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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Request for Public Comments Concerning the Implementation and Management of Child Welfare Training for Which Federal Financial Participation Is Available Under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Children's Bureau, in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families administers the title IV-E training program which provides funds to States to assist with the training of public agency staff, foster and adoptive parents, and private agency staff. Federal financial participation (FFP) is available for a portion of the costs States

incur in the delivery of appropriate and approved child welfare training. The Children's Bureau plans to issue guidance clarifying current policy and regulations with respect to title IV-E training. The relevant regulations are at 45 CFR 235.63-.66(a), and 45 CFR 1356.60 (b) and (c). This notice invites public comment on issues and concerns which have been identified in the course of implementing and managing title IV-E training. These comments will help to inform the Children's Bureau in clarifying the existing policy and regulatory framework within which title IV-E operates and is administered.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before October 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments (preferably in duplicate) to Daniel H. Lewis, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel H. Lewis, Deputy Associated Commissioner, Children's Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013; 202-205-8618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With the enactment of Public Law 96-272, the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980, the provisions for claiming Federal financial participation (FFP) in the costs of training under title IV-E were established. Over the past six years two policy documents have been developed by the Department to provide guidance on a number of title IV-E training issues. The issues which have been dealt with in these documents include: (1) clarification of the availability of Federal financial participation (FFP) for different types of training, certain categories of training recipients, and specific cost items based on interpretations of existing statutes and regulations; (2) differential treatment of direct and indirect costs for purposes of obtaining different levels of FFP; and (3) a restatement of the requirement for cost allocation in order to secure FFP.

Policy Announcement (PA) ACYF-90-01, dated June 14, 1990, explained the availability of 75 percent Federal financial participation (FFP), to the extent costs are allocable to title IV-E, for several types of training.

Information Memorandum ACF-IM-91-15, dated July 24, 1991, provided a background on the statutory and regulatory provisions providing for a 75 percent title IV-E training matching rate. It also reiterated the requirement to

allocate training costs among all benefitting programs.

In addition to these policy documents, the DHHS Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) has dealt with several title IV-E training issues relating to the applicable rate of FFP and the requirement for cost allocation in its Decisions 1214, 1422, and 1530.

Numerous issues have arisen in response to policy interpretations contained in the policy documents and DAB decisions cited above. As a result, the Children's Bureau plans to issue guidance clarifying current policy and regulations for the benefit of all parties who deal with the benefit from title IV-E training. This notice invites public comment on issues and concerns that have arisen in the course of implementing and managing title IV-E training. The Children's Bureau will address all relevant comments in clarifying the current policy and regulatory framework within which title IV-E operates and is administered.

Dated: August 8, 1996.

Olivia A. Golden,
Commissioner, Administration on Children,
Youth and Families.

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Uniform requirements for four State grant programs authorized by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, i.e. Basic State Grant, Medical Neglect/Disabled Infants Grant, Children's Justice Act Grant and the Community Based Family Resource Program.

OMB No.: 0980-0257.

Description: The reports are used by NCCAN, the Regional Administrators and the States as a mechanism for monitoring the expenditure of funds and in evaluating and measuring State achievements in addressing the problems of child abuse and neglect. The reports are also used by NCCAN for the development of reliable comprehensive information and data from Statewide, regional and national perspectives upon which policy and program decisions may be based, research, service and demonstration priorities established, and information and recommendation provided to the Congress.

Respondents: State, Local and Tribal Govt.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Basic State Grant	52	1	20	1,040
Medical Neglect/Disabled	52	1	20	1,040
Children's Justice Act	52	1	20	1,040
Community Based Family Resource Program	52	1	20	1,040

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,160.

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 Information Services, Division of Information Resource Management Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by title.

In addition, requests for copies may be made and comments forwarded to the Reports Clearance Officer over the Internet by sending message to rsargis@acf.dhhs.gov. Internet messages must be submitted as an ASCII file without special characters or encryption.

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) ways to enhance 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.

Dated: August 15, 1996.
Bob Sargis,
Acting, Reports Clearance Officer.
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National Institutes of Health

Proposed Data Collections Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires that Federal Agencies provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is publishing this notice to solicit public comment on a proposed data collection for the Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally. In order to request copies of the data collection plans and instruments, please contact Marc S. Horowitz, J.D. via E-mail at mhl8k@nih.gov or by calling (301) 402-5666 (not a toll-free number). Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection is necessary, including whether the information has practical use; (b) ways to enhance the clarity, quality, and use of the collection; and (d) ways to minimize the collection burden of the respondents. Written comments are requested within 60 days of the publication of this notice. Send comments to: Marc S. Horowitz, J.D., Director, Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 604, Bethesda, MD 20892-9121.

Proposed Project

The NIH intends to make available financial assistance, in the form of educational loan repayment, to M.D., Ph.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D., and D.V.M. degree holders, or the equivalent, who

perform biomedical or bio-behavioral research in NIH intramural laboratories for a minimum of three (3) years in research areas supporting the mission and priorities of the NIH. The Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally is authorized by section 487C of the Public Health Service Act, (42 U.S.C. 288-3). The Program may repay a maximum of \$20,000.00 per year toward a participants' extant eligible educational loans, directly to lenders. Payments to lenders are in addition to NIH salary and benefits, and represents taxable income to the participants. To partially offset Federal tax liability, tax reimbursement payments, equal to 39% of the loan repayments made each year, will be made directly to the Internal Revenue Service for credit toward participants' tax accounts. Reimbursements for increased state and/or local tax liabilities may also be available. Participants must have qualifying educational debt in excess of 20 percent of their annual NIH base salary on the expected date of program eligibility.

The Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally is designed to recruit and retain biomedical professionals to the research laboratories of the NIH in exchange for repayment of qualifying educational loan debt. The information proposed for collection will be used by the Office of Loan Repayment and Scholarship to determine an applicant's eligibility for participation in the Program. The application consists of three parts: Part I (Information about the Applicant) is completed by the applicant; Part II (Loan Data Verification) is completed by the financial institution; and Part III (Recommendation) is completed by the recommenders.

The annual burden estimates are as follows:

	Number respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)
Applicant	40	1	3.00
Financial Institution	200	1	0.25
Recommenders	120	1	0.50