

programs participating in classroom-level data collection will be contacted. All programs will be contacted a second time in fall 2021 to confirm their continued participation in the Core spring 2022 data collection. The programs from Region XI would be recruited a year earlier (*i.e.*, spring 2018) given the increased amount of time to recruit programs in tribal communities and to obtain tribal council and/or tribal leadership approval.

The method of data collection for recruitment of all programs will include telephone conversations with program directors and on-site coordinators who serve as liaisons between the FACES study team and the Head Start centers. In Region XI, an additional recruitment telephone call with tribal leadership/tribal council will be required. All of these calls will inform program staff about the purpose of the study and will gather lists of centers in each program

in order to compile the center sampling frame. The purpose of this data collection is to support the 2007 reauthorization of the Head Start program (Pub. L.110–134), which calls for periodic assessments of Head Start’s quality and effectiveness.

Respondents: Head Start Program Directors and Staff, as well as tribal leadership.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Telephone script and recruitment information collection for program directors, Regions I–X	230	77	3	1	231
Telephone script and recruitment information collection for program directors, Region XI	30	10	2	1	20
Telephone script and recruitment information collection for on-site coordinators, Regions I–X	230	77	3	.75	173
Telephone script and recruitment information collection for on-site coordinators, Regions XI	30	10	2	.75	15

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 439.

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, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. Email 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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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Pre-testing of Evaluation Data Collection Activities.
OMB No.: 0970–0355.
Description: The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew a generic clearance to pre-test data collection instruments with more than nine participants to identify and resolve any question or procedural problems in survey administration.

OPRE studies ACF programs, and the populations they serve, through rigorous research and evaluation projects. These include evaluations of existing programs, evaluations of innovative approaches to helping low-income children and families, research syntheses and descriptive and exploratory studies. To improve the

development of its research and evaluation surveys, OPRE uses the pre-testing of evaluation surveys generic clearance to employ a variety of techniques including cognitive and usability laboratory and field techniques, behavior coding, exploratory interviews, respondent debriefing questionnaires, split sample experiments, focus groups, and pilot studies/pre-tests. These activities allow OPRE to identify if and when a survey may be simplified for respondents, respondent burden may be reduced, and other possible improvements.

Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit a change request for each individual data collection activity under this generic clearance. Each request will include the individual instrument(s), a justification specific to the individual information collection, and any supplementary documents. OMB should review within 10 days of receiving each change request.

The information collected in this effort will not be the primary subject of any published ACF reports; however, information may be made public through methodological appendices or footnotes, reports on instrument development, instrument user guides, descriptions of respondent behavior, and other publications or presentations describing findings of methodological interest. When necessary, results will be labeled as exploratory in nature. The results of this pre-testing research may be prepared for presentation at

professional meetings or publication in professional journals.
Respondents: Participants in ACF programs being evaluated; participants

in ACF demonstrations; recipients of ACF Grants and individuals served by ACF Grantees; comparison group

members; and other relevant populations, such as individuals at risk of needing ACF services.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Survey development field tests, respondent debriefing questionnaires, cognitive interviews, split sample experiments, focus groups	3,825	1	1	3,825

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, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. Email 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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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).

OMB No.: 0970-0422.

Description: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection of information for public comment:

Title of Collection: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).

OMB Control Number: 0970-0422, expiration date February 28, 2018.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Title IV-E State, Local, and Tribal Child Welfare Agencies.

There have been no revisions to the existing AFCARS data collection found under federal regulations at 45 CFR 1355.40. The requirements for AFCARS being addressed by this notice are scheduled to end on September 30, 2019. ACF is requesting that OMB approve a three-year renewal to cover the period when States and IV-E Tribes must continue submitting the existing requirements.

On December 14, 2016, a new set of requirements (45 CFR 1355.41-44) for AFCARS reporting was published as a final rule and will go into effect on October 1, 2019. At that time, the requirements covered by this notice (45 CFR 1355.40) will be replaced by the new regulatory requirements. The requirements for the updated AFCARS requirements found in federal regulations at 45 CFR 1355.41-44 are covered by a different OMB control number (0970-0457) and are not addressed by this Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to this Notice, Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or update of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. In compliance with this requirement, ACF published a notice in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2017 and invited comment on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACF's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of ACF's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology for the existing AFCARS reporting that is required by States and Tribes.

ACF received 71 comment letters to the first notice. No substantive comments were received regarding the existing AFCARS data collection in 45 CFR 1355.40 under OMB Number 0970-0457. Instead, commenters provided feedback on the new AFCARS data