

of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing opreinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The SCIP provides federal funding to state courts to assess their child welfare and judicial practices and develop and implement improvement plans. States use funds in a variety of ways, including improving legal representation and hearing quality, enhancing the engagement of families in court proceedings, and supporting child welfare and court partnerships. The proposed collection is a continuation of the current collection and comprised of two instruments: a strategic plan and self-assessment. The self-assessment reflects what the state has done in the prior year focusing on its progress and status within the change management

cycle. The strategic plan looks forward to those interventions and actions the state plans to undertake to address needs or buttress strengths they have discovered in their assessment activities. These two instruments serve as an application for annual SCIP funding as well as a source for data which are shared back with SCIP grantees to support their community learning and peer connections, to inform technical assistance, and support any reporting to Congress and others. Regarding updates to the self-assessment and strategic plan, a minor change was made early in 2025 to the self-assessment in response to Executive Orders, amounting to one optional topical box and a few drop-down categories being removed. Additionally, at this time, the following minor changes are proposed to the currently approved version of the self-assessment. These do not impact estimated time to respond.

- Brief questions were added on IV–E funding, self-assessment point of contact or publishing information, and additional collaborative partners.

- Dropdown categories have been added to reduce burden and improve data where ‘other’ was too often selected.

- Some questions about technical assistance states participated in were removed because alternative data sources were found that reduced burden.

No changes are proposed to the strategic plan.

The next application will be due June 30, 2026.

Respondents: We anticipate the highest state court of every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to respond. All 53 jurisdictions currently participate in the program. One response from each jurisdiction is anticipated.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total number of respondents	Annual number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Annual burden hours
Annual Self-Assessment	53	1	40	2,120
Strategic Plan	53	*.20	52	551.2
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours				2,671.20

* The full Strategic Plan is completed every 5 years. In years when the Strategic Plan is not completed, respondents may spend minimal time updating relevant sections of the Strategic Plan. This is accounted for in the estimate for the Annual Self-Assessment.

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; (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.

In addition, the Children’s Bureau (CB) would specifically like to highlight:

(e) Regarding IV–E legal representation funding, in addition to asking an open-ended question about this topic in the Self-Assessment, would additional data elements around type of attorneys funded (e.g., agency, kin) or type of cases (e.g., only in foster care, in other civil matters) be useful? These data are not needed for SCIP application approval by CB but could be compiled

and shared back with grantees to support peer learning and connections. From your cost/benefit vantage, would this be worth including? And;

(f) Under section II of the Self-Assessment, for the optional project areas, each has a box on any training associated with the projects that includes more granular information such as the number of attendees, mode of delivery, and evaluation. This level of detail was formerly useful for CB in reviewing for grant compliance when there were three separate SCIP grants, one of which was for training. With the statutory merger of the SCIP grants, this level of detail is no longer needed for CB for grant compliance. These data can still be organized to share back with grantees to support peer learning and connections. From your cost/benefit vantage, would this be worth keeping or should we remove that level of detail? Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 629h.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Evaluation of the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP) and Aspire: Child Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) is proposing a new data

collection activity for the Evaluation of the Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (TVAP) and Aspire: Child Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (Aspire). The evaluation will examine the key characteristics and implementation of the programs, including the challenges, strengths, and successes.

DATES: *Comments due* November 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing opreinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: TVAP and Aspire are funded by the Office on Trafficking in Persons to provide time-limited comprehensive case management services to individuals who have experienced severe forms of human trafficking, including adults (TVAP) and children (Aspire). The programs also aim to (1) develop and maintain a nationwide network of providers to conduct human trafficking outreach and provide direct services and community referrals, and (2) establish local regional presence within each of the 10 ACF

geographic regions to coordinate project activities and direct services. The purpose of the proposed information collection activity is to document and examine the goals of TVAP and Aspire following redesign in 2022, how the programs are structured and administered, how partnerships are developed and maintained, how clients reach the programs, how comprehensive case management services are provided, and factors that affect program implementation.

The proposed information collection activities include:

1. Semi-structured virtual interviews focused in three of the ACF geographic regions with:
 - a. Subrecipient service providers who provide case management services to TVAP and/or Aspire clients. Interviews will include questions about client referral and enrollment, case management service provision, support received from TVAP/Aspire leadership, interactions with community partners and/or government systems, and perceptions of the programs.
 - b. Other service providers who serve people referred from TVAP and/or Aspire but are not formal subrecipient partners. Interviews will include questions about providers' relationship to the programs, referral pathways through TVAP/Aspire, assistance provided to these clients, interactions with various groups related to TVAP/

Aspire, and perceptions of the programs.

c. Local government system (e.g., law enforcement, child welfare) personnel who interact with TVAP/Aspire program staff, subrecipients, and/or clients. Interviews will include questions about their interactions with and perceptions of TVAP/Aspire.

d. Clients, i.e., people who have been enrolled in and received assistance through TVAP and/or Aspire beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Respondents must be at least 18 years old at the time of the interview. Interviews will include questions about how they learned about the programs, services they received, what was helpful, and what could be improved.

2. A web-based survey of all providers that have participated as a TVAP and/or Aspire subrecipient beginning in FY 2023. The survey will include questions about organizational characteristics, client enrollment and services provision, and perceptions of program implementation, including challenges, strengths, and successes.

Respondents: TVAP and Aspire subrecipient service providers, other service providers (non-subrecipients) who receive TVAP and/or Aspire referrals, local government system personnel (e.g., law enforcement, child welfare professionals), and TVAP and/or Aspire clients (individuals who have been enrolled into the programs).

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents (total over request period)	Number of responses per respondent (total over request period)	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)	Annual burden (in hours)
Subrecipient Interview Guide	30	1	1.5	45	23
Other Service Provider Interview Guide	20	1	1	20	10
Local Government Systems Interview Guide	10	1	1	10	5
Client Interview Guide	30	1	1	30	15
Subrecipient Survey	100	1	0.58	58	29
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours					82

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.

Statutory Authority: Public Law 106–386 section 107 [22 U.S.C. 7105]

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