

with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of the data collections submitted under the generic will be to inform ACF programming by building the evidence about what works to improve outcomes for the target population and to identify innovative learning methods that address common evaluation challenges.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the PRA, 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 OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Under the proposed umbrella generic, OPRE intends to conduct evaluations of the effectiveness of program services and components in improving outcomes for youth and young adults transitioning out of foster care. To address challenges identified in previous studies, the proposed evaluations will use innovative methods tailored to each participating program, including rapid cycle learning techniques that require an iterative

approach. Due to the rapid and iterative nature of this work, OPRE is seeking approval for a generic clearance to conduct this research. Intended use of the resulting data is to identify practices and program components that have the potential to improve the delivery and/or quality of services administered by human service programs and agencies in the areas of child welfare and independent living services for youth and young adults with foster care experience. Potential data collection efforts include conducting interviews, focus groups, and surveys with program directors (e.g., from programs serving youth with foster care experience and from their partner agencies) and current, past, or potential participants in programs serving youth with foster care experience (e.g., including potential participants who are included in comparison groups), as well as extracting administrative or other program data.

Under this generic clearance, information is meant to inform ACF activities and may be incorporated into documents or presentations that are made public such as through conference presentations, websites, or social media. The following are some examples of ways in which we may share information resulting from these data collections: technical assistance (TA)

plans, webinars, presentations, infographics, issue briefs/reports, project specific reports, or other documents relevant to the field, such as federal leadership and staff, grantees, local implementing agencies, researchers, and/or training/TA providers. We may also request information for the sole purpose of publication in cases where we are working to create a single source for users (clients, programs, researchers) to find information about resources such as services in their area, TA materials, different types of programs or systems available, or research using ACF data. In sharing findings, we will describe the study methods and limitations regarding generalizability and as a basis for policy.

Following standard OMB requirements, OPRE will submit an individual request for each specific 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.

Respondents: Staff and administrators of programs serving youth and young adults with foster care experience; current, former, or potential participants in programs serving youth; and young adults with foster care experience.

BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents (total over request period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over request period)	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Administrator Interviews	40	4	1.00	160
Staff Discussions and Focus Groups	80	4	1.50	480
Youth Discussions and Focus Groups	160	4	1.50	960
Youth Surveys	1,800	3	0.50	2,700
Administrative Data Extraction	10	4	4.00	160
Document Delivery	10	4	1.00	40

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,500.

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–E of the Social Security Act, IV–E 477(g)(1–2), as amended by the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999.

Mary B. Jones,

ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Building and Sustaining the Child Care and Early Education Workforce (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; Administration for Children and Families; United States Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proposing to collect information to examine a promising strategy to support the child care and early education (CCEE) workforce in Colorado as part of the Building and Sustaining the Child Care and Early Education Workforce (BASE) project. This project aims to build evidence about workforce development strategies designed to promote, retain, and advance the CCEE workforce by improving the economic well-being of CCEE workers.

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 OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: As part of the BASE project, OPRE is evaluating the implementation, impacts, and costs of two initiatives designed to improve the wages and economic well-being of the CCEE workforce in Colorado. Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC) is implementing two initiatives to improve the compensation and

economic well-being of the CCEE workforce: (1) eligible CCEE center-based settings are randomly selected through a lottery process, and (2) eligible home-based CCEE settings receive additional funding and supports. OPRE proposes to collect survey, interview, and cost data to understand: (a) the implementation and costs of the initiatives, (b) the effects of the initiative for teachers in center-based CCEE settings, and (c) the experiences of directors and teachers in center-based CCEE settings and owners and caregivers in home-based CCEE settings with the initiatives. The study will include CCEE workers who are offered the initiatives and those who are not, as assigned through CDEC's lottery, and key informants who are involved in the design and implementation of CDEC's initiatives. The effectiveness of the initiative will be determined by differences between members of the intervention and control groups for hypothesized outcomes in center-based CCEE settings. The experiences of directors/owners, teachers, and caregivers in center-based and home-based CCEE settings with the initiatives will be explored with qualitative and descriptive analyses. OPRE and Colorado are collaborating to evaluate the two initiatives. Colorado will collect baseline survey data and share it with OPRE. OPRE will collect follow-up surveys and interviews. Study participants will complete follow-up surveys approximately 9 and 18 months after the initiatives begin to understand how strategies that aim to improve

