

program, the total number of participating individuals, and the number of persons who have completed program requirements by authorized activities (mediation—voluntary and mandatory; counseling; education; development of parenting plans;

visitation enforcement, including monitoring, supervision and neutral drop-off and pickup; and development of guidelines for visitation and alternative custody arrangements. OCSS uses the information to ensure recipient’s adherence statutory (sec.

469B. [42 U.S.C. 669b]) and regulatory (45 CFR part 303) requirements of “Grants to States for Access and Visitation.”

Respondents: State child access and visitation programs and State or local service providers.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Online Portal Survey by States and Jurisdictions	53	1	16	848
Survey of local service grant recipients	264	1	16	4,224

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5072.

Authority: Sec.469B (42 U.S.C.669b); 45 CFR part 303.

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ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Request for Information: Elder Justice Coordinating Council Priorities

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) seeks information on recommended area(s) and or issue(s) for which elder justice stakeholders believe the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (Council) can be the most beneficial to promoting elder justice and have the greatest positive impact for survivors of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and their communities.

DATES: Information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) April 24, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are encouraged to submit electronic comments to: Administration on Aging, ejpubliccomments@acl.hhs.gov. Include “EJCC Priorities” in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Whittier-Eliason, (202) 795-7467 Stephanie.Whittier-Eliason@acl.hhs.gov. The ejpubliccomments@acl.hhs.gov email is a resource mailbox established to receive public input regarding the Elder Justice Coordinating Council and should not be used to

request information beyond the scope of this public input opportunity. Please do not use this mailbox to report suspicions of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Any suspected abuse, neglect or financial exploitation should be reported to your state’s Adult Protective Services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Passed in 2010, the Elder Justice Act establishes the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (Council) to coordinate activities related to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation across the Federal Government. The Council is directed by the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary serves as the Chair of the Council. The HHS Secretary has assigned responsibility for implementing the Council to the Administration on Aging (AoA) within ACL. AoA has long been engaged in efforts to protect older individuals from elder abuse including financial exploitation, physical abuse, neglect, psychological abuse, and sexual abuse.

The Council is a permanent group, which meets twice a year, with the goal of effectively coordinating the Federal response to elder abuse. The Elder Justice Act also names the Attorney General of the U.S. as a permanent member of the Council. In addition to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General, the statute provides for inclusion as Council members the heads of each Federal department, agency, or governmental entity identified as administering programs related to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. The Coordinating Council receives input and support from an Elder Justice Interagency Working Group, a group of Federal employees in Cabinet-level departments and Federal agencies with expertise in the field of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

In 2014, the Council adopted “Eight Recommendations from the Elder

Justice Coordinating Council for Increased Federal Involvement in Addressing Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation.” The eight recommendations represent a focused, yet balanced, approach for establishing greater Federal leadership in the area of elder justice and for improving the Federal response to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. These recommendations have served as a guide for Federal agencies in planning their elder justice work in the 10 years since adoption.

Public Input

Through this Request for Information (RFI), ACL is seeking input from individuals and organizations regarding the area(s) and or issue(s) about which elder justice stakeholders believe the Elder Justice Coordinating Council can be the most beneficial to promoting elder justice and have the greatest positive impact for survivors of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and their communities. Specifically, we would like to hear from respondents: (1) how the Council can benefit the larger elder justice community; (2) the areas of elder justice in which the Council should focus their attention, and (3) the activities, tools, resources, or components that would best help states and communities create and strengthen their systems of services and supports in order to maximize the independence, well-being, and health of people at risk for elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, their family members, and their support networks. We also seek feedback on how the Council can advance equity, in alignment with Executive Order 13985 *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*. In this regard, please keep in mind the following:

- All submissions will be considered and reviewed by ACL.

- ACL seeks recommendations to address practical matters regarding the Elder Justice Coordinating Council. (We may not include all recommendations.)

- If respondents have multiple recommendations, respondents may make multiple recommendations in the same submission.

Submission Questions

1. State the area(s) and or issue(s) in elder justice that should be considered a priority for the Federal Government to address through the Elder Justice Coordinating Council.

2. Provide detail on the reason the area(s) and or issue(s) should be considered a priority for the Council.

3. State the activities, tools, resources, or components that would effectively help states and communities create and strengthen their systems of services and supports in order to maximize the independence, well-being, and health of people at risk for elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, their family members, and their support networks.

4. Provide detail on any benefits, including how equity will be advanced, and/or barriers that might result from the Council incorporating the recommendation.

Please Note

This RFI is being issued for information and planning purposes only. It should not be construed as a solicitation or an obligation on the part of the Federal Government or the Administration for Community Living (ACL). ACL does not intend to issue any grant or contract awards based on responses to this invitation, or to otherwise pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for the government's use of such information. ACL will not be able to respond to submissions that are not within the scope of this public comment opportunity. ACL is not authorized to receive personally identifiable information (PII) through this RFI other than the contact information of the person submitting the information. Please do not include any PII in your submission. For example, do not include names, addresses, phone, or Social Security numbers of any individuals. We will redact responses that contain PII.

How the Information Will Be Used

The information gathered through this RFI will be used to inform the Elder Justice Coordinating Council's approach to identifying areas in elder justice that could benefit from increased Federal involvement.

Dated: March 19, 2024.

Alison Barkoff,

Principal Deputy Administrator for the Administration for Community Living, performing the delegable duties of the Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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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 Independent Living Services (ILS) Program Performance Report (PPR) OMB Control Number 0985-0043

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 the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This 30-Day notice collects comments on the information collection requirements related to the Independent Living Services (ILS) Program Performance Report (PPR) OMB 0985-0043.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EDT) or postmarked by April 24, 2024.

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: Peter Nye, Administration for Community Living, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 795-7606 or OILPPRACComments@acl.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3506), the Administration for Community Living (ACL) has submitted the following proposed collection of information to

OMB for review and clearance. The Independent Living Services (ILS) program provides financial assistance, through formula grants, to all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and US Virgin Islands for expanding, and improving the provision of, IL services. The Designated State Entity (DSE) is the agency that, on behalf of the state, receives, accounts for, and disburses funds received under Part B of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (the Act). Funds are also made available for the provision of training and technical assistance to Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs). The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, requires three IL program reports: (1) State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL), (2) ILS Program Performance Report, and (3) Center for Independent Living (CIL) PPR. The ILS PPR is submitted annually by the SILC and DSE in every state, territory, and outlying area that receives Part B funds and in the District of Columbia. The ILS PPRs are used by ACL to assess grantees' compliance with title VII of the Act, with 45 CFR part 1329 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and with applicable provisions of the HHS Regulations at 45 CFR part 75. The ILS PPR serves as the primary basis for ACL's monitoring activities in fulfillment of its responsibilities under sections 706 and 722 of the Act. The PPR is also used by ACL to design CIL and SILC training and technical assistance programs authorized by section 721 of the Act.

ACL will adhere to best practices for collection of all demographic information in accordance with OMB guidance—including, but not limited to guidance specific to the collection of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) items that support alignment with Executive Order 13985 on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the federal government, Executive Order 14075 on Advancing Equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Individuals, and Executive Order 13988 on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation. Understanding these disparities can and should lead to improved service delivery for ACL's programs and populations served.

Comments in Response to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice

A notice published in the **Federal Register** at 88 FR 78369 on November 15, 2023. During the 60-day comment