

ensue immediately or will be scheduled. It is expected that, after the nine months, over half of the families will no longer be using subsidies. Patterns of subsidy use prior to and during the study period will be tracked through State administrative data.

The parent telephone interview will include questions about parents' employment, subsidy status and experience, child care usage, and changes in household composition over the nine-month period. Although the

analyses will rely heavily on identification of trigger events, the survey will include questions about other less tangible considerations that may have influenced the duration of parents' subsidy use. Telephone interviews will be conducted using Computer-Assisted-Telephone Interviewing (CATI). Responses are voluntary and confidential.

The study will also analyze State administrative data on all families who are approved for subsidies during the

recruitment period for the study. This will allow the researchers to assess the generalizability of the smaller sample of families recruited for the study.

No existing data sources can provide all the information needed to complete the Follow-Up Study of Issues Affecting the Duration of Child Care Subsidy Use. These data will help the Child Care Bureau and States to better understand reasons for short child care subsidy duration.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number or responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response (hours)	Total burden hours
Illinois parent survey .....	840	1	.75	630
Oregon parent survey .....	840	1	.75	630
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: .....				1,260

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.

Dated: January 30, 2006.

**Robert Sargis,**

*Reports Clearance Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Administration for Children and Families

##### Notice of Public Comment on the Proposed Adoption of ANA Program Policies and Procedures

**AGENCY:** Administration for Native Americans (ANA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (the Act) as amended by 42 U.S.C. 2992b-1, ANA herein describes its proposed interpretive rules and general statements of policy and rules of agency procedure or practice in relation to the Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) Special Initiative Program Announcement: Improving the Well-Being of Children/Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative (NAHMI). Under the Act, ANA is required to provide members of the public an opportunity to comment on proposed changes in interpretive rules and general statements of policy and rules of agency procedure or practice and give notice of the final adoption of such changes at least thirty (30) days before the changes become effective. This Notice also provides additional

information about ANA's plan for administering NAHMI.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of comments is thirty (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments in response to this Notice should be addressed to Sheila K. Cooper, Director of Program Operations, Administration for Native Americans, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Mail Stop: Aerospace 8-West, Washington, DC 20447. Delays may occur in mail delivery to Federal offices; therefore, a copy of comments should be faxed to (202) 690-7441. Comments will be available for inspection by members of the public at the Administration for Native Americans, Aerospace Center, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila K. Cooper, Director of Program Operations, toll-free at (877) 922-9262.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 814 of the Native American Programs Act of 1974, as amended, requires ANA to provide notice of its proposed interpretive rules and general statements of policy and rules of agency procedure or practice. These proposed clarifications, modifications, and new text will appear in the ANA FY 2006 Special Initiative Program Announcement. This Notice serves to fulfill this requirement.

**Additional Information***SEDS Special Initiative: Improving the Well-Being of Children/Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative (NAHMI)*

ANA has the discretionary authority to make awards in support of special initiatives, including but not limited to, healthy marriage and relationships, fatherhood, positive youth development, and emergency support to Native communities affected by manmade or natural disasters. In FY 2005, ANA first announced the availability of funding for a special initiative focusing on Native American Healthy Marriage projects. This Notice provides additional specific parameters for projects funded under this initiative in FY 2006.

(i) Project periods will be for five years only. Project periods consist of five, twelve-month budget periods.

(ii) The annual budget threshold cannot exceed \$200,000 per budget period.

(iii) A request for financial assistance for any of the special initiatives will require a non-Federal share match requirement (42 U.S.C. 2991b(b)).

(iv) ANA program announcements are category- and program-specific. Applicants must submit projects for the Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative (NAHMI) under this special program area. Applicants must clearly indicate this specific competitive area when applying for this competition.

(v) ANA will consider only the following list of Program Areas of Interest:

- Projects that provide public advertising campaigns in Native American communities on the value of healthy marriage as a way to improve relationships and marriages and strengthen family relationships;
- Projects that provide youth education in high schools, youth

organizations, and community centers on the value of healthy marriages and healthy relationship skills, including conflict resolution, communication, and commitment. Projects should use a pre-marital education curriculum focused on youth;

- Projects that offer marriage education, marriage skills, and relationship skills, which may include communication skills, conflict resolution, commitment, and parenting skills to expectant couples, both married and unmarried, as well as new parents, both married and unmarried;

- Projects that offer pre-marital education and marriage skills training for couples, individuals, or engaged couples interested in marriage. Training would include a marriage education course and couples would learn the knowledge and skills (communication, conflict resolution, and commitment) necessary to choose marriage for themselves if they so desire;

- Projects that provide marriage enhancement/enrichment and marriage skills training programs for married couples to improve or strengthen their relationship through a certified marriage education course. The course should include lessons in communication, conflict resolution, and commitment;

- Projects that use married couples as role models and mentors in at-risk communities to teach healthy relationship and marriage skills. Projects should include a marriage education course that emphasizes communication, commitment, and conflict resolution; weekend retreats; and mentor groups; and

- Projects that conduct research on the benefits of healthy marriages and healthy marriage education.

The primary focus of projects should be on healthy marriage education and enrichment. Other activities such as

abstinence education, foster parenting, and fatherhood accountability can be included in the project but cannot be the primary objective.

Dated: January 30, 2006.

**Kimberly Romine,**

*Deputy Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Administration for Children and Families****Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request****Proposed Projects**

*Title:* 45 CFR Part 1309 Head Start Facilities Purchase, Major Renovation and Construction.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0193.

*Description:* The Head Start Bureau is proposing to renew, without changes, 45 CFR 1309. This rule contains the administrative requirements for Head Start and Early Head Start grantees who apply for funding to purchase, renovate, or construct Head Start program facilities. The rule ensures that grantees use standard business practices when acquiring real property and that Federal interest is preserved in properties acquired with public funds. The rule further ensures compliance with all other Federal statutes applicable to the expenditure of Federal funds when acquiring real property.

*Respondents:* Head Start and Early Head Start grantees and delegate agencies.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Regulation .....	200	1	41	8,200
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: .....	.....	.....	.....	8,200

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