(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 652; 42 U.S.C. 654)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Pre-Testing of Evaluation Data Collection Activities (OMB #0970–0355)

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) proposes to extend the existing overarching generic clearance for Pre-testing of Evaluation Data Collection Activities (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970–0355) with no changes.

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 ACF Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to request approval from OMB to renew a generic clearance to pre-test data collection instruments with more than nine participants to identify and resolve any question or procedural problems in survey administration.

OPRE studies ACF programs, and the populations they serve, through rigorous research and evaluation projects. These include evaluations of existing programs, evaluations of innovative approaches to helping low-income children and families, research syntheses, and descriptive and exploratory studies. To improve the development of its research and evaluation surveys, OPRE uses the pre-testing of evaluation surveys generic clearance to employ a variety of techniques including cognitive and usability laboratory and field techniques, behavior coding, exploratory interviews, respondent debriefing questionnaires, split sample experiments, focus groups, and pilot studies/pre-tests. These activities allow OPRE to identify if and when a survey may be simplified for respondents, respondent burden may be reduced, and other possible improvements. Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit a change request for each individual data collection activity under this generic clearance. Each request will include the individual instrument(s), a justification specific to the individual information collection, and any supplementary documents. OMB should review within 10 days of receiving each change request.

The information collected in this effort will not be the primary subject of any published ACF reports; however, information may be made public through methodological appendices or footnotes, reports on instrument development, instrument user guides, descriptions of respondent behavior, and other publications or presentations describing findings of methodological interest. When necessary, results will be labeled as exploratory in nature. The results of this pre-testing research may be prepared for presentation at professional meetings or publication in professional journals.

Respondents: Participants in ACF programs being evaluated; participants in ACF demonstrations; recipients of ACF grants and individuals served by ACF grantees; comparison group members; and other relevant populations, such as individuals at risk of needing ACF services.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Estimated total number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Survey development field tests, respondent debriefing questionnaires, cognitive interviews, split sample experiments, focus groups	3,825	1	1	3,825

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,825.

Comments: 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 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.

Authority: Social Security Act, Sec. 1110 [42 U.S.C. 1310].

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Sponsor Review Procedures for Unaccompanied Alien Children (OMB #0970–0278)

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement; Administration for Children and Families; Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This information collection consists of several instruments that allow the Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) Program to assess the ability of potential sponsors to provide for the physical and mental well-being of the UAC and whether the UAC will be safe in the custody of the potential sponsor. The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is inviting public comments on proposed revisions to the Sponsor Verification Application (formerly the Family Reunification Application); and the Sponsor Care Agreement. Revisions to the Sponsor Care Agreement change the categorization from supplementary material to an information collection and associated burden has been included in this update.

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, the Administration for Children and Families 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 *infocollection@acf.hhs.gov.* Alternatively, copies can also be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20201, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests, emailed or written, should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description

1. Sponsor Verification Application (Form SVP–3/3s): ORR is proposing several major revisions to the Sponsor Verification Application in order to collect more detailed information that will allow for a more robust assessment of sponsor suitability. ORR also removed the section that collected information on the individual identified to care for the UAC should the potential sponsor need to leave the country. This section was removed because it will be obtained as part of the sponsor care plan and not as part of the application process. Additionally, the application establishes a deadline of 45 calendar days for potential sponsors to submit the instruments in this collection, as well as supporting documents, imposed at the case manager's discretion. Allowing the case manager to set a firm deadline not only assists ORR in meeting its statutory requirement to release UAC from its custody without unnecessary delay, but also provides the sponsor and ORR with an official date of denial as opposed to leaving cases on an open ended ''pending'' status. Finally, ORR added an option for potential sponsors to voluntarily submit to a DNA test to prove that they are biologically related to the child in support of their application. DNA results can be used to prove a biological relationship exists in lieu of supporting paperwork (such as birth certificates) or where such paperwork is difficult or impossible to obtain and/or authenticate in a timely manner. ORR will pay for the cost of the DNA test. In some instances where ORR has serious concerns about fraud regarding the biological relationship of the child and the proposed sponsor or other individual in the sponsor's household, the agency may require an ORR-paid DNA test, before making a release decision.

2. Sponsor Care Agreement (Form SVP–4/4s): ORR is proposing to add an additional provision to the Sponsor Care Agreement requiring sponsors to enroll in post-release services (PRS) as a condition of release. PRS caseworkers will make initial phone contact with the released child within two days of release and an in-person home visit within 30 days of release. Subsequently, PRS caseworkers will contact both the released child and sponsor via phone at least once a month; and make additional in-home visits at least every 90 days. The PRS caseworker has discretion to decide how long phone contact and in-home check-ins need to continue. This additional provision will assist in ensuring that released UACs are thriving and will provide an opportunity for the UAC to express any safety or well-being concerns. It also assists in ensuring that sponsors are acutely aware of the responsibilities of sponsorship including ensuring that UACs attend immigration proceedings as well as continuing to meet educational and medical requirements as appropriate.

