

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACF-196TT	32	4	8	1,024
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				1,024

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. E-mail: grjohnson@acf.hhs.gov. 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.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance, Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Deviation From Competition to Extend the 5-Year Cooperative Agreement Between the Head Start Bureau and the National Center for Family Literacy

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The five-year Cooperative Agreement between the Head Start Bureau and the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) expires September 28, 2004. The Head Start Act contains language requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to make available every year, at least \$3,000,000 to ensure that local Head Start programs receive training and technical assistance to help them provide high quality family literacy services. If the current Cooperative Agreement expires, the Department can not comply with the requirements of the Act. The Head Start Bureau intends to extend the current Cooperative Agreement with the National Center for Family Literacy for a period of one year (September 29, 2004–September 28, 2005), at a funding level of \$3,000,000.

The National Center for Family Literacy has been providing training and technical assistance to Head Start programs for the past five years. They have trained Head Start Family Literacy teams, consisting of administrators, supervisors and front line staff: those who deal with parents and children, and those who are responsible for distribution of resources within the programs. The training focuses on the areas of child development, parent education, helping programs to engage parents in working with their children, and adult education, and conducting them with sufficient intensity and duration to ensure positive outcomes. In addition, NCFL trainers provide on-site technical assistance to help programs implement family literacy services in their specific communities.

The NCFL has already developed training and technical assistance materials and protocols specifically designed to support Head Start programs as they implement family literacy services. Extending this cooperative agreement maintains the provision of training and technical assistance to local programs. Local programs would continue to receive services, and the Head Start Bureau would be assured that the full amount of money identified to provide support for family literacy services for this year would be spent in providing these

services, rather than in developing materials and protocols.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: September 12, 2004.

Frank Fuentes,

Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health. The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(9)(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. The applications and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health.

Date: September 22, 2004.

Time: 8:45 a.m. to adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate NIH Director's Pioneer Award applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 1, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (teleconference).

Contact Person: Shelly Pollard, Coordinator for the Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 5B64, Tel: 301/496-0959, Fax: 301/402-0395.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when