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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Form 2: Grantee Performance Measures (OMB #0970–0500)

AGENCY: Office of Child Care; Administration for Children and Families; Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a 3-year extension of the ACF-Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (Tribal MIECHV) Program Form 2: Grantee Performance Measures (Office of Management and Budget (OMB)) #0970–0500; Expiration date February 28, 2023). There are no changes requested to the form.

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 infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The MIECHV Program authorizes the Secretary of the Health and Human Services (HHS) (in section 511(h)(2)(A)) to award grants to Indian tribes (or a consortium of Indian tribes), tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations to conduct an early childhood home visiting program. The legislation set aside 3 percent of the total MIECHV program appropriation for grants to tribal entities. Tribal MIECHV grants, to the greatest extent practicable, are to be consistent with the requirements of the MIECHV grants to states and jurisdictions and include conducting a needs assessment and establishing quantifiable, measurable benchmarks.

The ACF, Office of Child Care (OCC), in collaboration with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), awards grants for the Tribal MIECHV Program. The Tribal MIECHV grant awards support 5-year cooperative agreements to conduct community needs assessments; plan for and implement high-quality, culturally relevant, evidence-based home visiting programs in at-risk tribal communities; collect and report on performance measures; and participate in research and evaluation activities to build the knowledge base on home visiting among Native populations.

Specifically, the MIECHV legislation requires that State and Tribal MIECHV grantees collect performance data to

measure improvements for eligible families in six specified areas (referred to as “benchmark areas”) that encompass the major goals of the program. These include:

1. Improved maternal and newborn health;
2. Prevention of child injuries, child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment, and reduction in emergency department visits;
3. Improvement in school readiness and achievement;
4. Reduction in crime or domestic violence;
5. Improvement in family economic self-sufficiency; and
6. Improvement in the coordination and referrals for other community resources and supports.

Tribal MIECHV grantees are required to propose a plan for meeting the benchmark requirements specified in the legislation and must report on improvement in constructs under each benchmark area. The Tribal Home Visiting (HV) Form 2 provides a template for Tribal MIECHV grantees to report data on their progress in improving performance under the six benchmark areas, as stipulated in the legislation.

ACF will continue to use Tribal HV Form 2 to:

- Track and improve the quality of benchmark measures data submitted by the Tribal grantees;
- Improve program monitoring and oversight;
- Improve rigorous data analyses that help to assess the effectiveness of the programs and enable ACF to better monitor projects; and
- Ensure adequate and timely reporting of program data to relevant federal agencies and stakeholders including Congress and members of the public.

Respondents: Tribal MIECHV Program Grantees.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Tribal MIECHV Form 2	23	1	500	11,500

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,500.

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: The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123). Section 511(h)(2)(A) of Title V of the Social Security Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

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Evaluation of Therapeutic Equivalence; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability.