

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Pilot Evaluation

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 Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is proposing to collect data for the new Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Pilot Evaluation.

DATES: Comments due July 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202606-0970-006. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection

of information by emailing opreinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The TANF Pilot Evaluation will include implementation and outcomes studies of pilot programs authorized under the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) of 2023 (Pub. L. 118–5), which authorizes HHS to select up to five states to test new outcomes-based performance benchmarks in the TANF program. The implementation study will describe pilot design, staffing, service provision, partnerships, contextual details, and factors that support or hinder the pilot's implementation. The outcomes study will assess changes in participant outcomes using surveys and administrative data. This new information collection request includes a semi-structured discussion guide, staff survey, time-use survey, cost and resource workbooks, and in-depth participant interview guide for the implementation study. It also includes a 12-month post-TANF-exit survey for the outcomes study. These instruments will provide information on how states implement the pilots, how services and

staffing evolve, and how outcomes change under the new performance benchmarks. The data will be used to produce a report on outcomes to be submitted to Congress, as required by the FRA; inform future TANF policy development; and contribute to the broader evidence base on outcomes-based performance monitoring.

Respondents: Most of the implementation study data collection instruments will be conducted with TANF staff including state and local-level leadership staff, data specialists, supervisors, and frontline staff. The in-depth interview guide will be conducted with TANF participants. The 12-month post-TANF-exit survey will be conducted with TANF participants who provided contact information through the Study Information Form, which was approved under ACF's generic clearance for formative research (Office of Management and Budget #: 0970–0356), and agreed to be contacted for this survey.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instruments 1, 2, and 5 will be tailored based on the respondent and, therefore, the burden table shows the breakdown by respondent type.

Instrument	Respondent	Total number of respondents	Total number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response	Total burden hours	Annual burden hours
Instrument 1: Pilot staff discussion guide	state-level leadership staff	50	6	1.5	450	90
	local-level leadership staff	200	6	1.5	1,800	360
	data specialists	10	6	1	60	12
	supervisors	100	6	1	600	120
	frontline staff	200	6	1	1,200	240
Instrument 2: Leadership survey	local-level leadership staff	500	2	0.33	330	66
	supervisors	500	2	0.33	330	66
Instrument 3: Staff survey	frontline staff	2,140	2	0.33	1,412	282
Instrument 4: Staff time use survey	frontline staff	2,140	9	0.17	3,274	655
Instrument 5: Pilot costs and resources workbook	state-level leadership staff	10	3	4	120	24
	local-level leadership staff	10	3	4	120	24
Instrument 6: In-depth participant interview guide	participants	100	1	1.25	125	25
Instrument 7: 12-Month post-TANF-exit survey	participants	3,000	1	0.75	2,250	450
Estimated Total Annual burden Hours						2,414

Note: Annual burden is calculated based on 5 years of data collection. An extension request will be submitted to OMB within 3 years of initial approval.

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Proposed Information Collection Activity; Head Start State Collaboration Office Grant Application

AGENCY: Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Head Start (OHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is proposing a new information collection activity for the Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSCO) Grant Application. HSCO grants are authorized under the Head Start Act and support coordination between Head Start agencies and state systems serving young children and families. OHS has developed new application instructions