

informational needs about health care benefits and choices, as directed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. This telephone survey will gather data on publications users' demographics, usage patterns, and attitudes toward Medicare publications. Research findings will support the improvement of a dissemination of Medicare publications; *Frequency*: Quarterly; *Affected Public*: Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents*: 3,000; *Total Annual Responses*: 3,000; *Total Annual Hours*: 850.

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within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB desk officer: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Brenda Aguilar, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Native Employment Works (NEW) Program Plan Guidance and Program Report.

OMB No.: 0970-0174.

Description: The Native Employment Works (NEW) program plan is the application for NEW program funding. As approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), it documents how the grantee will carry out its NEW program. The NEW program plan guidance specifies the information needed to complete a NEW program plan and explains the process for plan submission every third year.

The NEW program report provides information on the activities and accomplishments of grantees' NEW programs. The NEW program report and instructions specify the program data that NEW grantees report annually.

Respondents: Federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations that are NEW program grantees.

Annual Burden Estimates

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours (annually) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| NEW program plan guidance | 26 | One, every 3 years | 30 | 780 |
| NEW program report | 53 | One, annually | 15 | 795 |
| Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours | 1,575 | | | |

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.

OMB Comment

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Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attn: Desk Officer for ACF.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System for title IV-B and title IV-E.

OMB No.: 0980-0267.

Description: Section 479 of title IV-E of the Social Security Act directs States to establish and implement an adoption and foster care reporting system. The data are used for a number of purposes, including responding to Congressional requests for current data on children in foster care or those who have been adopted; responding to questions and requests from other Federal departments and agencies; trend analyses and short and long-term planning; targeting areas for greater or potential technical assistance efforts; and determining and assessing outcomes for children and families.

Respondents: States, 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 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| AFCARS (Electronic Format) | 52 | 2 | 3,316 | 344,864 |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Administration for Children and Families****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Title: Head Start Impact Study.

OMB No.: 0970-0229.

Description: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting comments on plans to conduct the Head Start Impact Study. This study is being conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (with the Urban Institute, American Institutes for Research, and Decision Information Resources as their subcontractors) (#282-00-0022) to collect information for determining, on a national basis, how Head Start affects the school readiness of children participating in the program as compared to children not enrolled in Head Start and to determine under which conditions Head Start works best and for which children.

The Head Start Impact Study is a longitudinal study that will involve approximately 5,000 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across an estimated 90 nationally representative grantee/ delegate agencies (in communities where there are more eligible children

and families than can be served by the program). Data collection for the full-scale study began in fall 2002 and extends through spring 2006, with child assessments conducted in the fall and spring of the Head Start years and in the spring of the kindergarten and first grade years, and parent interviews conducted in the fall and spring of each year. Interviews/surveys with program staff/care providers, and quality of care assessments will be conducted in the spring of each year. This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandate in Head Start's 1998 reauthorization (Coats Human Services Amendments of 1998, Pub. L. 05-285) that DHHS conduct research to determine, on a national level, the impact of Head Start on the children it serves.

A field test of instruments and procedures was conducted during fall 2001 and spring 2002. The field test involved approximately 450 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across eight grantee/ delegate agencies representing different community contexts.

Respondents: Individuals or Households, Head Start Agencies, School Districts, and other Child Care Providers.

Annual Burden Estimates: Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Impact Study—fall 2002, spring 2003, fall 2003, spring 2004, spring 2005, fall 2005, and spring 2006.

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Year 1 (fall 2002): | | | | |
| Parent Interviews | 5,111 | 1 | 1.00 | 5,111 |
| Child Assessments | 5,111 | 1 | 0.9166 | 4,685 |
| Year 1 (spring 2003): | | | | |
| Parent Interviews | 4,599 | 1 | 1.00 | 4,599 |
| Father Questionnaire | 4,599 | 1 | 0.50 | 2,300 |
| Child Assessments | 4,599 | 1 | 0.9166 | 4,216 |
| Teacher/Provider Ratings | 966 | 5 | 0.833 | 403 |
| Center Directors/Principals | 368 | 1 | 0.25 | 92 |
| Classroom Teachers | 736 | 1 | 0.50 | 368 |
| Other Care Providers | 230 | 1 | 0.50 | 115 |
| Year 2 (fall 2003): | | | | |
| Parent Interviews | 4,139 | 1 | 1.00 | 4,139 |
| Child Assessments | 2,287 | 1 | 0.9166 | 2,096 |
| Year 2 (spring 2004): | | | | |
| Parent Interviews | 3,910 | 1 | 1.00 | 3,910 |
| Child Assessments | 3,910 | 1 | 0.9166 | 3,584 |
| Teacher/Provider Ratings | 803 | 5 | 0.833 | 335 |
| Center Directors/Principals | 349 | 1 | 0.25 | 87 |
| Classroom Teachers | 700 | 1 | 0.50 | 350 |
| Other Care Providers | 103 | 1 | 0.50 | 52 |
| Year 3 (fall 2004): | | | | |
| Parent Interviews | 3,519 | 1 | 1.00 | 3,519 |
| Year 3 (spring 2005): | | | | |
| Parent Interviews | 3,519 | 1 | 1.00 | 3,519 |
| Child Assessments | 3,519 | 1 | 0.9166 | 3,226 |