



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Assessing Models of Coordinated Services for Low-Income Children and Their Families (AMCS) (0970-0535)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation; Administration for Children and Families; Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is requesting an extension to continue collecting data for the study, Assessing Models of Coordinated Services for Low-Income Children and Their Families (AMCS). Data collection has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will not be complete by the current expiration date of October 31, 2020. There are no changes proposed to the current instruments.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting

public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Alternatively, copies can also be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests, emailed or written, should be identified by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Through AMCS, ACF seeks to learn more about how states and communities coordinate early care and education, family economic security, and/or other health and human services to most efficiently and effectively serve the needs of low-income children and their families. ACF aims to understand strategies used to support partnerships, including the Federal barriers to agency collaboration. In support of achieving these goals, the study team is conducting "virtual site visits" with six programs that offer coordinated services. The study team will gather information through interviews with program

staff members, such as agency leaders or frontline staff, and focus groups with parents.

Data collection activities will include up to six program "virtual site visits." "Virtual site visits" include semi-structured interviews with up to 30 total staff at each site and focus groups with 8-10 parents at each site.

Semi-structured interviews with program and partner staff will obtain in-depth information about the goals and objectives of programs, the services provided, how the coordinated services are implemented, how staffing is managed, data use, and any facilitators and barriers to coordination. Focus groups with parents participating in the program will provide the opportunity to learn about how parents perceive the program; how it meets their needs; what benefits they gain from the program; and how they enroll, participate, and progress through the program.

Respondents: Lead program and partner program staff members working in six programs across the United States that coordinate early care and education services with family economic security services and/or other health and human services, as well as parents receiving services from these programs. Staff respondents will be selected with the goal of having staff represent each level of the organization. Parents who have participated in the program

for at least 6 months and who receive early childhood services and at least one other program service will be invited to participate in focus groups.

Annual Burden Estimates

Instrument	Total/Annual Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
Master Virtual Site Visit Interview Protocol	180	1	2	360
Parent Virtual Focus Group Protocol	60	1	1	60

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 420

Comments: 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.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 9858(a)(5).

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