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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Affordable Care Act Tribal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Annual Report. OMB No.: New.

Description

Section 511(b)(2)(A) of Title V of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 2951 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111–148, Affordable Care Act or ACA), authorizes the Secretary of HHS to award grants to Indian Tribes (or a consortium of Indian Tribes), Tribal Organizations, or Urban Indian Organizations to conduct an early childhood home visiting program.

The legislation sets aside 3 percent of the total ACA Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program appropriation (authorized in Section 511(j)) for grants to Tribal entities and requires that the Tribal grants, to the greatest extent practicable, be consistent with the requirements of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program grants to States and territories (authorized in Section 511(c)), and include (1) Conducting a needs assessment similar to the assessment required for all States under the legislation and (2) establishing quantifiable, measurable 3- and 5-year benchmarks consistent with the legislation.

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, in collaboration with the Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, has awarded grants for the Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Tribal Home Visiting). The Tribal Home Visiting grant awards support 5-year cooperative agreements to conduct community needs assessments, plan for and implement (in accordance with an Implementation Plan submitted at the end of Year 1) high-quality, culturally-relevant, evidence-based and promising home visiting programs in at-risk Tribal communities, and participate in research and evaluation activities to build the knowledge base on home visiting among Native populations.

In the Affordable Care Act Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Needs Assessment and Plan for Responding to Identified Needs (“Implementation Plan Guidance”) (OMB Control No. 0970–0389, Expiration Date 6/30/14), grantees were notified that in Years 2–5 of their grant they must comply with the requirement for submission of an Annual Report to the Secretary regarding the program and activities carried out under the program.

This Report Shall Address the Following

Home Visiting Program Goals and Objectives.

Implementation of Home Visiting Program in Targeted Community(ies).

Progress toward Meeting Legislatively Mandated Benchmark Requirements.

Research and Evaluation Update.

Home Visiting Program Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Efforts.

Administration of Home Visiting Program.

Technical Assistance Needs.

Respondents