

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative Grantee Implementation Evaluation.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), in partnership with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and

Evaluation (ASPE), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is proposing an information collection activity as part of the Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative (HHMI) Grantee Implementation Evaluation study. The proposed information collection consists of two components: (1) semistructured interviews with key respondents involved with selected marriage education programs serving Hispanic couples and individuals; and (2) focus groups with Hispanic individuals and couples participating in selected marriage education programs or declining to participate in such programs. Through this information collection and other study activities,

ACF and ASPE seek to identify the unique cultural needs of Hispanic couples and families that have implications for the design and delivery of healthy marriage education services to Hispanics, recognizing their diversity with respect to country of origin, language, and level of acculturation, among other factors.

Respondents: Marriage education program directors and managers; staff responsible for outreach, recruitment and intake activities in marriage education programs; marriage education instructors; key persons in partner organizations; and Hispanic individuals and couples.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Program Staff Discussion Guide	81	1	2	162
Partners/Community Leaders Discussion Guide	54	1	2	108
Participant Focus Group Discussion Guide	180	1	1	180

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 450

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 Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address:

OPREinfocollection@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.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Project

Title: Evaluation of Pregnancy Prevention Approaches—Phase 1.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing a data collection activity as part of the Evaluation of Pregnancy Prevention Approaches study. This study will assess the effectiveness of a range of programs designed to prevent or reduce sexual risk behavior and pregnancy among older adolescents. Knowing what types of programs are effective will enhance programmatic decisions by policymakers and practitioners.

The proposed activity involves the collection of information from observations of program activities and interviews with a range of experts about various aspects of existing prevention programs and topics the experts view as important to address through evaluation. These data will be used to help enhance decisions about the types of programs to be evaluated in the study.

Respondents: Researchers and policy experts, program directors, program staff, or school administrators.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated annual burden hours
Discussion Guide for Use with Researchers and Policy Experts	100	1	1	100
Discussion Guide for Use with Program Directors	50	1	1	50
Discussion Guide for Use with Program Staff	100	1	1	100
Discussion Guide for Use with School Administrators	50	1	1	50

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES—Continued

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated annual burden hours
Activity Observation Guide	50	1	.75	38

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 338

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Evaluation of the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative Implementation Study.
OMB No.: 0970-0283.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is conducting a demonstration and evaluation called the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative (CHMI).

Demonstration programs have been funded through Child Support Enforcement waivers authorized under section 1115 of the Social Security Act to support healthy marriage, improve child well-being and increase the financial security of children. The objective of the evaluation is to: (1) Assess the implementation of community interventions designed to provide marriage education by examining the way the projects operate and by examining child support outcomes among low-income families in the community; and (2) evaluate the community impacts of these interventions on marital stability and satisfaction, child well-being and child

support outcomes among low-income families.

The purpose of this information collection is to continue to collect implementation data under the protocols previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OMB Approval No. 0970-0283. Primary data for the implementation evaluation will come from observations, interviews, focus groups and records. One-on-one and small group interviews with project staff and marriage education service providers in the community will provide a detailed understanding of the administration and operation of the demonstrations. Focus group discussions will provide insights into participants' perspectives on marriage education and their experiences with the CHMI interventions.

In addition to the implementation information collected under this request, an impact evaluation will be integrated with the implementation study and will assess the effects of healthy marriage initiatives by comparing family and child well-being outcomes in the CHMI communities with similar outcomes in comparison communities that are well matched to the project sites. Data from the implementation studies will provide the basis for the instrumental variable models of CHMI impacts to help determine direct or indirect exposure to marriage-related services. Baseline data collected under the impact evaluation has been approved by OMB (See OMB Approval No. 0970-0322).

Respondents: Lead Project Staff, Service Provider Organization Staff, Key Community, Civic Stakeholders, and Program Participants.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondents	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Administrative interviews	200	2	1	400
Small group interviews	25	1	1.6	40

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 440

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for

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