Respondents: Potential sponsors for UAC.

Annual Burden Estimates:

ANNUAL BURDEN FOR RESPONDENTS

Information collection title	Annual number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual total burden hours
Authorization for Release of Information (Form SVP–2/2s)	38,310	1	1.00	38,310
Sponsor Verification Application (Form SVP–3/3s)	57,200	1	10.00	588,779
Sponsor Verification Application (Form SVP–3/3s)—Applicants choosing to submit to an ORR-paid DNA test	16,779	1	1.00	
Sponsor Care Agreement (SVP–4/4s) All UAC check-in	57,200	1	3.75	214,500
Fingerprinting Instructions (SVP–7/7s)	38,310	1	3.00	114,930
Letter of Designation for Care of a Minor (Form SVP–9/9s)	17,160	1	1.50	25,740
Estimated Annual Burden Hours Total				999,038

ANNUAL BURDEN FOR RECORD KEEPERS

Information collection title	Annual number of record keepers	Annual number of responses per record keeper	Average burden hours per response	Annual total burden hours
Authorization for Release of Information (Form SVP–2/2s)	216	177	1.00	38,232
Sponsor Verification Application (Form SVP–3/3s)	216	265	6.00	379,080

ANNUAL BURDEN FOR RECORD KEEPERS—Continued

Information collection title	Annual number of record keepers	Annual number of responses per record keeper	Average burden hours per response	Annual total burden hours
Sponsor Verification Application (Form SVP–3/3s)—Cases requiring a Financial Care Plan	216	87	1.00	
Sponsor Verification Application (Form SVP–3/3s)—Applicants choosing to submit to an ORR-paid DNA test	216	78	1.00	
Sponsor Care Agreement (SVP–4/4s) All UAC check-in	216	265	0.75	42,930
Sponsor Care Agreement (SVP–4/4s) All UAC check-in	11	5,200	3.00	171,600
Fingerprinting Instructions (SVP–7/7s)	216	177	1.00	38,232
Letter of Designation for Care of a Minor (Form SVP–9/9s)	216	79	0.50	8,532
Estimated Annual Burden Hours Total				714,246

Comments: 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 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.

Authority: 6 U.S.C. 279; 8 U.S.C. 1232; *Flores* v. *Reno Settlement Agreement,* No. CV85–4544–RJK (C.D. Cal. 1996).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request for the State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report; OMB #0985–0042

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living 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 as required under section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to the reinstatement with change for the information collection requirements related to State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report [OMB #0985–0042].

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by February 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.* Find the information collection by selecting ''Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments'' or by using the search function. By mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Bldg., 725 17th St. NW, Rm. 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ACL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Groenendaal, Assistive Technology Program Manager, Center for Innovation and Partnership in the Office of Interagency Innovation Administration for Community Living; Email: *Robert.Groenendaal@acl.hhs.gov;* Phone: 202–795–7356.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, ACL has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is requesting approval for a reinstatement with change for the information collection associated with the State Grants for Assistive Technology Program Annual Progress Report (AT APR) 0985–0042.

The information collected through this data collection instrument is necessary for ACL and states to comply with Sections 4 and 7 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended (AT Act). ACL is requesting a reinstatement with change of a previously approved information collection under OMB No. 0985–0042.

Section 4 of the AT Act authorizes grants to public agencies in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (states and outlying areas). With these funds, the 56 states and outlying areas operate ''Statewide AT Programs'' that conduct activities to increase access to and acquisition of assistive technology (AT) for individuals with disabilities and older Americans. Divided into two comprehensive activity categories: ''State-level Activities'' and ''State Leadership Activities.'' According to Section 4 of the AT Act, as a condition of receiving a grant to support their Statewide AT Programs, the 56 states and outlying areas must provide to ACL: (1) Applications and (2) annual progress reports on their activities.

Applications: The application required of states and outlying areas is a three-year State Plan for Assistive Technology (State Plan for AT or State Plan) (OMB No. 0985–0048). The content of the State Plan for AT is based on the requirements in Section 4(d) of the AT Act. As a part of this State Plan, Section 4(d)(3) of the AT Act requires that states and outlying areas set measurable goals for addressing the assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities in education, employment, community living and information technology/telecommunications.

Every state and outlying area is required to include a minimum of seven prescribed measurable goals in its State Plan. These seven goals apply to all