compensation might improve outcomes such as workforce recruitment, retention, and economic and psychological well-being, as well as to capture contextual information about CCEE settings' working conditions and job demands and supports. Interviews will be conducted approximately 6 to 9 months after the initiatives began with center-based teachers/home-based caregivers and center-based directors/home-based owners to capture their experiences with the initiatives, perceptions, attitudes, beliefs about the initiatives, and how these experiences may shape the viability and implementation of the initiatives. Interviews with key informants at state-level implementing agencies will collect qualitative data to understand contextual factors and the impetus behind the design and implementation of the initiatives. Finally, cost workbooks completed by center-based CCEE setting administrators will collect cost data to assess the costs associated with implementing the initiative. This information collection will support ACF and the CCEE field in understanding whether workforce support strategies that increase compensation affect the retention and well-being of the CCEE workforce. This information will help to inform Federal, State, and local initiatives to build and retain a qualified CCEE workforce.

Respondents: CCEE center-based directors, administrators, teachers; CCEE home-based owners and caregivers; CCEE key informants.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents (total over request period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over request period)	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)	Annual burden (in hours)
1. Follow-up center director survey	75	2	0.75	113	38
2. Follow-up lead and assistant teacher survey	1,000	2	0.75	1,500	500
3. Follow-up home-based owner and caregiver survey	95	2	0.75	143	48
4. One-on-one center director interview	15	1	1	15	5
5. One-on-one lead and assistant teacher interview	25	1	1	25	8
6. One-on-one home-based owner and caregiver interview ...	25	2	1	38	13
7. One-on-one key informant interview	5	1	1	5	2
8. Center-based setting costs workbook	16	1	5	80	27

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 641.

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: Head Start Act section 640 [42 U.S.C. 9835] and 649 [42 U.S.C. 9844]; appropriated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022. Head Start Act as amended by the Improving Head

Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (IHSSRA) (Public Law 110 134).

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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; of the ACL Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Research and Assessment OMB Control Number 0985-NEW

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 ACL Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Research and Assessment OMB Control Number 0985-NEW.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by June 14, 2023.

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: Delaney Roach, Call 202-795-7316 or Email evaluation@acl.hhs.gov.

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) at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is requesting a generic clearance for purposes of conducting qualitative research to gain a better understanding of emerging issues related to ACL’s grantees, service providers, and programs; develop future intramural and extramural research projects; and to ensure HHS and ACL leadership, programs, and staff can obtain timely and relevant data and information.

ACL defines qualitative feedback as information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions but are not statistical surveys that yield results that can be generalized beyond the population of study. ACL is requesting approval for at least four types of qualitative research: (a) Interviews, (b) focus groups, (c) questionnaires, and (d) other qualitative methods.

ACL’s mission is to maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families

and caregivers. ACL implements critical disability and aging programs, serves as the advisor to the HHS Secretary on disability and aging programs, works with other HHS agencies, Departments and the White House on disability and aging policies, and engages a range of disability and aging constituents to inform program development and implementation. Integral to this role, ACL will use this mechanism to conduct research, evaluation, and assessment to understand the needs, barriers, or facilitators for ACL programs.

Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A 60-day notice for public comment published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 88, No. 32 pages 10121-10122) on Thursday, February 16, 2023. No public comments were received.

Estimated Program Burden

ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

A variety of instruments and platforms will be used to collect information from respondents. The annual burden hours (5,043) requested, and the anticipated number of respondents (10,086) are based on the number of qualitative information collection requests (ICRs) that were approved by OMB currently at ACL. Out of the total ICRs at ACL, we estimated that that 30% of them have a qualitative research component.

ACL used this information to develop the annual burden estimate below. Therefore, we estimate that over the requested period for this clearance (3 years) and approximately 30,258 respondents and 15,129 burden hours will be needed.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN TABLE

Type of respondent	Form	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACL Program Recipient, Partner, or Key Informant	Qualitative Research	10,086	1	.5	5,043

Dated: May 8, 2023.

Alison Barkoff,

Acting Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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