

1. Office of the Regional Directors (AD). See Chapter AD.  
 2. Office of External Affairs (ABC1). The Office of External Affairs (OEA) plays an important role in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) by developing, maintaining, and enhancing relationships with a wide range of national organizations and non-governmental stakeholders to promote an understanding of HHS policies and activities related to the ACA. OEA will keep external stakeholders abreast of key developments during implementation; solicit their feedback on policies and outreach; and tap into their collective ability to disseminate information to their colleagues and the public. OEA also will serve as an internal resource within the Administration by providing guidance and information on external stakeholder needs, environmental trends, and issues.

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**Kathleen Sebelius,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of

the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Daniel L. Holcomb, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov*.

Comments are invited 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) ways to enhance 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. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Formative Research to Support the Development of Sickle Cell Disease Educational Messages and Materials for the Division of Blood Disorders. New—National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

CDC seeks to improve the quality of life of people living with sickle cell disease (SCD). To accomplish this goal, CDC aims to address the need for educational messages and materials for adolescents, young adults, adults, and older adults living with SCD. CDC is interested in understanding the informational needs of these audiences related to the adoption of healthy behaviors and the prevention of complications associated with sickle cell disease. To develop valuable messages and materials, CDC will conduct formative focus groups with

people with SCD across the country. Participants will stem from four urban centers as well as more remote, rural areas. Based on the findings from the formative focus groups, CDC will develop and test draft messages.

A total of 10 focus groups will be conducted. Eight focus groups with people with SCD would be held in four cities: Atlanta, GA; Detroit, MI; Oakland, CA; and Philadelphia, PA. Two in-person focus groups—one with males and one with females—will be conducted in each city with each target audience: Adolescents aged 15-17, young adults aged 18-25, adults aged 26-35, and older adults 36 and over. To reach more rural participants, two telephone focus groups will be conducted: One with female adolescents aged 15-17 and a second with male older adults aged 36 and older.

The focus groups will be conducted with eight to nine participants in each and will last 2 hours. As part of the focus group, participants will complete an informed consent or adolescent assent form before discussion begins. The parents of the expected 27 adolescent participants (three groups of 9 each) will fill out a permission form to provide their consent in advance of the groups. The use of trained moderators and a structured moderator's guide will ensure that consistent data are collected across the groups. In total, up to 90 people with SCD will participate in the focus group data collection. It is estimated that 120 potential participants will need to be screened to reach the target of 90 participants. The estimated time per response for screening and recruitment is 12 minutes, for a total annualized burden of 204 hours.

This request is submitted to obtain OMB clearance for one year. There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

*Estimated Annualized Burden Hours*

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Parents of adolescents (aged 15-17) living with SCD. Young adults (aged 18-25) living with SCD. Adults (aged 26-35) living with SCD Older adults (aged 36+) living with SCD.	Participant Screener and Recruitment Script.	120	1	12/60	24
Adolescents (aged 15-17) living with SCD. Young adults (aged 18-25) living with SCD. Adults (aged 26-35) living with SCD	Focus Group Moderator's Guide .....	90	1	2	180

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Older adults (aged 36+) living with SCD.					
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204

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**Daniel L. Holcomb,**  
*Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Announcement of Grant Award**

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of the Award of an Assets for Independence Grant to the United Way of Abilene, Inc., Abilene, TX.

*CFDA Number:* 93.602.

**Statutory Authority:** Authorized under the Assets for Independence Act in Title IV of the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, Public Law 105-285, as amended.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Community Demonstration Programs announces the award of an Assets for Independence (AFI) demonstration grant to the United Way of Abilene, Inc. of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$126,974.

The purpose of this award is to enable the United Way of Abilene, Inc. to implement an Assets for Independence (AFI) project helping program participants save earned income in special-purpose, matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). Every dollar in savings deposited into an IDA by participants is matched, from \$1 to \$8 combined Federal and non-Federal funds, promoting savings and enabling participants to acquire a lasting economic asset. AFI project families use their IDA savings, including the matching funds, to achieve any of three objectives: Acquiring a first home; capitalizing a small business; or

enrolling in postsecondary education or training.

Additionally, the United Way of Abilene, Inc. provides basic financial management training and supportive services, such as financial education on owning and managing a bank account; credit counseling and repair; guidance in accessing refundable tax credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit; and specialized training in owning particular economic assets for the long term.

**DATES:** The project period for this award is November 1, 2011 through March 31, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Gatz, Program Manager, Assets for Independence, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 901 D Street, SW., 5th floor East, Washington, DC 20047. Telephone: 202-401-5284; E-mail: [james.gatz@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:james.gatz@acf.hhs.gov).

Dated: July 13, 2011.

**Lynda E. Perez,**  
*Acting Director, Division of Community Demonstration Programs, Office of Community Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation**

**AGENCY:** Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of ACF. The meeting will be open to the public.

*Name of Committee:* Advisory Committee for Head Start Research and Evaluation.

*General Function of Committee:* The Advisory Committee for Head Start Research and Evaluation will provide feedback on the published final report

for the Head Start Impact Study, offering interpretations of the findings, discussing implications for practice and policy, and providing recommendations on follow-up research, including additional analysis of the Head Start Impact Study data. The Committee will also be asked to provide recommendations to the Secretary regarding how to improve Head Start and other early childhood programs by enhancing the use of research-informed practices in early childhood. Finally, the Committee will be asked to provide recommendations on the overall Head Start research agenda, including—but not limited to—how the Head Start Impact Study fits within this agenda. The Committee will provide advice regarding future research efforts to inform HHS about how to guide the development and implementation of best practices in Head Start and other early childhood programs around the country.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 21-22, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, Phone: (703) 416-1600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Brooks, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, e-mail [jennifer.brooks@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:jennifer.brooks@acf.hhs.gov) or call (202) 205-8212.

*Agenda:* The Committee will review information on the federal and Early Head Start programs and the children and families they serve, and learn about the latest research in the area of health and mental health, cultural and linguistic responsiveness, and other topic areas related to early childhood education and development.

*Procedure:* Interested persons may present data, information or views, in writing, on issues pending before the Committee. Written submissions may be made to Jennifer Brooks at [jennifer.brooks@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:jennifer.brooks@acf.hhs.gov) on or before September 1, 2011. All written materials provided to the contact person will be shared with the Committee members.

ACF welcomes the attendance of the public at this advisory committee