

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Court Improvement Program New Grants.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The President signed the Deficit Reduction act of 2005, Public Law 109-171, into law on February 8, 2006. The law authorizes and appropriates funds for two new grants under the Court Improvement Program

in title IV-B, section 438 of the Social Security Act. The highest State court in a State with an approved title IV-E plan is eligible to apply for either or both of the new grants. The new grants are for the purposes of: (1) Ensuring that the needs of children are met in a timely and complete manner through improved case tracking and analysis of child welfare cases and (2) training judges, attorneys, and other legal personnel in child welfare cases and conducting cross-training with child welfare agency staff and contractors.

The statute requires separate applications for these two new grants. The annual burden estimates below describe the estimated burden for each one of the new grants. ACF proposes to

collect information from the States about their work under these grants (applications, program reports) by way of a Program Instruction, which will be issued by June 1, 2006. This Program Instruction will describe the programmatic and fiscal provisions and reporting requirements for each of the grants, specify the application submittal and approval procedures for the grants for fiscal years 2006 through 2010, and identify technical resources for use by State courts during the course of the grants. The agency will use the information received to ensure compliance with the statute and provide training and technical assistance to the grantees.

Respondents: State Courts.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Application	52	1	40	2,080
Annual Program Report	52	1	36	1,872
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				3,952

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 can 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. 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: April 6, 2006.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Follow-up to the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being.

OMB No.: 0970-0202.

Description: The Department of Health and Human Services intends to collect data on a subset of children and families who have participated in the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW). The NSCAW was authorized under section 427 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. The survey began in November 1999 with a national sample of 5,501 children ages 0-14 who had been the subject of investigation by child Protective Services (CPS) during the baseline data collection period, which extended from November 1999 through

April 2000. Direct assessments and interviews were conducted with the children themselves, their primary caregivers, their caseworkers, and, for school-aged children, their teachers.

Follow-up data collections were conducted 12 months, 18 months, and 36 months post-baseline. The current data collection plan involves a subset of 950 children from the original sample who were ages 12 and older at baseline and who will be ages 18 and older at follow-up. This group will be in early adulthood, and this follow-up will allow for assessing the functioning and service utilization for this age group as they enter independent living situations. The youths will be interviewed with questions covering social, emotional and behavioral adjustment, living arrangements, employment, service needs, and service utilization.

The data collection for the follow-up will follow the same format as that used in previous rounds of data collection and will employ similar instruments to those used for adolescents who had moved into independent living status in previous rounds. Data from NSCAW are made available to the research community through licensing arrangements from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect, housed at Cornell University.

Respondents: 950 youths ages 18 and older.