

*Estimated Total Annual Burden**Hours: 850.**Authority:*

Div. C, Title III, Pub. L. 117–43, 135

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Div. B, Title III, Pub. L. 117–70, 1102

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BILLING CODE 4184–45–P**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES****Administration for Children and
Families****Proposed Information Collection
Activity; The Role of Licensing in Early
Care and Education (New Collection)****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 Office of Planning,
Research, and Evaluation (OPRE),
Administration for Children and
Families (ACF), is proposing to collect
information for The Role of Licensing in
Early Care and Education (TRLECE)
project. This data collection aims to
examine the child care and early
education (CCEE) licensing system
through surveys of child care licensing
administrators, front-line child care
licensing staff, and child care providers.**DATES:** *Comments due within 30 days of
publication.* OMB must make a decisionabout 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 TRLECE project is
proposing a new information collection
to deepen the field’s understanding of
the CCEE licensing system. Information
will be collected from child care
licensing administrators, front-line child
care licensing staff, and child care
providers. This information collection
will include three national surveys:1. A one-time nationwide survey of
the child care licensing administrator in
each state, territory, and the District of
Columbia (N=56) regarding the licensing
system, as well as administrators’
characteristics, experiences, and
perceptions of the licensing system.
Child care licensing administrators
oversee critical systems that regulate
CCEE settings for young children.2. A one-time nationwide survey of
front-line child care licensing staff from
each of the 50 states and the District of
Columbia about their characteristics,
experiences, responsibilities, and
perceptions of the CCEE licensing
system. By front-line child care
licensing staff we mean individuals who
routinely conduct licensing inspections
of child care programs. They may have
other responsibilities as well, as long as
one of their jobs is to routinely conduct
inspections.3. A one-time nationwide survey of
licensed child care providers from each
of the 50 states and the District of
Columbia about their perceptions of and
experiences with the CCEE licensing
system. For the purposes of this study,
licensed providers are defined as
program owners/directors who oversee
the day-to-day operations in a licensed
center, as well as owners/operators of
licensed family child care (FCC)
programs (including group and family
child care homes).*Respondents:* We will invite all child
care licensing administrators in each
state/territory and the District of
Columbia, and all front-line child care
licensing staff in each state and the
District of Columbia to participate in a
comprehensive one-time web-based or
telephone survey. For the survey of
providers, the goal for the final sample
will be a nationally representative
sample of 2,000 licensed providers from
all 50 states and the District of Columbia
(1000 randomly selected licensed child
care centers and 1000 randomly selected
family child care homes).**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents (total over re- quest period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over re- quest period)	Avg. burden per response (in hours)	Total/annual burden (in hours)
Child care licensing administrator survey	48	1	0.5	24
Front-line child care licensing staff survey	1650	1	0.5	825
Child care provider survey	2000	1	0.5	1000

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