

government officials and elected officials. Broad participation is desired.

**Purpose:** The public meetings will address both regional and sector-specific priorities for research. During the morning session, stakeholders will be invited to speak for 3–5 minutes on an important occupational safety and health issue, including those that occur in multiple sectors. Where noted in the agenda, the afternoon session will focus on sector-specific problems facing the nation. Again, participants will be asked to make 3–5 minute presentations describing what they perceive to be the top concerns within their sector or sub-sector. Participants are encouraged to attend both the regional and sector-specific sessions, or they may elect to participate in only one session.

Types of occupational safety and health issues might include diseases, injuries, exposures, populations at risk, and needs of occupational safety and health systems. For example, falls from heights might be a top injury issue for the residential construction industry. Low back pain and related back disorders might be a top disease concern for the urban transit industry. If possible, please include as much information as might be useful for understanding the safety or health research priority you identify. Such information could include characterization of the frequency and severity with which the injury, illness, or hazardous exposure is occurring and of the factors you believe might be causing the health or safety issue. Input is also requested on the types of research that you believe might make a difference and the partners (*e.g.*, specific industry associations, labor organizations, research organizations, governmental agencies) who should be involved in forming research efforts and in solving the problem.

All presentations will be entered into the NORA Docket, which is maintained by NIOSH. All comments in the NORA Docket will be used to help shape sector-specific and related cross-sector research agendas for the nation.

These events are the first of several public meetings. Additional meetings will include April 18–20, 2006, in Washington, DC, for Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing; Healthcare and Social Assistance; Wholesale and Retail Trade; Manufacturing; Mining; Services; Regional Issues; and a summary session. Future **Federal Register** Notices will provide more information on these meetings.

Due to administrative issues that had to be resolved, the **Federal Register** notice is being published on short notice.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sid Soderholm, Ph.D., NORA Coordinator, (202) 401–0721.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may also be e-mailed to [niocindocket@cdc.gov](mailto:niocindocket@cdc.gov), or sent via postal mail to: Docket NIOSH–047, Robert A. Taft Laboratories (C–34), 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226.

Stakeholders are also invited to submit comments electronically at the NORA Web page: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora>. Comments submitted to the Web page by others can also be viewed there.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: November 30, 2005.

**Diane Allen,**

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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 Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES)

*OMB No.:* 0970–0151.

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is requesting comments on plans to collect data on a new cohort for the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES). This study is being conducted to collect information on Head Start performance measures under contract with Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (with Juarez and Associates and Educational Testing Service as their subcontractors) (contract #HHSP23320052905YC).

FACES will involve four waves of data collection. The first wave will

occur in fall 2006. Data will be collected on a sample of approximately 2,800 children and families from about 350 classrooms across 60 Head Start programs. Data collection will include assessments of Head Start children, interviews with their parents, and ratings by their Head Start teachers. Furthermore, site visitors will interview Head Start teachers and make observations of the types and quality of classroom activities.

The second wave in spring 2007 will be very similar to the fall 2006 data collection, except that we will not repeat interviews with the Head Start staff interviewed in the fall and will add an interview of the family services coordinator. The children in the second wave will be at the end of their first year of Head Start.

The third wave will occur in spring 2008 and will involve follow-ups with children who at this time are either completing a second year in Head Start or completing Kindergarten. For those children who are still attending Head Start, data collection will follow the same procedures as in spring 2007. For those children attending Kindergarten, data collection will include assessments of the children, an “update” survey of the information collection from the parent interview, and ratings of the children’s academic progress and school adjustment by Kindergarten teachers.

The fourth wave of data collection will occur in spring 2009. Children who attended Kindergarten the previous year will not be included in this wave. The procedures for this effort will be the same as for Kindergartens in spring 2008.

This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandates of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103–62), which requires that the Head Start Bureau move expeditiously toward development and testing of Head Start Performance Measures, and by the 1994 reauthorization of Head Start (Head Start Act, as amended, May 18, 1994, Section 649 (d)), which requires periodic assessments of Head Start’s quality and effectiveness.

*Respondents:* Federal Government, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions.

#### Annual Burden Estimates

Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES 2006)—Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
<b>Year 1 (2006)</b>				
Head Start Parent Interview .....	2,800	1	1.00	2,800
Head Start Child Assessment .....	2,800	1	0.66	1,848
Teacher Child Rating .....	350	8	0.25	700
Program Director Interview .....	60	1	1.00	60
Center Director Interview .....	120	1	1.00	120
Education Coordinator Interview .....	120	1	0.75	90
Teacher Interview .....	350	1	1.00	350
Year 1 Total .....	6,600	.....	.....	5,968
<b>Year 2 (2007)</b>				
Head Start Parent Interview .....	2,400	1	0.75	1,800
Head Start Child Assessment .....	2,400	1	0.66	1,584
Teacher Child Rating .....	350	6.75	0.25	591
Family Service Coordinator Interview .....	120	1	0.75	90
Year 2 Total .....	5,270	.....	.....	4,065
<b>Year 3 (2008)</b>				
Head Start Parent Interview .....	850	1	0.75	638
Head Start Child Assessment .....	850	1	0.66	561
Teacher Child Rating .....	175	4.5	0.25	197
Kindergarten Parent Interview .....	1,110	1	0.75	833
Kindergarten Child Assessment .....	1,110	1	0.75	833
Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire .....	1,110	1	0.50	555
Year 3 Total .....	5,205	.....	.....	3,615
<b>Year 4 (2009)</b>				
Kindergarten Parent Interview .....	725	1	0.75	544
Kindergarten Child Assessment .....	725	1	0.75	544
Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire .....	725	1	0.50	363
Year 4 Total .....	2,175	.....	.....	1,450

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:*  
15,101.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours (average of 4 years):* 3,775.

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 Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@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: November 30, 2005.

**Robert Sargis,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Administration for Children and Families**

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Field Test of Social-Emotional Measures and Modified Assessment Measures for the Head Start National Reporting System.

*OMB No.:* New Collection.

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is requesting comments on plans to conduct the Field Test of Social-Emotional Measures and Modified Assessment Measures for the Head Start National Reporting System (HSNRS). This field test is being conducted under contract with Westat (with subcontractors Xtria and Pearson Educational Measurement) (HHS23320052902YC) to examine new and modified measures for HSNRS.

#### **Purposes**

The purposes of the field test are to expand NSNRS's coverage of the domain elements of the Head Start Outcomes Framework and to improve the performance of the current HSNRS assessment battery. ACF has been urged to expand the coverage of NSNRS to include non-cognitive domains, in recognition of the "whole child" orientation of Head Start, in particular, social and emotional development. To that end, the Technical Work Group of HSNRS has discussed and reviewed potential measures of social-emotional