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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Head Start Impact Study.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting comments on plans to

conduct the Head Start Impact Study. This study is being conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (with the Urban Institute, American Institutes for Research, and Decision Information Resources as their subcontractors) (#282-00-0022) to collect information for determining, on a national basis, how Head Start affects the school readiness of children participating in the program as compared to children not enrolled in Head Start and to determine under which conditions Head Start works best and for which children.

The Head Start Impact Study is a longitudinal study that will involve approximately 5,000-6,000 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across an estimated 75 nationally representative grantee/ delegate agencies (in communities where there are more eligible children and families than can be served by the program). The participating children will be randomly assigned to either a Head Start group (that receives Head Start program services) or a comparison group (that does not receive Head Start services but may enroll in other available services selected by their parents or be cared for at home). Data collection for the study began in fall 2002 and extends through spring 2006 with child assessments, conducted in the fall and spring of the Head Start

years and in the spring of the kindergarten and first grade years and parent interviews conducted in the fall and spring of each year. Interviews with teachers, care providers, and staff (setting interview), and quality of care assessments will be conducted each year. This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandate in Head Start's 1998 reauthorization (Coats Human Services Amendments of 1998, Pub. L. 05-285) that DHHS conduct research to determine, on a national level, the impact of Head Start on the children it serves.

A field test of instruments and procedures was conducted during fall 2001 and spring 2002. The field test involved approximately 450 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across eight grantee/ delegate agencies representing different community contexts.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Head Start Agencies, School Districts, and other child care providers.

Annual Burden Estimates: Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Impact Study—Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, and Spring 2006.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Year 1 (Fall 2002):				
Parent interviews	5,111	1	1.00	5,111
Child Assessments	5,111	1	0.9166	4,685
Year 1 (Spring 2003):				
Parent interviews	4,599	1	1.00	4,599
Father questionnaire	4,599	1	0.50	2,300
Child assessments	4,599	1	0.9166	4,216
Teacher provider ratings	966	5	0.0833	403
Center Directors/Principals Staff	368	1	0.25	92
Classroom teachers	736	1	0.50	368
Other care providers	230	1	0.50	115
Year 2 (Fall 2003):				
Parent interviews	4,139	1	1.00	4,139
Child assessments	2,287	1	0.9166	2,096
Year 2 (Spring 2004):				
Parent interviews	3,910	1	1.00	3,910
Child assessments	3,910	1	0.9166	3,584
Teach provider ratings	803	5	0.0833	335
Center directors/Principals/Staff	349	1	0.25	87
Classroom teachers	700	1	0.50	350
Other care providers	103	1	0.50	52
Year 3 (Fall 2004):				
Parent interviews	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Year 3 (Spring 2005):				
Parent interviews	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Child assessments	3,519	1	0.9166	3,226
Teacher ratings	704	5	0.0833	293
Principals/Staff	352	1	0.25	88
Classroom teachers	704	1	0.50	352
Year 4 (Fall 2005):				
Parent interviews	1,667	1	1.00	1,667

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Year (Spring 2006):				
Parent interviews	1,667	1	1.00	1,667
Child assessments	1,667	1	0.9166	1,528
Teacher ratings	333	5	0.0833	139
Principals/Staff	167	1	0.25	42
Classroom teachers	333	1	0.50	167
Annualized Totals:				
Year 1				21,889
Year 2				14,553
Year 3				10,997
Year 4				5,210
<i>Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours</i>				13,162

Note: The 13,745 Total Annual Burden Hours is based on an average of 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 estimated burden hours.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c)

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Court Improvement Program.

OMB No.: New.

Description: The Court Improvement Program provides grants to State court

systems to conduct assessments of their foster care and adoption laws and judicial processes, and to develop and implement a plan for system improvement. This Program Instruction (1) describes the requirements for states under the reauthorization of the Court Improvement Program; (2) outlines the programmatic and fiscal provisions and reporting requirements of the program; (3) specifies the application submittal and approval procedures for the program for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2006; and (4) identifies technical resources for use by State courts during the course of the program. This Program Instruction contains information collection requirements that are found in Public Law 103–66, as amended by Public Law 105–89 and Public Law 107–133, and pursuant to receiving a grant award. The information received will be used by the agency to ensure compliance with the statute and provide training and technical assistance to the grantees.

Respondents: State Courts.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Application	52	1	40	2,080
Annual Program Report	52	1	36	1,872
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				3,952

Additional Information

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer.

OMB Comment

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Attn: Desk Officer for ACF.