

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services seeks an update to the existing data collection for the Annual Survey of Refugees. The Annual Survey of Refugees is a yearly sample survey of refugee households entering the U.S. in the previous 5 fiscal years. The requested update is based upon results of a multi-year effort in instrument redesign and field testing. ACF estimates the proposed changes will increase response burden from 48 to 50 minutes per respondent.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the

requirements 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: Data from the Annual Survey of Refugees are used to meet the Office of Refugee Resettlement’s (ORR) Congressional reporting requirements, as set forth in the Refugee Act of 1980

(section 413(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). ORR makes survey findings available to the general public and uses findings for the purposes of program planning, policy-making, and budgeting. The requested update reflects changes to the survey instrument to: enhance ORR’s understanding of refugees’ resettlement experiences; streamline the collection of household-level information; and improve data reliability and validity.

Respondents: The Annual Survey of Refugees secures a nationally representative sample of refugee households arriving in the U.S. in the previous 5 fiscal years.

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
Introduction Letter and Postcard	4,500	1	.05	225	75
ORR–9 Annual Survey of Refugees	4,500	1	.80	3,600	1,200
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours					1,275

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: Sec. 413. [8 U.S.C. 1523]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Request for Public Comment; National Human Trafficking Prevention Framework

AGENCY: Office on Trafficking in Persons, Administration for Children

and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the opportunity to provide input on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) National Human Trafficking Prevention Framework (Framework), which contains strategies and approaches to prevent human trafficking and its recurrence while increasing capacity to identify and reduce harm caused by human trafficking. HHS will consider this input as it updates the Framework. The draft Framework is available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/otip>.

DATES: Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. EDT on June 9, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Please submit all responses via email to EndTrafficking@acf.hhs.gov with “Public Comment: Prevention Framework” in the subject. Submissions can include attachments of or links to any supporting documentation. Please provide your contact information for possible follow-up from the Office on Trafficking in Persons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Casey, Communications and Prevention Specialist, Office on Trafficking in Persons, Email: Kimberly.Casey@acf.hhs.gov, Phone: 202–594–7026.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The International Labor Organization estimates 27.6 million people were experiencing forced labor and/or commercial sexual exploitation globally on any given day in 2021. The global prevalence of human trafficking increased from 3.4 to 3.5 per thousand people between 2016 and 2021, driven entirely by the private economy. Although there is still no rigorous prevalence estimate of human trafficking within the United States, cases of human trafficking have been reported in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, on tribal land, and within U.S. territories.

Human trafficking is a public health issue and crime with adverse physical and mental health, developmental, financial, and social effects, which often reach beyond the individual directly impacted to affect families, communities, industries, and society at large. In response to the U.S. Government’s recognition that human trafficking is both a transnational and national issue of significant concern, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA) and its subsequent reauthorizations created a three-pronged (“3P”) federal framework to address human trafficking—prevention, protection, and prosecution. A fourth “P”—for partnership—serves as a complementary means to achieve progress across the 3Ps and engage multiple sectors of society in the work

to address human trafficking. Steady progress has been made since the TVPA was first authorized; however, efforts to assemble a focused array of prevention strategies addressing both victimization and perpetration, while essential, are largely absent.

Establishing the Prevention Framework

HHS plays a critical role in the U.S. Government's efforts to prevent and respond to human trafficking. The HHS Task Force to Prevent Human Trafficking, comprised of 21 divisions and offices across HHS, helps implement HHS's priority actions in the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and related national strategies. The Framework contributes to the implementation of National Action Plan Priority Action 1.1.2 to increase the scale and quality of human trafficking prevention efforts utilizing a collective impact strategy.

The Framework is informed by a public health approach to violence prevention, recognizing human trafficking is not an isolated incident but a widespread issue impacting the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities across generations. Human trafficking is a dynamic form of violence, shifting and adapting as traffickers refine recruitment schemes, methods of control, and modes of exploitation. As understanding and knowledge of human trafficking grow, strategies to address it must evolve as well. Treating human trafficking as a public health concern grants a renewed sense of urgency and fundamentally alters how collaborators prevent and respond to it.

A public health approach to human trafficking is proactive rather than reactionary, moving upstream to identify prevention measures that, combined with downstream interventions, can decrease the number of people who experience trafficking. Focusing on three levels of prevention—primary, secondary, and tertiary—a public health approach seeks to stop human trafficking before it occurs, reduce its impact or duration, mitigate lasting effects, and prevent it from recurring.

The Framework harnesses established concepts of violence prevention to strengthen efforts to prevent human trafficking, outlining strategies and approaches that diverse sectors of society can use to prevent human trafficking and its recurrence while increasing their capacity to identify and reduce harm caused by human trafficking. The Framework encourages collaboration, coordination, and integration to enhance human

trafficking prevention, inviting partnerships with federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local governments; business, industry, and other private sector entities; nonprofits and non-governmental organizations; educational institutions; and philanthropic, faith-based, and research organizations; and more. Through this collective effort, HHS and its partners will be prepared to test and scale solutions that will prevent human trafficking and improve the lives of people affected by human trafficking across the United States.

Comments: HHS is seeking public feedback on the Framework, including comments on understandability and suggested changes. HHS will use comments to make updates to the Framework as needed.

Dated: May 25, 2023.

Linda Hitt,

Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Administration for Children and Families Generic for Information Collections Related to Gatherings (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) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a generic clearance to request information from potential participants at ACF gatherings, such as meetings or conferences. The planning for these gatherings is most often on a quick timeline and the standard timeline to comply with a full request under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) would inhibit the ability to collect information to inform these activities. Therefore, an umbrella generic is requested to allow for quick turnaround requests for similar information collections related to these activities.

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: ACF hosts a variety of gatherings for many different purposes. This may include large scale conferences, meetings for grantees or contractors, workshops, trainings, poster sessions, and other in-person and virtual gatherings for individuals with interest in ACF programs (clients, researchers, policymakers, etc.), among others. To ensure ACF has adequate information to plan these activities, the Agency must often collect information from potential participants such as basic contact information, preferences for attendance (mode, special requests, etc.), organizational affiliation, feedback about meeting content, etc.

Additionally, some activities require ACF to have additional information to have the means to select the most appropriate participants for attendance according to the type or purpose of a given activity, or to group participants into the most appropriate category or activity during an event. This may include information about poster presentations, speaking panels, training courses, professional perspectives, or experiences, etc. In addition, attendees may be asked to submit an application or abstract for prescreening to be selected for attendance.

The purposes of the collections under this umbrella generic information collection are to gather appropriate information to plan ACF gatherings. Example information collection activities could include:

- Registration forms:
 - Information collected on these types of forms could include name, contact information, organization/affiliation, basic demographics, attendance needs, etc.
 - Applications for panels, posters, or other presentation formats:
 - Information collected on these types of applications could include title, author(s), institution/organization, abstract describing presentation or poster, instructions, etc.
 - Pre-meeting surveys:
 - Information collected on these types of surveys could include content preferences, scheduling needs and preferences, pre-meeting knowledge, etc.
 - Post-Meeting/-Workshop/-Training Evaluation Surveys: