

Comments regarding this application must be received by December 29, 2008.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 1, 2008.

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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

Proposed Projects

Title: Supporting Healthy Marriage Project Baseline Data Collection Extension OMB No.: 0970-0299.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is conducting an evaluation study titled Supporting Healthy Marriage (SHM). This is a largescale, multi-site, rigorous test of marriage and relationship skills education programs for low-income married couples. The baseline information collection for the study was previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Number 0970-0299) and expires on of May 31, 2009. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of ACF's intent to request an extension of this clearance prior to its expiration.

The SHM project is founded on research that indicates that both adults in healthy marriages and their children do better on a host of outcomes. The evaluation study will determine the interim and long-term effectiveness of eight local programs by comparing outcomes on a range of measures for

couples and children in the program group to a comparable group of couples randomly assigned to a control group.

Baseline information is collected from couples at the time they volunteer to participate in an SHM program. The baseline data collection provides information about the characteristics of the husband and wife and information about their attitudes and beliefs about their relationship at study entry.

This information will be used to inform the public, program operators and policymakers about the characteristics of married couples who volunteer for marriage education programs and, among other uses, it will be used to define and conduct analyses of key subgroups, addressing a key study question of who benefits most from this type of marriage education service.

Respondents: Low-income married couples.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response (in minutes)	Estimated annual burden hours
Eligibility Checklist	3126	1	5	260
Informed Consent Form	3126	1	10	521
Baseline Information Form	3126	1	9	469
Self-Administered Questionnaire	3126	1	11	573
Contact Information Sheet	3126	1	10	521
Estimated Annual Burden Hours	2344

Additional Information

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: OPREinfocollection@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: November 26, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Project

Title: Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES).

OMB No.: 0970-0151.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is planning to collect data on a new cohort for the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES). FACES is a longitudinal study of a

nationally representative sample of Head Start programs and children that will collect information for Head Start performance measures. Data for FACES will be collected annually through interviews with Head Start parents, teachers, program directors and other Head Start staff, as well as direct child assessments and observations of Head Start classrooms.

Information will be collected on a sample of approximately 3,500 children and families from 60 Head Start programs. The methods of data collection will include assessments of Head Start children, interviews with their parents, and ratings by their Head Start teachers. Site visitors will interview Head Start teachers in approximately 350 classrooms and make observations of the types and quality of classroom activities. Interviews will also be conducted with Head Start program directors and other staff. A follow-up for children in Kindergarten will include child assessments, parent interviews, and teacher questionnaires and child ratings.