ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES—CURRENT INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hour per response	Estimated annual burden hours
Classroom sampling form from Head Start staff	360	120	1	0.17	20
Head Start core teacher survey	720	240	1	0.50	120
Head Start core program director survey	180	60	1	0.50	30
Head Start core center director survey	360	120	1	0.42	50
Early care and education administrators survey for Plus study (Head Start Program Performance Standards)	540	180	1	0.08	14
Early care and education providers survey for Plus study (5E—Early Ed)	720	240	1	0.17	41
Total					275

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, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. Email address: *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: *OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV*, *Attn:* Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

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ACF/OPRE Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Requested

Title: RPG National Cross-Site Evaluation and Evaluation Technical Assistance.

OMB No.: 0970–0444.

Description: The Children's Bureau within the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services seeks a renewal of clearance to collect information for the Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-being of and to Improve Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Substance Abuse Cross-Site Evaluation and Evaluation-Related Technical Assistance and Data Collection Support for Regional Partnership Grant Program Round Three Sites or ''RPG'' projects. Under RPG, the Children's Bureau has issued 21 grants to organizations such as child welfare or substance abuse treatment providers or family court systems to develop interagency collaborations and integration of programs, activities, and services designed to increase well-being, improve permanency, and enhance the safety of children who are in an out-of-home placement or are at risk of being placed in out-of-home care as a result of a parent's or caretaker's substance use dependence. The Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Pub. L. 112–34) includes a targeted grants program (section 437(f) of the Social Security Act) that directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to reserve a specified portion of the appropriation for these Regional Partnership Grants, to be used to improve the well-being of children affected by substance abuse. The overall objective of the Cross-Site Evaluation and Technical Assistance projects (the RPG Cross-Site Evaluation) is to plan, develop, and implement a rigorous national cross-site evaluation of the RPG Grant Program, provide legislatively-mandated performance measurement, furnish evaluation-related technical assistance to the grantees in order to improve the quality and rigor of their local evaluations, and support their participation in the cross-site evaluation. The project will evaluate the programs and activities conducted through the RPG Program. The evaluation is being undertaken by the Children's Bureau and its contractor Mathematica Policy Research. The evaluation is being implemented by Mathematica Policy Research and its subcontractors, WRMA, Inc., and Synergy Enterprises.

The RPG Cross-Site Evaluation includes the following components:

1. *Implementation and Partnership Study.* The RPG cross-site implementation and partnership study will contribute to building the knowledge base about effective implementation strategies by examining the process of implementation in the 21 RPG projects, with a focus on factors shown in the research literature to be associated with quality implementation of evidence-based programs. This component of the study describes the RPG projects' target populations, selected interventions and their fit with the target populations, inputs to implementation, and actual services provided (including dosage, duration, content, adherence to curricula, and participant responsiveness). It examines the key attributes of the regional partnerships that grantees develop (for example, partnerships among child welfare and substance abuse treatment providers, social services, and family courts). It describes the characteristics and roles of the partner organizations, the extent of coordination and collaboration, and their potential to sustain the partnerships after the grant ends. Key data collection activities of the implementation and partnership study are: (1) Conducting site visits during which researchers interview RPG program directors, managers, supervisors, and frontline staff who work directly with families; (2) administering a survey to frontline staff involved in providing direct services to children, adults, and families; (3) asking grantees to provide information about implementation and their partnerships as part of their federally required semi-annual progress reports; (4) obtaining service use data from grantees, enrollment date and demographics of enrollees, exit date and reason, and

service participation, which are entered into a web-based system operated by Mathematica Policy Research and its subcontractors; and (5) administering a survey to representatives of the partner organizations.

2. Outcomes Study. The goal of the outcomes study is to describe the changes that occur in children and families who participate in the RPG programs. This study will describe participant outcomes in five domains: (1) Child well-being, (2) family functioning/stability, (3) adult recovery from substance use disorder, (4) child permanency, and (5) child safety. Two main types of outcome data will be used—both of which are being collected by RPG grantees: (1) Administrative child welfare and adult substance abuse treatment records and (2) standardized instruments administered to the parents and/or caregivers. The Children's Bureau is requiring grantees to obtain and report specified administrative records, and to use a prescribed set of standardized instruments. Grantees will provide these data to the cross-site evaluation team twice a year by uploading them to a data system operated by Mathematica Policy Research and its subcontractors.

3. Impact Study. The goal of the impact study is to assess the impact of the RPG interventions on child, adult, and family outcomes by comparing outcomes for people enrolled in RPG services to those in comparison groups, such as people who do not receive RPG services or receive only a subset of the services. The impact study will use demographic and outcome data on both program (treatment) and comparison groups from a subset of grantees with appropriate local evaluation designs such as randomized controlled trials or strong quasi-experimental designs; 5 of the 21 grantees have such designs. Site-specific impacts will be estimated for these seven grantees. Aggregated impact estimates will be created by pooling impact estimates across appropriate sites to obtain a more powerful summary of the effectiveness of RPG interventions.

In addition to conducting local evaluations and participating in the RPG Cross-Site Evaluation, the RPG grantees are legislatively required to report performance indicators aligned with their proposed program strategies and activities. A key strategy of the RPG Cross-Site Evaluation is to minimize burden on the grantees by ensuring that the cross-site evaluation, which includes all grantees in a study that collects data to report on implementation, the partnerships, and participant characteristics and outcomes, fully meets the need for performance reporting. Thus, rather than collecting separate evaluation and performance indicator data, the grantees need only participate in the cross-site evaluation. In addition, using the standardized instruments that the Children's Bureau has specified will ensure that grantees have valid and reliable data on child and family outcomes for their local evaluations. The inclusion of an impact study conducted on a subset of grantees with rigorous designs will also provide the Children's Bureau, Congress, grantees, providers, and researchers with information about the effectiveness of RPG programs.

