

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](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](mailto: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.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 613)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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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

to align HSCO grant activities with states and federal priorities, including improving outcomes in child welfare, strengthening family formation, supporting effective service delivery, and enhancing early childhood education. This proposed information collection is necessary to support consistent implementation of program objectives and alignment across all states.

**DATES:** Comments due August 11, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 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 [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* OHS proposes collecting application materials from all states and territories receiving HSCO grants. These grants are non-competing and statutorily required. The new application instructions will guide states in aligning Collaboration Office activities with updated federal priorities and strengthening integration of Head Start within state early childhood systems.

The application will include brief narrative and structured responses describing state plans for coordination,

systems integration, and program implementation. The request will ensure consistent documentation of proposed activities and enable ACF OHS to effectively administer and oversee the grants.

Existing HSCO grants will be extended through February 28, 2027, to allow time for PRA approval and transition to new grant awards. Following approval, OHS will issue new application instructions, and states will be provided with a defined application window to submit materials in advance of new 5-year grant awards.

*Respondents:* State governments (including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and territories) receiving HSCO grants.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATE**

| Instrument                   | Total number of respondents | Annual number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Annual burden hours |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| HSCO Grant Application ..... | 52                          | 1                                         | 10.4                              | 540.8               |

*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.

*Authority:* Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.*); PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

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**[Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0060]**

**Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Annual Report on Households Assisted by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance, is requesting to reinstate the Annual Report on Households Assisted by the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (LIHEAP Household Report; Office of Management and Budget (OMB) #: 0970-0060). The current OMB expiration date is March 31, 2026. Submission of the completed report is one requirement for LIHEAP grant recipients applying for federal LIHEAP block grant funds; the next report is due September 2026. OCS proposes changes to reduce the number of items requested and, therefore, related administrative and reporting burden.

**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=202606-0970-007](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202606-0970-007). You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are required by the Low-Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624, sec. 2610) to report statistics for the previous federal fiscal year on the following:

- Assisted and applicant households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source.

- Assisted households receiving nominal payments of \$50 or less, by funding source.

- Assisted households receiving only utility payment assistance, by funding source; this information will automatically be transferred to the grant recipient's Performance Data Form.

- Assisted households, regardless of the type(s) of LIHEAP assistance or funding source, excluding households that only receive nominal payments of \$50 or less.

- Assisted households, by type of LIHEAP assistance and funding source, having at least one vulnerable member who is at least 60 years or older, disabled, or 5 years old or younger.