

initiated. CAPTA requires that each State report the time from the report of abuse or neglect to the start of the CPS agency response (42 U.S.C. 5106a(d)(8)). Currently, NCANDS collects the CPS response start date. Adding the time field will enable a more accurate computation of the time between receipt of the report and the start of the CPS response. This addition will improve reporting for the Child and Family Services Reviews and GPRA.

- **Field 149, Maltreatment Death Date:** The Maltreatment Death Date field will collect the exact date (day, month, and year) that a child died due to child abuse or neglect. CAPTA requires that each State report the number of deaths in the State during the year resulting from child abuse or neglect (42 U.S.C. 5106a(d)(5)). Currently, NCANDS collects that the child was determined to have died due to maltreatment, but does not collect the date of death. Because determinations of the cause of death can take several months, adding the date of death will ensure a more accurate reporting of child fatality data.

- **Field 150, Foster Care Discharge Date:** The Foster Care Discharge Date

field will collect the exact date (day, month, and year) that a child exits from foster care. This field will be completed for those children who were removed from their homes and have entries in the removal date and foster care services fields. Currently, NCANDS collects the exact date (day, month, and year) that a child entered foster care, but not the exact date (day, month, and year) when the child exited foster care. This addition will improve reporting for the Child and Family Services Reviews.

The reauthorization of CAPTA asks for the number of children who are eligible for referral and the number of children referred to Part C agencies (42 U.S.C. 5106a(d)(16)). The Children's Bureau proposes to modify the Agency File by adding two new fields to meet these requirements:

- **Field 5.1, Number of Children Eligible for Referral to Agencies Providing Early Intervention Services Under Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act:** This field will collect the number of children who were the subject of a CPS response, received a disposition, and were considered by the State to be eligible for

referral to Part C agencies during the reporting period.

- **Field 5.2, Number of Children Referred to Agencies Providing Early Intervention Services Under Part C of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act:** This field will collect the number of children who were considered eligible and actually were referred to Part C agencies during the reporting period.

The information collected by NCANDS will be used to better understand the experiences of children and families served by State and local child protective services agencies and to guide policy and program development at the national and local levels. Data collected through the NCANDS will also be used to support HHS with responding to the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA); reporting to Congress on States' performance on national child welfare outcomes; and monitoring States through the CFSRs.

Respondents: State governments, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Detailed Case Data Component Child File and Agency File	52	1	112.3	5,841

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,841.

Additional Information: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing 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. Email address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)—Reporting Improper Payments—Instructions for States.

OMB No.: 0970-0323.

Description: Section 2 of the Improper Payments Act of 2002 provides for estimates and reports of improper payments by Federal agencies. Subpart K of 45 CFR, Part 98 will require States to prepare and submit a report of errors occurring in the administration of CCDF grant funds once every three years.

The Office of Child Care (OCC) is completing the second 3-year cycle of case record reviews to meet the requirements for reporting under IPIA. The OCC has conducted ongoing evaluation of the case record review process to determine if "improper authorizations for payment" remained a suitable proxy for actual "improper payments." It is OCC's determination that in some cases authorizations for payment represented the same figure as actual payments; in other cases authorizations for payment has represented a figure as much as 20% higher than actual payments. Many States reported errors found during the desk audit review process that were due to missing or insufficient documentation or other misapplication of policy, but found that families were determined to be eligible for services and that the actual payment authorized was correct. Other States reported regulatory barriers in State law which prohibits recovery of over-authorization or over-payment as the result of agency error. As such, this information collection will provide a methodology

revision that will assess errors in eligibility determinations that will

compare the amount authorized for payment with the actual payment.

Respondents: State grantees, 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
Sampling Decisions and Fieldwork Preparation Plan	17	1	106	1802
Record Review Worksheet	17	276	6.33	29,700.36
State Improper Authorizations for Payment Report	17	1	639	10,863
Corrective Action Plan	8	1	156	1248
<i>Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:</i>				43,613.36

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Comment Request

Title: Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency: Follow-Up Data Collection.

OMB No.: 0970-0397.

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing a data collection activity as part of the Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency (ISIS) demonstration and evaluation. The ISIS project will test a range of promising career pathways strategies to promote education, employment, and self-sufficiency. The major goals of the ISIS project include increasing the empirical knowledge about the effectiveness of a variety of programs for low-income individuals and families to achieve educational credentials, attain employment and advance to positions that enable self-sufficiency, as well as producing useful findings for both policymakers and program administrators.

This proposed information collection activity focuses on collecting follow-up data elements approximately one year after program enrollment. (Baseline data elements were previously collected at the time of program enrollment. A baseline information form captured basic identification, demographic, and contact information from program participants; a self-administered questionnaire captured additional information about participants related to the project goals; and baseline implementation data collection interviews collected information from knowledgeable informants about the service context for each evaluation site using a baseline implementation guide. These instruments were previously approved under OMB No. 0970-0397).

The purpose of this information collection effort is to follow up with study participants, document the experiences of program participants,

examine differences in service receipt and educational experiences between program and control group members, describe the intervention as it was implemented in each site and assess the extent to which it was implemented as intended, and assess the implications for intervention scalability and sustainability.

Specifically, this data will be collected using the following instruments: (a) A follow-up survey which will be administered to all study participants approximately one year following enrollment in the study; (b) tracking letters which will be sent every four months to all study participants requesting an update of their contact information; (c) a modification to the Baseline Information Form requesting some basic information about all of the study participant's children (if applicable); (d) interview guides for the in-person visits to the intervention sites to structure discussions with program leadership/managers, instructional staff, case managers/advisors, partners and employers; (e) a brief survey for instructional staff; (f) a brief survey for case managers/advisors; and (g) in-depth interviews with a sample of study participants.

Respondents: Individuals enrolled in the ISIS demonstration programs, control group members, ISIS program/partner staff (including program leadership, case managers and instructional staff), and other local informants.