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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Relationship Quality Instrument
for Mentoring Children of Prisoners
Program.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Promoting Safe and
Stable Families Amendments of 2001
(Pub. L. 107-133) amended Title IV-B
of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
629-629e) to provide funding for
nonprofit agencies that recruit, screen,
train, and support mentors for children

with an incarcerated parent or parents.
The Family and Youth Services Bureau
(FYSB) of the Administration for
Children and Families, United States
Department of Health and Human
Services, administers the Monitoring
Children of Prisoners (MCP) program.
The MCP program creates lasting, high-
quality one-to-one mentoring
relationships that provide young people
with caring adult role models. The
quality of these relationships is an
important indicator of success in
mentoring programs. Previous research
has shown an association between high-
quality mentoring relationships and
positive changes in youth behavior
associated with positive youth benefits,
such as improved school attendance,
reductions in risk behavior, and other
benefits.

The Relationship Quality Instrument
consists of 15 rigorously field-tested
questions¹ about the relationship, plus
several questions that establish context
(age, gender, duration of relationship
and frequency of contacts, etc.). The
answers to the questions help assess

how satisfied the youth (mentee) is with
the relationship; whether the mentee is
happy in the relationship; whether the
mentee trusts the mentor; and whether
the mentor has helped the mentee to
cope with problems. Researchers in the
field of mentoring have tested and
validated the questions.

FYSB requires grantees receiving
funding to provide information that can
be used to evaluate outcomes for
participating children. FYSB will use
the information provided by the
instrument to assure effective service
delivery and program management and
to guide the development of national
monitoring and technical assistance
systems. Finally, FYSB will use data
from this collection for reporting
program outcomes to Congress in the FY
2006 Performance Report during the
budget process and as the basis for
outcome evaluation of the program over
the long term.

Respondents: Public, community- and
faith-based organizations receiving
funding to implement the MCP program.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Relationship Quality Instrument for Men- toring Children of Prisoners Program.	215 MCP grantees serving a total of ap- proximately 25,000 children in the active annual caseload.	1	116 (average caseload for MCP grantee).	24,940.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:* 24,940.

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.

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, Attn: Desk Officer for

ACF, E-mail address:

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Dated: June 1, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Evaluation of the Head Start
Region III I am Moving, I am Learning
(IM/IL) Program.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The purpose of this
evaluation is to examine the
implementation of the Head Start
project *I am Moving, I am Learning* (IM/

IL) as a preventive intervention targeting
obesity in children. IM/IL was designed
to fit within the Head Start Performance
Standards and the Head Start Child
Outcomes Framework through
enhancements to current teaching and
family support practices by providing
more focused guidance on quality
movement, gross and fine motor
development, and child nutrition.

This data collection will be conducted
among programs implementing IM/IL in
Region III and will gain information
about each site's program context and
service components, including level of
adoption of IM/IL enhancements,
intensity of implementation, and
sustainability of enhancements.
Outcomes and goals of the IM/IL
program that can be measured will also
be assessed.

Respondents: Head Start directors,
management teams, teachers, and staff
in Region III that received IM/IL
training; parents or guardians of
children who attend Head Start

¹ Rhodes J., Reddy, R., Roffman, J., and Grossman
J.B. (March, 2005). Promoting Successful Youth

Mentoring Relationships: A Preliminary Screening

Questionnaire. The Journal of Primary Prevention,
26:2, 147-167.