

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01079]

Cooperative Agreement for the Development of State-Level Surveillance Systems, Enhancement of Epidemiologic Practice, and the Development of Epidemiologic Training Programs for State Health Agencies; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement for the development of state-level surveillance systems, enhancement of epidemiologic practice, and the development of epidemiologic training programs for state health agencies.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE). No other applications are solicited. Because of the professional appointments and technical expertise with tribal, state, territorial and local health agencies, through its membership, CSTE is uniquely capable of applying epidemiologic principles to disease, environmental, and injury problems at the national, state, and local levels, and when states are directly affected. No other organization has the scientific and technical expertise to carry out this project.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$3,000,000 is available in FY 2001 to fund this award. Funds will be allocated to individually described and budgeted projects or activities which will comprise the overall cooperative agreement. Individual projects are expected to range from \$100,000 to \$625,000. It is expected that the award will be made on or about September 30, 2001, and will be made for a 12 month budget period within a project period of up to five years.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

Business management technical assistance may be obtained from: Mattie Jackson, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2920 Brandywine Road, Room 3000, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone number: 770-488-2696, Email address: mij3@cdc.gov.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Head Start Impact Study.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting comments on plans to conduct the Head Start Impact Study. This study is being conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (with the Urban Institute, American Institutes for Research, and Decision Information Resources as their subcontractors) (#282-00-0022) to collect information for determining, on a national basis, how Head Start affects the school readiness of children participating in the program as compared to children not enrolled in Head Start and to

determine under which conditions Head Start works best and for which children.

The Head Start Impact Study involves ten waves of data collection. The first two waves will occur during the field test in fall 2001 and spring 2002. The field test will involve approximately 600 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across eight grantee/delegate agencies representing different community contexts. The children participating will be randomly assigned to either a Head Start group (that receives Head Start program services) or a comparison group (that does not receive Head Start services but may enroll in other available services selected by their parents or be cared for at home). Waves three through ten will involve data collection for the full-scale study. The Head Start Impact Study is a longitudinal study that will involve approximately 5,000-6,000 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across an estimated 75 nationally representative grantee/ delegate agencies (in communities where there are more eligible children and families than can be served by the program). Data collection for the full-scale study will begin in fall 2002 and extend through spring 2006 with child assessments, conducted in the fall and spring of the Head Start years and in the spring of the kindergarten and first grade years and parent interviews conducted in the fall and spring of each year. Interviews/surveys with program staff/care providers, and quality of care assessments will be conducted in the spring of each year.

This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandate in Head Start's 1998 reauthorization (Coates Human Services Amendments of 1998, PL 05-285) that DHHS conduct research to determine, on a national level, the impact of Head Start on the children it serves.

Respondents: Individuals or households, Head Start Agencies, school districts, and other child care providers.

Annual Burden Estimates: Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Impact Study—fall 2001, spring 2002, fall 2002, spring 2003, fall 2003, spring 2004, fall 2004, spring 2005, fall 2005, and spring 2006.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Year 1 (fall 2001):				
Parent Interviews	600	1	1.00	600
Child Assessments	600	1	0.66	400
Year 1 (spring 2002):				
Parent Interviews	540	1	1.00	540
Child Assessments	540	1	0.66	360