

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: CFS-101, Part I Annual Budget Request for Title IV-B, Subparts 1 and 2, CAPTA, CFCIP.

OMB No.: 0980-0047.

Description: Under title IV-B, subparts 1 and 2, of the Social Security Act, States and Indian Tribes are to submit a five-year Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP), an Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR),

and an annual budget request and estimated expenditure report (CFS-101). The CFS-101 will be submitted annually with the CFSP or the APSR to apply for appropriated funds for the next fiscal year. The CFSP also includes the required State plans under section 106 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and section 477 of title IV-E, the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP), of the Social Security Act (the Act).

Congress has now appropriated funds for payments to States to implement educational and training vouchers (ETV) under section 477(a)(6) and 477(i) of the Act. The ETV program has been assigned a *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* (CFDA) number of 93.599.

The ETV program is integrated into the overall purpose and framework of the Chafee program; however, the program has a separate budget authorization and appropriation from the general CFCIP. This program addition will have an impact on how States report expenditures. Also, if a State does not apply for funds for the ETV program for a fiscal year by July 31 of that year, the funds will be reallocated to one or more other States on the basis of their relative need for funds as requested in Part II of the application. The CFS-101 is being updated to include the request for ETV funds and to either request or release funds for reallocation.

Respondents: States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
CFSP	300	1	525	157,500
APSR	300	1	295	88,500
CFS-101	300	1	6	1,800

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 247,800.

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 Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: rsargis@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.

Dated: February 9, 2004.

Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; NICHD Research Partner Satisfaction Surveys

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. The proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 2003, in Volume 68, No. 165, pages 51276-51277, and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The NIH may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection

that has been extended, revised, or implemented after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: NICHD Research Partner Satisfaction Surveys. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* Executive Order 12862 directs agencies that provide significant services directly to the public to survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they want and their level of satisfaction with existing services. With this submission, the NICHD seeks to obtain OMB's generic approval to conduct customer satisfaction surveys surrounding its research programs and activities.

The NICHD was founded in 1963. Its mission is to ensure, through research, the birth of healthy infants and the opportunity for each to reach full potential in adulthood, unimpaired by physical or mental disabilities. The NICHD conducts and supports research on the many factors that protect and enhance the process of human growth and development. The developmental focus of the NICHD means that its research portfolio is unusually broad. NICHD programs include research on infant mortality, birth defects, learning disorders, developmental disabilities, vaccine development, and demographic and behavioral sciences, among others. In addition to supporting basic research, clinical trials, and epidemiological

studies that explore health processes, the NICHD forms partnerships with organizations or institutions to ensure effective use of scientific findings and research products.

The NICHD utilizes program evaluations and strategic assessments to support Institute planning and policy development, and to help determine programmatic and scientific objectives and priorities. Research partner surveys will augment the NICHD's ongoing efforts to evaluate research-related activities. The two principal objectives are (1) to measure the personal satisfaction of research partners with NICHD programs or initiatives, including both responsiveness to scientific aims and convenience of operations to support research and its effective use; and (2) to learn from

research partners the ways in which the NICHD can improve the overall planning and management of its programs and initiatives. Findings will be used to improve the NICHD's research programs and initiatives in the following ways: (1) To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of operations; (2) to identify opportunities for improving program performance; (3) to develop plans to incorporate innovations in program management; (4) to measure partner satisfaction and document program outcomes for governmental accountability reporting; and (5) to identify the need for creating new programs or initiatives or restructuring existing ones to respond to emerging scientific opportunities.

Frequency of Response: Annual [As needed on an ongoing and concurrent

basis]. *Affected Public:* Members of the public, researchers, practitioners, and other health professionals. *Type of Respondents:* Members of the public; eligible grant applicants and actual applicants (both successful and unsuccessful); clinicians and other health professionals; and actual or potential clinical trials participants. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 13,625; *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* Varies with survey type, see below; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 2,920.00. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: \$43,800.00. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Type of respondents/survey modality	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Web-based	10,000	1	0.167	1,670.00
Paper Survey	2,500	1	0.25	625.00
Telephone Interview	1,000	1	0.50	500.00
In-person Interview	125	1	1.00	125.00
Total	13,625			2,920.00

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: To request more information on the proposed project, contact Mona Rowe, NIH NICHD Office of Science Policy, Analysis and Communication (OSPAC), 9000 Rockville Pike, Bldg. 31, Rm. 2A-18, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-2425, or call non-toll-free at 301-402-3213. You may also e-mail your request to rowem@exchange.nih.gov.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: February 2, 2004.

April Edwards,

NICHD Project Clearance Liaison, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Career Survey of Science-Oriented Scholars

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship (OLRS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection: (1) *Title:* Career Survey Science-Oriented Scholars (CSSOS). (2) Focus group of current and former participants in the Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP) at NIH. This survey and focus group are part of a comprehensive evaluation of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP), the purpose of which is to evaluate the success of the UGSP in achieving its intermediate goal of keeping scholars from disadvantage backgrounds on track to eventually become tenured research scientists at the NIH. The CSSOS will collect information on undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate education and training; employment history; experiences with the NIH; career status and goals; and demographic data. The protocol for the focus groups will address the program application process; experiences during the school year, particularly relations with college mentors; experience during the summer internship; experiences during years spent in payback; perceptions of program effects; career plans; and potential program improvements. Such information can be used to gauge whether the program is meeting the expectations of program managers and how the program could be improved in