

In addition, ACF is requesting comments on plans to begin data collection and conduct an evaluation of a fifth independent living program using a randomized experimental design.

Youth aged 18–21 will be interviewed at three points during the evaluation period. Program administrators, staff, and youth will participate in interviews, observations, and focus groups

conducted during the program site visits.

*Respondents:* Youth, caseworkers, program administrators, and staff.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATE**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
<b>Ongoing Study Sites</b>				
Baseline:				
Youth interview .....	98	1	1.5	147
Caseworker survey .....	4	19	.5	38
First Follow Up:				
Youth interview .....	177	1	1.5	266
Caseworker survey .....	4	36	.5	72
Program Site visit .....	50	1	1.5	75
Second Follow Up:				
Youth interview .....	370	1	1.5	555
<b>New (5th) Study Site</b>				
Baseline:				
Youth interview .....	250	1	1.5	375
Program site visit .....	80	1	1.5	120
First Follow Up:				
Youth interview .....	213	1	1.5	320
Program site visit .....	50	1	1.5	75
Second Follow Up:				
Youth interview .....	200	1	1.5	300

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 2,343.  
*Estimated Annual Burden Hours (average over three years):* 781.

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded 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. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Title:* Needs Assessment for Promoting Cultural Competence and Diversity in Youth Mentoring Programs Toolkit.

*OMB No.* New Collection.

*Description:* The Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) program, administered under the Family Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) within the Administration for Children and

Families (ACF), was authorized by the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act of 2001 (SSFA, Pub. L. 107–133). The MCP program is designed to nurture children who have one or both parents incarcerated. The Secretary of HHS is mandated to appropriate funds for the MCP grant program, specifically for evaluation, research, training, and technical assistance. In FY 2004, grantees began submitting progress reports to HHS.

FYSB will conduct an assessment of the mentoring community to identify and assess needs for the purpose of building a toolkit of practical information and tools to assist mentoring programs in promoting cultural competence and diversity in their programs. The toolkit modules address recruiting minority mentors, assessing and matching mentors and mentees, training, educating program staff and participants, and promoting ethnic identity development.

*Respondents:* Mentoring Children of Prisoners grantees and National Mentoring Partnership (MENTOR) affiliated mentoring organizations.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Mentoring ToolKit Web-based Needs Assessment Questionnaire .....	442	1	.75	332
Mentoring ToolKit Web-based focus group .....	40	1	1	40
Mentoring ToolKit Web-based Feedback Questionnaire .....	100	1	.25	25
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....				397

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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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System.  
*OMB No.:* 0980-0229.  
*Description:* The Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Act (42 U.S.C. 5101

*et seq.*) as amended requires States "to annually work with the Secretary to provide to the maximum extent practical, a report" that includes 12 data items listed in the statute. The National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), administered by the Children's Bureau, meets this reporting requirement. In addition, the amendments of 1988 require that the data system "shall be universal and case specific and integrated with other case-based foster care and adoption data collected by the Secretary." There are two data components, the Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC), which includes the case-level data submitted through the Child File and some aggregated data submitted through the Agency File, and the Summary Data component (SC), which is used by States that cannot submit case-level data. No changes are being requested. The Summary Data Component will be phased out over the next few years as the number of States that can complete the Child File increases.

*Respondents:* State Child Welfare Agencies.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
DCDC (includes the Child File and the Agency File) .....	49	1	108.6	5,321
Summary Data Component .....	3	1	32	96
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....				5,417

*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](mailto: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: [Katherine\\_T.\\_Astrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov).

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