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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Cross-Site Evaluation of Children’s Bureau’s Child Welfare Technical Assistance Implementation Centers and National Child Welfare Resource Centers.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0377.

*Background and Brief Description:* The Cross-Site Evaluation of the Child Welfare Implementation Centers (ICs) and National Resource Centers (NRCs) is sponsored by the Children’s Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and involves the conduct of a multi-year cross-site evaluation that examines the service provision of the ICs’ and NRCs’

and the relation of their training and technical assistance activities to organizational and systems change in State and Tribal child welfare systems. Additionally, the evaluation examines the degree to which networking, collaboration, information sharing, adherence to common principles, and common messaging occurs across members of the Children’s Bureau Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Network, which is designed to improve child welfare systems and to support States and Tribes in achieving sustainable, systemic change that results in greater safety, permanency, and well-being for children, youth, and families. The Children’s Bureau desires to assess the quality and effectiveness of the technical assistance it supports, and several of these programs and projects are required to be evaluated, including those funded under Section 105 of The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 5106]. The Children’s Bureau T/TA Network is currently comprised of providers funded entirely or partially by the Children’s Bureau through grants, contracts, and interagency agreements.

The cross-site evaluation uses a mixed-method, longitudinal approach. Data collection methods that already have been employed are a longitudinal telephone survey of State and Tribal child welfare directors (or their designees), a web-based survey of State

and Tribal T/TA recipients, and aggregation of outputs from a web-based technical assistance tracking system (OneNet) that will continue to be used by the ICs and NRCs. A web-based survey also has been administered to members of the T/TA Network to assess their communication, coordination, and how they function as part of the Network. Data collected through these instruments are being used by the Children’s Bureau to evaluate the technical assistance delivered to State, local, Tribal, and other publicly administered or publicly supported child welfare agencies and family and juvenile courts. Extension of the follow-up data collection instruments beyond the June 30, 2013 expiration date is necessary so that the Children’s Bureau can assess the extent to which its T/TA providers achieve their key objectives and determine the outcomes of the T/TA from the perspective of States and Tribes, incorporating service utilization data from OneNet into these analyses.

*Respondents:* Respondents to two of the survey instruments will be State and Tribal governments. Respondents to the third survey will be private institutions, including universities, not-for-profit organizations, and private companies. Private institutions, including universities and not-for-profit organizations will be respondents to the forms in the OneNet tracking system.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Agency Results Survey .....	74	1	1.0	74.00
T/TA Activity Survey .....	160	3	0.25	120.00
Web-Based Network Survey .....	15	1	0.25	3.75
OneNet Form: General T/TA Event .....	17	11.8	0.25	50.00
OneNet Form: T/TA Request .....	13	12.31	0.40	64.00
OneNet Form: T/TA Assessment and Work Plan .....	13	6.2	0.28	22.568
OneNet Form: T/TA Activity .....	12	160	0.30	576.00
OneNet Form: Implementation Project Application .....	5	1.7	0.40	3.4
OneNet Form: Implementation Project Assessment and Work Plan ....	5	4.6	0.28	6.44
OneNet Form: Implementation Project T/TA Activity .....	5	600	0.30	900
OneNet Form: Implementation Project Monthly Report .....	5	36	0.17	30.60
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: .....	.....	.....	.....	1850.76

Overall, the estimated burden hours have decreased by 284 hours from the original submission (the estimated total annual burden hours were 2135.12). This difference is explained in part due to plans for fewer Network member organizations to complete subsequent surveys. Additional data fields have been added to four of the OneNet forms at the request of respondents, and a few questions on survey instruments have

been removed or revised. These minor changes did not increase the total annual burden hours.

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L’Enfant Promenade SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests

should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

*OMB Comment:* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection 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: 202-395-7245, Email:

OIRA\_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV, Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Title:* Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Multi-Component Evaluation—Data Collection Related to the Performance Analysis Study and the Impact and the In-depth Implementation Study.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0398

*Description:* The Office of Data Analysis, Research, and Evaluation (HHS/ACF/ACYF/ODARE) in the Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) and the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (HHS/ACF/OPRE) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) propose a data collection activity as part of the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Multi-Component Evaluation. The goals of the PREP Multi-Component Evaluation are to

document how PREP programs are designed and implemented in the field, collect performance measure data for PREP programs, and assess the effectiveness of selected PREP-funded programs.

The PREP Multi-Component Evaluation contains three components: the “Design and Implementation Study,” the “Performance Analysis Study,” and the “Impact and In-Depth Implementation Study.” This notice is specific to data collection activities for both the Performance Analysis Study and the Impact and In-Depth Implementation Study.

The Performance Analysis Study component entails the development of performance measures and collection and analysis of performance measure data from PREP and Competitive PREP (CPREP) grantees. Data will be used to determine if PREP and CPREP grantees are meeting performance benchmarks related to the program’s mission and priorities.

The Impact and In-depth Study component entails separate random assignment impact analyses accompanied by in-depth implementation analyses of four-to-five specific PREP-funded programs. The Impact and In-Depth Implementation Study will expand available evidence on whether the replication of evidence-based programs, or the substantial incorporation of elements of these programs, funded as part of PREP, are effective at delaying sexual activity, increasing condom or contraceptive use for sexually active youth, or reducing pregnancy among youth.

A description of the activities proposed follows:

**Performance Analysis—CPREP Performance Measure Data Collection:** Performance measurement data collection instruments will be administered to individuals representing CPREP grantees, CPREP program facilitators, other CPREP program staff, and CPREP program participants.

**Impact Analysis—Follow-up Instruments:** Two follow-up surveys (one at approximately 6 months post-program and one at approximately 12–24 months post-program) will be administered to study participants. Statistical analyses will be performed with these data to determine program effects.

**Impact Analysis—Administrative Data Collection:** Data will also be collected from administrative records (e.g. school or state agency data bases) and used to determine program effects.

**In-depth Implementation Analysis—Implementation Instruments:** Site visits will be conducted at two to three points during the program implementation period. During these site visits, in-person interviews, focus groups, and a web survey of program staff will be conducted. Data collected through these activities will provide an understanding of the selected programs’ implementation and context and will allow for a description of each program and the treatment-control contrast to be evaluated in each site. Data will also help in interpreting impact findings.

**Respondents:** Program applicants (i.e., adolescents); Data managers (e.g., at schools or state agencies); Program administrators and staff; Participating youth; and Community members.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total burden hours	Estimated annual burden hours
<b>Performance Analysis: Competitive PREP Performance Measure Data Collection</b>					
Participant entry survey .....	60,420	1	.08333	5,035	1,678
Participant exit survey .....	48,336	1	.16667	8,056	2,685
Performance reporting system data form .....	111	1	30	3,330	1,110
Implementation site data collection .....	900	1	14	12,600	4,200
Estimated Annual Burden—Subtotal for Performance Measure Data Collection .....					9,673
<b>Impact Analysis: Follow-up Instruments</b>					
First follow-up survey with program applicants .....	4,800	1	0.75	3,600	1,200
Second follow-up survey with program applicants .....	2,250	1	0.75	1,688	563
Estimated Annual Burden—Sub-total for Follow-up Instruments .....					1,763