

1. *Bank of America Corporation*, Charlotte, North Carolina, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB, New York, New York, and thereby indirectly acquire Merrill Lynch Bank USA, Salt Lake City, Utah, and thereby engage in operating a savings association and an industrial bank, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(4) of Regulation Y.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 2, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Cross-Site Evaluation of the Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program for Projects Initially Funded in Fiscal Year 2006-NEW.

*OMB No.:* New Collection.

*Description:* The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau (CB), will conduct the Cross-Site Evaluation of the Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program (IAATP). Title XII, Subtitle A, of the Children's Health Act of 2000 (CHA) authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to make Infant Adoption Awareness Training grants available to national, regional, and local adoption organizations for the purposes of developing and implementing programs that train the staff of public and non-

profit private health service organizations to provide adoption information and referrals to pregnant women on an equal basis with all other courses of action included in non-directive counseling of pregnant women. Participants in the training include individuals who provide pregnancy or adoption information and those who will provide such services after receiving the training, with Title X (relating to voluntary family planning projects), Section 330 (relating to community health centers, migrant health centers, and centers serving homeless individuals and residents of public housing), and CHA-funded school-based health centers, receiving priority to receive the training. A total of six organizations were awarded IAATP funding in 2006.

Section 1201(a)(2)(A) of the IAATP legislation requires grantees to develop and deliver trainings that are consistent with the Best Practice Guidelines for Infant Adoption Awareness Training. The IAATP guidelines address training goals, basic skills, curriculum and training structure. A complete description of the guidelines is available at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/programs\\_fund/discretionary/iaatp.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/programs_fund/discretionary/iaatp.htm).

In addition, grantees are required to conduct local evaluation of program outcomes and participate in the national evaluation of the extent to which IAATP training objectives are met. The Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program: Trainee Survey is the primary data collection instrument for the national cross-site evaluation. Respondents will complete the survey prior to receiving training and approximately 90 days after the training to assess the extent to which trainees demonstrate sustained gains in their knowledge about

adoption, and to determine the impact of the training on their subsequent work with pregnant women.

1. Do health care workers who participate in the IAATP training: Demonstrate enhanced knowledge, attitudes, skills, and behaviors with respect to adoption counseling following completion of the program? Provide adoption information to pregnant women on an equal basis with other pregnancy planning options? Demonstrate enhanced awareness of community adoption-related resources and refer expectant mothers to them as needed?

2. Are trainees more confident about discussing all three pregnancy planning options (parenting, abortion, and adoption) in a non-directive counseling style than they were prior to participating in the training? Cross-site evaluation data will be collected on an annual basis throughout the five-year funding period. Pre-test and follow-up versions of the survey are expected to require approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Estimated response time for the follow-up survey includes time for respondents to access the web-based survey, complete the survey online, and electronically submit the survey. Respondents will not need to implement a recordkeeping system or compile source data in order to complete the survey. Where possible, fields in the follow-up version of the survey will be pre-filled with static data from the respondents pre-test (e.g., demographics, agency type) in order to further expedite completion of the survey and minimize respondent burden.

*Respondents:* Infant Adoption Awareness Program Trainees.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
IAATP: Trainee Survey Pre-Test Administration...	1,200	1	0.15	180
IAATP: Trainee Survey Follow-Up Administration..	1,200	1	0.10	120

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 300.

*Additional Information*

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, *Attn:* ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be

identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

*OMB Comment*

OMB is required to make a decision concerning 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. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, *Fax:* 202-395-6974, *Attn:* Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Dated: October 1, 2008.

Janean Chambers,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Public Comment on the Proposed Adoption of ANA Program Policies and Procedures

**AGENCY:** Administration for Native Americans (ANA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Comment on the Proposed Adoption of ANA Program Policies and Procedures.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, as amended by 42 U.S.C. 2992b-1, the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) herein describes its proposed interpretive rules, general statements of policy and rules of agency procedure or practice in relation to the following Program Announcements: Social and Economic Development Strategies (hereinafter referred to as SEDS), Social and Economic Development Strategies for Alaska (hereinafter referred to as SEDS-AK), Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Assessment (hereinafter referred to as Native Language Assessment), Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Planning (hereinafter referred to as Native Language Planning), Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Implementation (hereinafter referred to as Native Language Implementation), Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Immersion (hereinafter referred to as Native Language Immersion), Family Preservation—Improving the Well-Being of Children Project Planning (hereinafter referred to as Family Preservation Planning), Family Preservation—Improving the Well-Being of Children Project Implementation (hereinafter referred to as Family Preservation Implementation) and Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (hereinafter referred to as ERE).

