

VI. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection requirements, that is, reporting, recordkeeping or third-party disclosure requirements. Consequently, there is no need for review by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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

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Lynette Wilson,

Federal Register Liaison, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[OMB No. 0970-0545]

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies Project

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) within

the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is proposing an extension to the data collection activities conducted for the Next Generation of Enhanced Employment Strategies (NextGen) Project (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #0970-0545). The project is rigorously evaluating innovative interventions to promote employment and economic security among low-income individuals with complex challenges. The project includes an experimental impact study, descriptive study, and cost study. This extension will allow additional time to conduct study intake, collect data from NextGen programs and staff, and to conduct participant data collections. No changes are proposed to the data collection instruments.

DATES: *Comments 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: OPRE is conducting the NextGen Project to build the evidence around effective strategies for helping low-income individuals find and sustain employment. This project will identify and test innovative employment programs designed to help people facing complex challenges secure economic independence. The project is partnering with the Social Security Administration to incorporate a focus on employment-related early

interventions for people with current or foreseeable disabilities who have limited work history and are potential applicants for Supplemental Security Income.

We seek approval for an extension without change for the currently approved data collection activities. For the impact study, this includes: (1) Baseline survey and identifying and contact information data collection, (2) a first follow-up survey, and (3) a second follow-up survey. For the descriptive study, this includes (1) service receipt tracking, (2) a staff characteristics survey, (3) a program leadership survey, (4) semi-structured program discussions (conducted with program leaders, supervisors, partners, staff, and providers), (5) semi-structured employer discussions, and (6) in-depth participant interviews. For the cost study, this includes an Excel-based cost workbook.

Respondents: Program staff, program partners, employer staff, and individuals enrolled in the NextGen Project. Program staff and partners may include case managers, health professionals, workshop instructors, job developers, supervisors, managers, and administrators. Employers may include administrators, human resources staff, and worksite supervisors.

Annual Burden Estimates

This extension request does not change the average burden per response for any of the data collections. The annual burden estimates under this request are for an additional 3 years of data collection. The number of respondents has been updated to reflect the estimated number over the next 3 years.

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)
Baseline survey and identifying and contact information—participants ...	3,000	1	0.42	1,260	420
Baseline survey and identifying and contact information—staff	120	25	0.42	1,260	420
First follow-up survey—participants	3,100	1	0.83	2,573	858
Second follow-up survey—participants	3,360	1	0.83	2,789	930
Service receipt tracking—program staff	80	150	0.08	960	320
Staff characteristics survey—staff	20	1	0.42	8	3
Program leadership survey—program leaders	5	1	0.25	1	1
Semi-structured program discussion guide—program leaders	4	1	1.5	6	2
Semi-structured program discussion guide—program supervisors and partners	8	1	1.0	8	3
Semi-structured program discussion guide—program staff and providers	8	1	1.0	8	3
Semi-structured program discussion guide—employers	8	1	1.0	8	3
In-depth participant interviews—participants	20	1	2.0	40	13
Cost workbook—program staff	28	1	32.0	896	299

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,275.

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

Mary B. Jones,
ACF/OPRE Certifying Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

[OMB Control Number 0985–New]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request; Administration on Disabilities Evaluation of Technical Assistance for Independent Living Grantees

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed collection of information listed above. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This information collection (IC) solicits comments on the IC requirements relating to the Administration on Disabilities Evaluation of Technical Assistance for Independent Living Grantees.

DATES: Comments on the collection of information must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (EST) or postmarked by February 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of

information to: Peter Nye at OILPPRAComments@acl.hhs.gov. Submit written comments on the collection of information to Administration for Community Living, 330 C Street SW, Washington, DC, 20201, Attention: Peter Nye.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. The PRA requires federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval.

To comply with this requirement, ACL is publishing a notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document. With respect to the following collection of information, ACL invites comments on our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including

1. whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of ACL's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of ACL's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine burden estimates;
3. ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including by automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

ACL is currently engaged in an effort to better understand the implementation and effectiveness of the technical assistance (TA) provided to Independent Living (IL) grantees (Centers for Independent Living (CILs), statewide independent living councils (SILCs), and designated state entities

(DSEs)). The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended authorizes the IL grantees to provide, expand, and improve independent living services for people with disabilities. Title VII, Part C authorizes funding to CILs. Section 711A(a) requires ACL to reserve funds for training and TA to SILCs, and section 721(b)(1) requires ACL to reserve funds for training and TA to CILs. TA efforts can support IL grantees in creating and maintaining effective organizations and services. TA, such as one-on-one TA, peer-to-peer mentoring, and webinars, is made available by the Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) program, the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), the National Association of Statewide Independent Living Councils (NASILC), the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL), and the TA centers that ACL funds, including the Disability Employment TA Center (DETAC) and the Federal Housing and Services Resource Center (HSRC) (referred to as TA providers).

Although ACL monitors these TA providers activities, the effectiveness of the TA approach has yet to be assessed. The goal of this data-collection effort is to provide ACL with IL-grantee feedback on the TA approach, including what elements are effective, that can be incorporated into a future TA strategy that is most beneficial to IL grantees. In this IC, ACL will be surveying a total of approximately 408 Part C CILs, DSEs, and SILCs. The web-based survey will be sent electronically to representatives from all Part C CILs, SILCs, and DSEs. ACL will provide the survey in alternative modes, such as by mail or telephone, on grantee request an alternative mode can be provided. Results from this survey will provide ACL with a better understanding of the implementation and effectiveness of the current TA approach from the perspective of IL grantees.

The proposed data collection tools may be found on the ACL website for review at <https://www.acl.gov/about-acl/public-input>.

Estimated Program Burden: ACL estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: The survey will be sent to approximately 408 representatives of CILs, SILCs, and DSEs. The approximate burden for web-based survey completion will be 25 minutes per respondent, which includes time to review the instructions, read the questions, and complete responses. This results in a total survey burden estimate of 10,200 minutes, which is 170 hours.