

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review: ACF Program Instruction—Children’s Justice Act (OMB #0970–0425)

AGENCY: Children’s Bureau; Administration for Children and Families; HHS

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the Children’s Justice Act Program Instruction (OMB #0970–0425, expiration 4/30/2020). There are no changes requested to the form.

DATES: *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* 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.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The Program Instruction, prepared in response to the enactment of the Children’s Justice Act (CJA), Title II of Public Law 111–320, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Reauthorization of 2010, provides direction to the states and territories to accomplish the purposes of assisting states in developing, establishing, and operating programs designed to improve: (1) The assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and

exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and the child’s family; (2) the assessment and investigation of cases of suspected child abuse-related fatalities and suspected child neglect-related fatalities; (3) the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and (4) the assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect. This Program Instruction contains information collection requirements that are found in Public Law 111–320 at sections 107(b) and 107(d), and pursuant to receiving a grant award. The information submitted will be used by the agency to ensure compliance with the statute; to monitor, evaluate, and measure grantee achievements in addressing the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect; and to report to Congress.

Respondents: State Governments.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Children’s Justice Act Program Instruction	52	1	60	3,120

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,120.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 5106c Sec. 107 (b)(4) and 42 U.S.C. 5106 Sec. 107 (B)(5).

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Survey of the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW) Adopted Youth, Young Adults, and Adoptive Parents (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation; Administration for Children and Families; HHS.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks approval for a one-time study to examine familial outcomes 8 or more years after a child’s adoption from the child welfare system. The primary objective of this study is to estimate the prevalence of instability events that occur in families who have adopted children who have exited the foster care system. The second objective is to understand risk and protective factors associated with post adoption instability.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Alternatively, copies can also 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 emailed or written should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The proposed study would conduct web or telephone surveys with adopted youth, young adults, and adults as well as adoptive parents who were participants in the first or second cohort of NSCAW (NSCAW I, II; OMB #0970–0202). The surveys are designed to collect information about instability events (such as foster care re-entry or running away that occurred after a child’s adoption) as well as family functioning, perceptions of the adoption relationship, and services and support received after adoption.

Respondents: Adopted youth, young adults, adults, and their associated adoptive parents who participated in NSCAW I or II.