

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request, Implementation Evaluation of the National Health Emergency (NHE) Demonstration Grants To Address the Opioid Crisis, New Collection**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Chief Evaluation Office, Department of Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents is properly assessed. Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Implementation Evaluation of the National Health Emergency Demonstration Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis. A copy of the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before February 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either one of the following methods:

Email: ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov; *Mail or Courier:* Jennifer Daley, Chief Evaluation Office, OASP, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-2312, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210. *Instructions:* Please submit one copy of your comments by only one method. All submissions received must include the agency name and OMB Control Number identified above for this information collection. Comments, including any personal information provided, become a matter of public record. They will also be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Daley by email at ChiefEvaluationOffice@dol.gov or by phone at (202) 693-5913.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Chief Evaluation Office (CEO) of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) intends to design and conduct information collection activities to provide data for the implementation evaluation of the National Health Emergency (NHE) Demonstration Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis. DOL awarded \$22 million in NHE grants to six states in 2018.

States have proposed a variety of strategies including services for individuals or family members affected by opioid addiction, training for workers to address the crisis, and system-wide investments to align workforce services with services provided by other organizations at the state and local levels. The implementation study of the grants will address four research questions: (1) How were the grants implemented, what services were provided, and what factors influenced implementation and job placement and retention?; (2) Who were the major partners involved and what services did they provide?; (3) What challenges did grantees encounter in implementation and how were those addressed?; and (4) What practices developed under the grant appear to be promising or potentially promising?

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the opportunity to comment on proposed data collection instruments that will be used in the implementation evaluation: Key informant interview protocols, survey of key informants (state- and local-level administrators) and a program participant interview guide.

1. Key informant interview protocol. The protocol will be used during site visits to the grantees to collect information from administrators and staff at the state- and local-level, and with partner organizations and employers at either the state or local level. Issues to be covered include the state and local community context, strategies and approaches to service delivery, target populations and recruiting, the role of various partners in grant and subgrant activities, successes and challenges, preliminary outcomes, promising practices, and other topics.

2. Survey of key informants. This short questionnaire for key informants (administrators and staff at the state- and local-level) includes basic background information, such as their

highest education level and experience, and brief questions about their perspectives on the opioid crisis and the state's partnerships to address the crisis.

3. Program participant interview guide. The guide will be used for individual or group discussions with approximately 10 program participants in each state. Topics will include participant background, service receipt, participants' views on the quality and effectiveness of the workforce services received, and their current or anticipated labor market experiences as a result of the services.

II. Desired Focus of Comments:

Currently, the Department of Labor is soliciting comments concerning the above data collection for the Implementation Evaluation of the National Health Emergency (NHE) Demonstration Grants to Address the Opioid Crisis. DOL is particularly interested in comments that do the following:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- evaluate the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate of the proposed information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;
- enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology— for example, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions: At this time, DOL is requesting clearance for the key informant interview protocol, written survey for key informants, and a program participant interview guide.

Type of Review: New information collection request.

OMB Control Number: 1290-0NEW.

Affected Public: NHE grantee administrators, participants, and partners.

Comments submitted in response to this request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Type of instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden time per response (hours)	Estimated burden hours
Key informant interview protocol: state and local administrator, staff, and partners ^b	60	1	1	60
Survey: State and local staff and partners	60	1	0.17	10
Program participant interview guide	20	1	1	20
Total	140	90

^aThe study is scheduled to take three years.

^bAssumes each visit will, on average, involve individual or group interviews with approximately 30 respondents. The team assumes the average burden time per response to be about 1 hour, although some meetings will be shorter and some will be longer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; National Database of Childcare Costs Submission for Review: National Database of Childcare Costs

AGENCY: Women’s Bureau, DOL.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Labor, Women’s Bureau (WB) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed information collection request (ICR) titled, “National Database of Childcare Costs”. This comment request is part of continuing Departmental efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained without charge by contacting the U.S. Department of Labor, Women’s Bureau, Room S-3002, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, (202)693-6710, Womens.Bureau@dol.gov. Comments in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after*

the comment period will not be accepted. Comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to U.S. Department of Labor, Women’s Bureau, Room S-3002, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, contact Sarah Miller by telephone at (202)693-6716 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at miller.sarah@dol.gov. For technical questions, contact: Liana Christin Landivar by telephone at (202)693-6713 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at landivar.liana.c@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOL, as part of continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information before submitting them to the OMB for final approval. This program helps to ensure requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements can be properly assessed. This proposed information collection seeks to establish the National Database of Childcare Costs. State-administered Market Rate Surveys are conducted by state human services or workforce development offices as a requirement to receive Child Care and Development Block Grants (CCDBG). The surveys establish a benchmark of the local prices of various types of care (e.g., center-based, home-based, family-provided) by age of children (i.e., infants, preschool, and school-age children). These surveys are used to establish the maximum reimbursement rates for childcare subsidies. Market Rate Surveys sample all eligible centers and care providers and obtain the full market price of care. Because the state

Market Rate Surveys establish the full market price of care in local areas, these data are ideal to examine local childcare prices. However, these data are not reported to the federal government and they are retained by the states.

This information collection would request Market Rate Survey data from all states and reconcile measures for uniformity across the states. Metrics would be made comparable and geography would be standardized to be able to combine these data for analysis with county characteristics available from the American Community Survey. The database would be evaluated to protect respondent confidentiality, implementing proper disclosure avoidance techniques in counties with small samples. The database would be made available to the public as a research tool to understand childcare prices at the county level and changes in childcare prices over time. Section 2 of Public Law 66-259 that established the Women’s Bureau authorizes this information collection. *See* 29 U.S.C. 13.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. *See* 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments to the contact shown in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments must be written to receive consideration, and they will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the final ICR. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should