Under the statute, ANA is required to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment on proposed changes in interpretive rules, general statements of policy and rules of agency procedure or practice, and to give notice of the final adoption of such changes at least 30 days before the changes become effective. This notice also provides

additional information about ANA's plan for administering the programs.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of comments is 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments in response to this notice should be addressed to Christopher Beach, Acting Director of Program Operations, Administration for Native Americans, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Mail Stop: Aerospace 2-West, Washington, DC 20447. Delays may occur in mail delivery to Federal offices; therefore, a copy of comments should be faxed to (202) 690-7441. Comments will be available for inspection by members of the public at Administration for Native Americans, Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Beach at (877) 922-9262.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, as amended, requires ANA to provide notice of its proposed interpretive rules, general statements of policy and rules of agency organization, procedure or practice. The proposed clarifications, modifications and new text will appear in the nine ANA FY 2009 Program Announcements (PA): SEDS, SEDS-AK, Native Language Assessment, Native Language Planning, Native Language Implementation, Native Language Immersion, Family Preservation Planning, Family Preservation Implementation and ERE. This notice serves to fulfill this requirement.

**Introduction:** This Notice of Public Comment (NOPC) addresses two groups of changes:

- Changes made across all program areas (Part I of NOPC). Changes in Part I apply to all PAs.
- Changes made to specific program areas (Part II of NOPC). ANA has made significant changes to the SEDS, SEDS-AK, Native Language Assessment, Native Language Planning, Native Language Implementation, Native Language Immersion, Family Preservation Planning, Family Preservation Implementation, and ERE. These changes are outlined in Part II.

**Note:** The Environmental Mitigation program area is no longer offered through ANA. Most funds from the appropriation under 8094A of Pub. L. 103-335 were expended. A nominal amount of funding was returned to the Treasury due to low public demand for the program area.

I. All PAs will be revised to clarify program and application submission requirements for the public. These changes appear in the following sections: ANA Administrative Policies

(Part A of NOPC), Definitions (Part B of NOPC) and Application Evaluation Criteria (Part C of NOPC).

(A) *ANA Administrative Policies:* Two statements will be revised to clarify ANA's policies. The first statement relates to the CFDA number and clarifies that grantees cannot be funded in more than one program area at the same time. The division of program announcements from four to nine does not impact this policy. Furthermore, the statement clarifies that grantees cannot have both a SEDS project and a Family Preservation Planning or a Family Preservation Implementation grant at the same time. The second statement relates to applications from Tribally authorized divisions.

The revised statements in the FY 2009 PA will be:

An applicant can have only one active ANA grant per CFDA number operating at any given time.

ANA will not accept applications from Tribal components that are Tribally chartered or authorized divisions of a Tribe unless the ANA application includes a Tribal resolution.

(B) *ANA Definitions:* ANA has added two new definitions and clarified the definition of two words. These new and revised definitions are provided for areas that applicants have found difficult to interpret, have previously prompted numerous questions or have created application and project development inconsistencies. (Legal authority: Section 803(a) and (d) and 803C of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2991b and 2991b-3.)

i. *New Definitions:* The FY 2009 PA includes definitions for the following terms: contingency plan and governing body.

The FY 2009 PAs will include these new definitions:

**Contingency plan:** A plan that identifies specific actions to be taken in the event a specific challenge arises. The purpose of a contingency plan is to reduce the negative impacts on the project. The contingency plan should ensure that the project will be successfully completed within the proposed funding timeframe. A contingency plan is not to pre-empt challenges, but rather to address challenges if they arise.

**Governing Body:** A body: (1) Consisting of duly elected or designated representatives, (2) appointed by duly elected officials or (3) selected in accordance with traditional Tribal means. The body must have authority to provide service to, and to enter into contracts, agreements and grants under this part on behalf of the organization or