

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* National Study of Title IV–E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstrations.  
*OMB No.:* New Collection.

*Description:* The National Study of the Title IV–E Child Welfare Waiver Demonstrations 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 cross-site study of jurisdictions (referred to as waiver jurisdictions) approved to operate demonstrations authorized by section 1130 of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act, Public Law 112–34. The demonstrations involve waivers of certain provisions of the foster care program authorized by title IV–E of the Social Security Act. Child welfare agencies in waiver jurisdictions are operating demonstrations to implement a variety of programs and interventions that serve children and families in an effort to improve their safety, permanency, and well-being. Each waiver jurisdiction is required to conduct a third-party evaluation of its demonstration. The National Study will examine the extent to which safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes have improved for children and families; the characteristics of waiver jurisdictions where improvements in outcomes have occurred; expenditure patterns and the types of activities for

which waiver jurisdictions have increased funding; and the extent to which waiver jurisdictions have experienced practice and systems-level changes.

The National Study uses a mixed-method approach to examine 25 waiver jurisdictions (including 23 states, the District of Columbia and one tribal government) with Terms and Conditions approved in Federal Fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014. Proposed data collection methods are two topically-focused telephone surveys: (a) A telephone survey of waiver jurisdiction representatives and evaluators who are focused on measuring well-being, and (b) a second telephone survey of waiver jurisdiction representatives and evaluators that is focused on understanding practice and systems-level changes within child welfare service systems. Also proposed is a Web-based survey of waiver jurisdiction representatives and evaluators that will look more broadly at the implementation of waiver demonstrations and corresponding changes in child welfare policy, practice, and financing. Two sampling survey forms are being proposed to collect the necessary contact information for respondents to the Web-based survey and the telephone survey focused on understanding practice and systems-level changes within child welfare service systems. Data collected through these instruments will be used by the Children’s Bureau to gain an understanding of the jurisdictions’ collective experience with implementing their demonstrations.

*Respondents:* The respondents to the Web-Based Survey will be a purposive sample of an estimated 250 waiver

jurisdiction representatives and evaluators drawn from the 25 waiver jurisdictions with waiver demonstration projects (Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Washington DC, West Virginia, Wisconsin). The respondents will be identified by the 25 jurisdiction demonstration project leaders using the Web-Based Survey Sampling Form. The Web-Based Survey Sampling Form and the Web-Based Survey will be administered once during the National Study. The respondents to the Measuring Well-Being telephone survey will be a census sample of the 23 evaluators identified from the 23 waiver jurisdictions who are involved with the assessment of child and family well-being in their waiver jurisdictions. The Measuring Well-Being telephone survey will be administered once during the National Study. The respondents to the Practice and Systems-Level Change telephone survey will be a purposive sample of 60 respondents identified from 14 waiver jurisdictions who are knowledgeable about practice, policy, and organizational changes in their respective waiver jurisdictions. The respondents will be identified by the 14 jurisdiction demonstration project leaders using the Practice- and Systems-Level Change Survey Sampling Form. The Practice- and Systems-Level Change Survey Sampling Form and the Practice and Systems-Level Change telephone survey will be administered once during the National Study.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Web-Based Survey Sampling Form .....	25	1	0.33	8.25
Web-Based Survey .....	250	1	0.33	82.5
Measuring Well-Being Telephone Survey .....	23	1	1	23
Practice- and Systems-Level Change Survey Sampling Form .....	14	1	0.25	3.5
Practice- and Systems-Level Change Telephone Survey .....	60	1	1	60

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 177.25.

*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, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20201. Attention 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 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, Email: [OIRA\\_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto: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**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), Annual Progress and Services Review (APSR), and Annual Budget Expenses Request and Estimated Expenditures (CFS-101)

*OMB No.:* 0970-0426

*Description:* Under title IV-B, subparts 1 and 2, of the Social Security Act (the Act), States, Territories, and Tribes are required to submit a Child

and Family Services Plan (CFSP). The CFSP lays the groundwork for a system of coordinated, integrated, and culturally relevant family services for the subsequent five years (45 CFR 1357.15(a)(1)). The CFSP outlines initiatives and activities the State, Tribe or territory will carry out in administering programs and services to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families, including, as applicable, those activities conducted under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (Section 477 of the Act) and the State grant authorized by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. By June 30 of each year, States, Territories, and Tribes are also required to submit an Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR) and a financial report called the CFS-101. The APSR is a yearly report that discusses progress made by a State, Territory or Tribe in accomplishing the goals and objectives cited in its CFSP (45 CFR 1357.16(a)). The APSR contains new and updated information about service needs and organizational

capacities throughout the five-year plan period. The CFS-101 has three parts. Part I is an annual budget request for the upcoming fiscal year. Part II includes a summary of planned expenditures by program area for the upcoming fiscal year, the estimated number of individuals or families to be served, and the geographical service area. Part III includes actual expenditures by program area, numbers of families and individuals served by program area, and the geographic areas served for the last complete fiscal year.

*Respondents:* States, Territories, and Tribes must complete the CFSP, APSR, and CFS-101. Tribes and territories are exempted from the monthly caseworker visits reporting requirement of the CFSP/APSR. There are approximately 189 Tribal entities that currently receive IV-B funding. There are 53 States (including Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands) that must complete the CFSP, APSR, and CFS-101. There are a total of 242 possible respondents.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
APSR .....	242	1	80	19,360
CFSP .....	242	1	120.25	29,100.50
CFS-101, Parts I, II, and III .....	242	1	5	1,210
Caseworker Visits .....	53	1	99.33	5,264.49

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 54,934.99

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(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 Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20202; Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto: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 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 Community Living**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program National Beneficiary Survey**

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing that the proposed collection of information listed above has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by December 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information by fax 202-395-5806 or by email to