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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Child and Family Services Plan, Annual Progress and Services Report, and Annual Budget Expenses Request and Estimated Expenditures (CFS–101) (0970–0426)

AGENCY: Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a three-year extension of the collection of information under the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), the Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR), and the Annual Budget Expenses Request and Estimated Expenditures (Child and Family Services (CFS)–101) collection (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970–0426, expiration January 31, 2021). There are minor changes to the CFS–101

form but no changes to the burden hours.

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: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 CFSP. The CFSP lays the groundwork for a system of coordinated, integrated, and culturally relevant family services for the subsequent 5 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 Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (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 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 and includes information on the use of the Family First Transition Grants and Funding Certainty Grants authorized by the Family First Transition Act included in Public Law 116–94. 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. The revision made to the CFS–101 form are to streamline the data entry.

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 180 tribal entities that currently receive IV–B funding. There are 53 states (including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands) that must complete the CFSP, APSR, and CFS–101.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
APSR	233	3	82	57,318	19,106
CFSP	47	1	123	5,781	1,927
CFS–101, Part I, II, and III	233	3	5	3,495	1,165
Caseworker Visits	53	3	99.33	15,794	5,265

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 27,463.

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: Title IV–B, subparts 1 and 2 of the Social Security Act (the Act), and title IV–E, section 477 of the Act; sections 106 and 108 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5106a. and 5106d.); and Public Law 116–94, the Family First Transition Act within Section 602, Subtitle F, Title

I, Division N of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020.

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