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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Project

Title: Head Start/Early Head Start Emergency Preparedness Survey.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Office of Head Start, within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is planning a survey to collect data on Head Start and Early Head Start programs' emergency preparedness policies and procedures. Section 649(m) (2) of Public Law 110-134, "The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007" states, "The Secretary shall evaluate the Federal, State, and local preparedness of Head Start programs, including Early Head Start programs to respond appropriately in the event of a large-scale emergency, * * *." The Head Start/Early Head Start

Emergency Preparedness Survey was created in response to this request and will gather uniform data about current emergency preparedness policies and procedures for responding to large-scale emergencies of Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Respondents: Head Start and Early Head Start grantees.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Head Start Emergency Preparedness Survey	1,604	1	0.5	802

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 802.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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.

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Request for Public Comment Concerning Requirements for Transferring Children From the Placement and Care Responsibility of a State Title IV-E Agency to a Tribal Title IV-E Agency and Tribal Share of Title IV-E Administration and Training Expenditures

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment and Tribal Consultation Meetings.

SUMMARY: Effective October 1, 2009, Public Law 110-351 provides Indian Tribes with the option to operate a foster care, adoption assistance and, at Tribal option, a kinship guardianship assistance program under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act). The Federal government would share in the costs of Tribes operating an ACF-approved title IV-E program. Public Law 110-351 requires that ACF develop interim final rules after consulting with

Tribes and affected States on the implementation of the Tribal plan requirements in section 479B of the Act and other amendments made by the Tribal provisions in section 301 of Public Law 110-351. The law requires that such regulations include: (1) Procedures to ensure that a transfer of State responsibility for the placement and care of a child under a State title IV-E plan to a Tribal title IV-E plan occurs in a manner that does not affect the child's eligibility for title IV-E or title XIX Medicaid and such services or payments; and, (2) the in-kind expenditures from third-party sources permitted for the Tribal share of administration and training expenditures under title IV-E. This notice is designed to provide a written opportunity for comment to all interested persons, and specifically the affected States and to notify Tribal leaders of in-person opportunities to consult with the Children's Bureau on the development of these regulations.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before May 12, 2009. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details on the Tribal consultation meetings.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.