available for a portion of the costs States

incur in the delivery of appropriate and approved child welfare training. The Children's Bureau plans to issue guidance clarifying current policy and regulations with respect to title IV-E training. The relevant regulations are at 45 CFR 235.63-.66(a), and 45 CFR 1356.60 (b) and (c). This notice invites public comment on issues and concerns which have been identified in the course of implementing and managing title IV-E training. These comments will help to inform the Children's Bureau in clarifying the existing policy and regulatory framework within which title IV-E operates and is administered.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before October 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments (preferably in duplicate) to Daniel H. Lewis, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel H. Lewis, Deputy Associated Commissioner, Children's Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013; 202-205-8618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With the enactment of Public Law 96-272, the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, the provisions for claiming Federal financial participation (FFP) in the costs of training under title IV-E were established. Over the past six years two policy documents have been developed by the Department to provide guidance on a number of title IV-E training issues. The issues which have been dealt with in these documents include: (1) clarification of the availability of Federal financial participation (FFP) for different types of training, certain categories of training recipients, and specific cost items based on interpretations of existing statutes and regulations; (2) differential treatment of direct and indirect costs for purposes of obtaining different levels of FFP; and (3) a restatement of the requirement for cost allocation in order to secure FFP.

Policy Announcement (PA) ACYF-90-01, dated June 14, 1990, explained the availability of 75 percent Federal financial participation (FFP), to the extent costs are allocable to title IV-E, for several types of training.

Information Memorandum ACF-IM-91-15, dated July 24, 1991, provided a background on the statutory and regulatory provisions providing for a 75 percent title IV-E training matching rate. It also reiterated the requirement to

allocate training costs among all benefitting programs.

In addition to these policy documents, the DHHS Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) has dealt with several title IV-E training issues relating to the applicable rate of FFP and the requirement for cost allocation in its Decisions 1214, 1422, and 1530.

Numerous issues have arisen in response to policy interpretations contained in the policy documents and DAB decisions cited above. As a result, the Children's Bureau plans to issue guidance clarifying current policy and regulations for the benefit of all parties who deal with the benefit from title IV-E training. This notice invites public comment on issues and concerns that have arisen in the course of implementing and managing title IV-E training. The Children's Bureau will address all relevant comments in clarifying the current policy and regulatory framework within which title IV-E operates and is administered.

Dated: August 8, 1996.

Olivia A. Golden,
Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Uniform requirements for four State grant programs authorized by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, i.e. Basic State Grant, Medical Neglect/Disabled Infants Grant, Children's Justice Act Grant and the Community Based Family Resource Program.

OMB No.: 0980-0257.

Description: The reports are used by NCCAN, the Regional Administrators and the States as a mechanism for monitoring the expenditure of funds and in evaluating and measuring State achievements in addressing the problems of child abuse and neglect. The reports are also used by NCCAN for the development of reliable comprehensive information and data from Statewide, regional and national perspectives upon which policy and program decisions may be based, research, service and demonstration priorities established, and information and recommendation provided to the Congress.

Respondents: State, Local and Tribal Govt.