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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.

Dated: December 28, 2002.

Robert Sargis,

Report Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Youth	1,200	1.5	1	1,800
Caseworker	1,800	1.0	1	1,800
Program Admin/staff/extra youth	600	1.0	1	600
<i>Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours</i>	4,200

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Title: Evaluation of Independent Living Program Funded Under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-169) mandates evaluations of promising Independent Living Program administered by state and local child welfare agencies. The Administration for Children and Families proposes an evaluation of six Independent Living Program (ILP) over a five year period using a randomized experimental design. Youth aged 14-21 years receiving ILP services and their caseworkers will be interviewed at three points during the evaluation period. Program administrators, staff, and supplementary youth will also participate in interviews and focus groups conducted at each program site.

Respondents: Youth, caseworkers, and program administrators and staff.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Online Interstate Referral Guide.

OMB No.: 0970-0209.

Description: The IRG is an essential reference maintained by OCSE that provides states with an effective and efficient way of viewing and updating state profile, address, and FIPS code information by consolidating data available through numerous discrete sources into a single centralized, automated repository.

Respondents: State IV-D Child Support Programs.

Annual Burden Estimates