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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Reunification Procedures for Unaccompanied Alien Children.

OMB No.: 0970–0278.

Description: Following the passage of the 2002 Homeland Security Act (Pub. L. 107–296), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), is charged with the care and placement of unaccompanied alien children in Federal custody, and implementing a policy for the release of these children, when appropriate, upon the request of

suitable sponsors while awaiting immigration proceedings. In order for ORR to make determinations regarding the release of these children, the potential sponsors must meet certain conditions pursuant to section 462 of the Homeland Security Act and the *Flores v. Reno Settlement Agreement* No. CV85–4544–RJK (C.D. Cal. 1997).

The proposed information collection requests information to be utilized by ORR for determining the suitability of a sponsor/respondent for the release of a minor from ORR custody. The proposed instruments are the Sponsor's Agreement to Conditions of Release, Verification of Release, Family Reunification Packet, and the Authorization for Release of Information.

Respondents: Sponsors requesting release of unaccompanied alien children to their custody.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Sponsor's Agreement to Conditions of Release	4,288	2	.0835	716
Verification of Release	4,288	1	.167	716
Family Reunification Packet	4,288	18	.0416	3,211
Authorization for Release of Information	4,288	15	.0222	1,428

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,071.

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: infocollection@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.

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Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Title: Performance Measurement On-line Tool (PMOTOOL).

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Performance Measurement On-line Tool was designed by the Children's Bureau to collect data, in an automated format, from specified discretionary grants

funded by the Children's Bureau. The data collected by this instrument will be submitted by individual discretionary grantees funded under the following programs: Abandoned Infants Assistance Program, Infant Adoption Awareness Training Program, Adoption Opportunities Program, Child Abuse and Neglect Program and the Child Welfare Training Program. Grantees will submit this information on a semi-annual basis in conjunction with their semi-annual program progress report.

The purpose of this data collection is to assist the Children's Bureau in responding to the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART), an OMB-mandated reporting system that focuses on quantifiable outcome measures, directly related to the expected social impact or public benefit of each federal program. The Children's Bureau will use the aggregated data collected under each federal program. These measurable outcomes will serve as evidence that the federally funded programs are making progress toward achieving broad, legislated program goals.

Respondents: All competitive discretionary grant programs funded by the Children's Bureau.