A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice was published for this study on June 24, 2016. This 30-day **Federal Register** Notice covers the following data collection activities: (1) The site visits with grantees; (2) the web-based survey of frontline staff who provide direct services to children, adults, and families, and their supervisors; (3) the semi-annual progress reports; (4) enrollment and service data provided by grantees; (5) the web-based survey of grantee partners; and (6) outcome data provided by grantees.

Respondents. Respondents include grantee staff or contractors (such as local evaluators) and partner staff. Specific types of respondents and the expected number per data collection effort are noted in the burden table below.

Annual burden estimates. The following instruments are proposed for public comment under this 30-day **Federal Register** Notice. Burden for all components is annualized over three years.

RPG Cross-Site Evaluation Annualized Burden Estimates

Data collection activity	Total number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response (in hours)	Estimatedtotal burden hours	Total annual burden hours
Implementation and Partnership Study					
Program director individual interview	4	1	2	8	2.67
Program manager/supervisor group interview	36	1	2	72	24
Program manager/supervisor individual interviews	24	1	1	24	8
Frontline staff individual interviews	24	1	1	24	8
Semi-annual progress reports	21	6	16.5	2,079	693
Case enrollment data	63	90	0.25	1,417.5	472.5
Service log entries	126	2,340	0.05	14,742	4,914
Staff survey	80	1	0.42	33.6	11.2
Partner survey	80	1	0.33	26.4	8.8
Data Entry for Outcomes Study					
Administrative Data:					
Obtain access to administrative data	21	2	18	378	126
Report administrative data	21	6	144	18,144	6,048
Standardized instruments:					
Enter data into local database	21	6	112.5	14,175	4,725
Review records and submit	21	6	100	12,600	4,200
Additional Data Entry for Impact Study					
Data entry for comparison study sites (7 grantees)	5	1	.25	1,085	361.6
Estimated Total Burden Hours					21,602.77

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Children's Bureau within 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 Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, 330 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20416, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. Email address: *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.* All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice To Establish an Exempt System of Records

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice to establish an exempt system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) proposes to establish a new system of records, to be numbered and titled: SORN 09–25–0225 ''NIH Electronic Research Administration (eRA) Records, HHS/NIH/OD/OER,'' which will be related to, but separate from, the system of records covered in SORN 09–25–0036 ''NIH Extramural Awards and Chartered Advisory Committee (IMPAC II), Contract Information (DCIS), and Cooperative Agreement Information, HHS/NIH.'' The new system of records will cover records used by NIH throughout the research and development award lifecycle, from application to scientific peer review, post-award monitoring, and close-out.

Elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, NIH has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) proposing to exempt confidential source-identifying material in the new system of records (*i.e.,* material that would inappropriately reveal the identities of referees who provide letters of recommendation and peer reviewers who provide written evaluative input and recommendations to NIH about particular funding applications under an express promise by the government that their identities in association with the written work products they authored and provided to the government will be kept confidential) from certain requirements of the Privacy Act, specifically, from the provisions pertaining to providing an accounting of disclosures, access and amendment and notification. The exemptions and the promises of confidentiality are necessary to protect the integrity of NIH extramural peer review and award processes and ensure that NIH efforts to obtain accurate and objective assessments and evaluations of funding applications from referees and peer reviewers is not hindered. The exemptions will become effective when NIH publishes a Final Rule, which will not occur until the 60-day comment period provided in the NPRM has expired and any comments received on the NPRM (or on this System of Records Notice) have been addressed.

DATES: The comment period for this System of Records Notice (SORN) is co-extensive with the 60-day comment period provided in the NPRM; *i.e.,* written comments on the SORN should be submitted within 60 days from today's publication date. The new system, including the routine uses and the exemptions, will become effective when NIH publishes a Final Rule, which will not occur until the 60-day comment period provided in the NPRM has expired and any comments received on the NPRM (or on this SORN) have been addressed.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the Privacy Act System of Records Number (09–25–0225), by any of the following methods: Email: *privacy@mail.nih.gov* and include PA SOR number (09–25–0225) in the subject line of the message. Phone: (301) 402–6201. Fax: (301) 402–0169. Mail or hand-delivery: NIH Privacy Act Officer, Office of Management Assessment, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 601, MSC 7669, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Comments received will be available for public inspection at this same address from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Please call 301–496–4606 for an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NIH Privacy Act Officer, Office of Management Assessment (OMA), Office of the Director (OD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 601, MSC 7669, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or telephone (301) 402–6201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on the NIH Electronic Research Administration (eRA) Records System

The new system of records established in this Notice, ''NIH Electronic Research Administration (eRA) Records, HHS/NIH/OD/OER'' (hereinafter referred to as the ''NIH eRA Records'' system), will cover records used throughout the research and development award lifecycle, including pre-award stages of application submission, scientific peer review, award processing, post-award monitoring, and close-out. Many of the records in the system will contain information about more than one individual or type of individual (*e.g.,* applicants, awardees, faculty members of applicant and awardee entities, application reviewers). By design, any of the records can be (and in practice will be) retrieved using the name or other personal identifier of any of the individuals whose information is contained in the records, to the extent required to help ensure that award proceedings are carried out by the NIH in accordance with all applicable federal statutes and regulations.

The eRA information technology (IT) system associated with this system of records is an HHS-designated Center of Excellence, and is used as a grants management line of business system by other federal agencies to manage their award records. Records pertaining to awards of other agencies in the eRA IT system are not covered under SORN 09–25–0225, but would be covered under SORN(s) those agencies publish, if their records require a SORN.

II. The Privacy Act

The Privacy Act governs the collection, maintenance, use, and