

able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Vanessa Garcia, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Vanessa Garcia,

Federal Register Liaison, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Building Evidence on Employment Strategies (BEES) (OMB #0970–0537)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for

Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing to extend data collection activity for BEES. We are not proposing any changes to the currently approved materials.

DATES: *Comments are due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) 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: The purpose of BEES is to evaluate the effectiveness of a range of programs designed to improve employment and earnings outcomes for individuals with low incomes. More specifically, BEES is primarily evaluating programs that serve adults whose employment prospects have been affected by Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and mental health conditions. This is being accomplished through

impact and implementation studies. When possible, a randomized control trial research design is being used for the impact evaluations. This request for an extension is to complete the following data collection activities: baseline, updated contact information, and follow up surveys for the impact studies; an online staff survey; and qualitative interviews with program participants and staff. In addition to collecting these data, the BEES project will continue to maintain consent forms for the collection of administrative data. Data collected is being used to estimate the effects of the participating programs on employment, earnings, and other key outcomes for the purpose of assessing the effectiveness of the programs.

Respondents: The respondents in this extension will include individuals who will enroll in BEES and complete the baseline survey during this period. All study participants will be fielded the follow up survey. We will also conduct qualitative interviews with program staff and participants in the participating sites 1–2 times. Lastly, program staff will be asked to complete a web-based survey.

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)
Burden for previously approved, ongoing data collection					
Attachment D1–D5. Baseline information form for participants	3,000	1	0.25	750	250
Attachment E. Contact Update Letter and Form	4,300	1	0.1	429	143
Attachment F. Program managers, staff, and partner interview guide—SUD Programs	80	2	1.5	360	120
Attachment G. Program managers, staff, and partner interview guide—Whole Family Approach Programs	20	2	1.5	45	15
Attachment K–1. 12-month Follow-Up Participant Interview	4,300	1	0.5	2,149.5	717
Attachment L. Program Managers, Staff, and Partners Interview Guide	200	2	1.5	300	99
Attachment M. Participant Case Study Interview Guide	84	1	1.5	126	42
Attachment N. Program Staff Case Study Interview Guide	84	1	1	84	28
Attachment O. Program Staff Survey	300	1	0.5	150	50

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,464.

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: Section 413 of the Social Security Act as amended by the FY 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–31).

Mary B. Jones,

ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[OMB No. 0970–0538]

Submission for OMB Review; Head Start Connects: A Study of Family Support Services

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, 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 seeks approval to collect information about how Head Start programs coordinate family support services. Information will be collected from Head Start staff members via surveys and focus groups.

DATES: *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* OMB must make a decision about the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All emailed requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The purposes of the data collection for Head Start Connects are to build knowledge about how Head Start programs (Head Start or Early Head Start grantees, delegate agencies, and staff) coordinate family support services for parents/guardians; the characteristics of Head Start programs and staff members involved in family support services coordination; the job characteristics, work activities, and well-being of Head Start family support services staff members; and how Head Start programs can improve coordination of family support services. The data collection will build on information collected previously through case studies at six Head Start sites (OMB #0970–0538). Proposed data collection activities include three components. First, a web-based survey of a nationally-representative sample of program directors will collect program information, including contact information for family and community partnerships managers and for family support services staff members needed for other data collection components. Second, an in-depth web-based survey

of family and community partnerships managers identified by program directors will collect information about Head Start programs’ structures and services for providing supports to parents and families; and the demographic characteristics, experiences, job characteristics, and well-being of managers who supervise family support services staff members. Third, three data collection activities will gather information from family support services staff members. First, an in-depth web-based survey, will gather information about the structures and services that Head Start programs have for providing supports to parents and families; how family support services staff members reach out to and engage families in family support services; how family support services staff members work with families; and the demographic characteristics, experiences, job characteristics, and well-being of staff members who provide family support services. Second, brief web-based daily snapshot surveys will supplement the in-depth survey and will collect additional information about specific daily work activities and well-being, providing more fine-grained detail about workdays of family support services staff members. Third, focus groups will be conducted with a sample of family support services staff to collect information about innovations and ideas for improving how Head Start programs coordinate and individualize family support services.

Respondents: Head Start program directors, Head Start family and community partnerships managers, and Head Start family support services staff members.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents (total over request period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over request period)	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total/annual burden (in hours)
Survey of Head Start directors	470	1	0.5	235
Survey of Head Start family and community partnerships managers	423	1	0.75	317
Survey of Head Start family support services staff members	1,692	1	0.75	1,269
Daily Snapshot Survey of Head Start family support services staff members	1,692	6	0.1	1,015
Focus Groups of Head Start family support services staff members	60	1	1.25	75

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,911.

Authority: Section 640(a)(2)(D) and section 649 of the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007.