

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Building Strong Families (BSF) Demonstration and Evaluation—Impact Study Second Follow-up.

*OMB No.:* 0970–0304.

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), anticipates continuing

data collection for the 15-month follow-up surveys of the Building Strong Families (BSF) Demonstration and Evaluation. Data collection will continue for an additional 6 months beyond the current date of expiration (July 31, 2009).

This data collection is a part of the BSF evaluation, which is an important opportunity to learn if well-designed interventions can help low-income couples develop the knowledge and relationship skills that research has shown are associated with healthy marriages. The BSF evaluation uses an experimental design that randomly

assigns couples who volunteer to participate in BSF programs to a program or control group.

Materials for the original 15-month data collection effort, previously submitted to OMB, covered impact and implementation data collections. Data collection for the impact study is complete. ACF anticipates collecting data for an additional 6 months in order to complete data collection for the entire sample of participants.

*Respondents:* Couples enrolled in the BSF evaluation, including program and control groups.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated annual burden hours
15-month telephone survey (female partner) .....	1,434	1	.91	1,305
15-month telephone survey (male partner) .....	1,434	1	.83	1,190

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,495

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPREReports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. *E-mail address:* [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

*OMB Comment:* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, *Fax:* 202–395–6974, *Attn:* Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Dated: February 6, 2009.

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Proposed Projects:*

*Title:* Grant Application Data Summary (GADS) Form.

*OMB No.:* 0970–0328.

*Description:* The purpose of this request is to obtain emergency OMB clearance of the Grant Application Data Summary (GADS) form so information collected from all FY09 ANA grant applicants (in March 2009) is accurate.

The GADS collects information from applicants seeking grants from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). ANA awards annual grants in nine competitive areas. Previously, ANA collected information using the GADS form for 4 competitive areas, not 9. The GADS form, which is part of the ANA discretionary grant application package, has been revised to comply with required changes made to the ANA FY09 Program Announcements (PAs). The PAs were changed to comply with a new policy established by ACF requiring that subcategories within a PA be broken down into a stand-alone PA. On 12/5/08, ANA published nine PAs to support this new requirement for separate PAs, it was necessary for ANA to change the GADS form to reflect the new PAs. Below are the changes to the GADS form: (please select relevant topic under one heading)

(1) Special Initiative: Family Preservation: Improving the Well-Being of Children Planning

Curriculum Development; Community Assessment; Develop a Family Preservation Strategic Plan

Please choose all relevant topics from the selection below:

Relationship and Marriage Education for Adults; Relationship and Marriage Education for Youth; Marriage Enrichment activities and services; Pre-marital education and marriage skills; Relationships Skills; Responsible Fatherhood or Parenting; Family preservation activities offered in a culturally appropriate and traditional manner; Absentee parent services, education and activities; Reduce child/infant abuse and neglect and family domestic violence; Needs of grandparents raising grandchildren; Foster Parent Training Family strengthening services to individuals with substance abuse issues; Public Advertising Campaigns; Research

(2) Special Initiative: Family Preservation: Improving the Well-Being of Children Implementation

Relationship & Marriage Education for Adults; Relationship & Marriage Education for Youth; Marriage Enrichment activities & services; Pre-marital education & marriage skills; Relationships Skills; Responsible Fatherhood; Parenting; Family preservation activities in a culturally appropriate & traditional manner; Absentee parent services, education & activities; Family Domestic Violence;