

Additional Information

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OMB Comment

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Administration for Children and Families****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Title: Head Start Impact Study.

OMB No.: 0970-0229.

Description: The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting comments on plans to conduct the Head Start Impact Study. This study is being conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (with the Urban Institute, American Institutes for Research, and Decision Information Resources as their subcontractors) (#282-00-0022) to collect information for determining, on a national basis, how Head Start affects the school readiness of children participating in the program as compared to children not enrolled in Head Start and to determine under which conditions Head Start works best and for which children.

The Head Start Impact Study is a longitudinal study that will involve approximately 5,000 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across an estimated 90 nationally representative grantee/ delegate agencies (in communities where there are more eligible children

and families than can be served by the program). Data collection for the full-scale study began in fall 2002 and extends through spring 2006, with child assessments conducted in the fall and spring of the Head Start years and in the spring of the kindergarten and first grade years, and parent interviews conducted in the fall and spring of each year. Interviews/surveys with program staff/care providers, and quality of care assessments will be conducted in the spring of each year. This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandate in Head Start's 1998 reauthorization (Coats Human Services Amendments of 1998, Pub. L. 05-285) that DHHS conduct research to determine, on a national level, the impact of Head Start on the children it serves.

A field test of instruments and procedures was conducted during fall 2001 and spring 2002. The field test involved approximately 450 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across eight grantee/ delegate agencies representing different community contexts.

Respondents: Individuals or Households, Head Start Agencies, School Districts, and other Child Care Providers.

Annual Burden Estimates: Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Impact Study—fall 2002, spring 2003, fall 2003, spring 2004, spring 2005, fall 2005, and spring 2006.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Year 1 (fall 2002):				
Parent Interviews	5,111	1	1.00	5,111
Child Assessments	5,111	1	0.9166	4,685
Year 1 (spring 2003):				
Parent Interviews	4,599	1	1.00	4,599
Father Questionnaire	4,599	1	0.50	2,300
Child Assessments	4,599	1	0.9166	4,216
Teacher/Provider Ratings	966	5	0.833	403
Center Directors/Principals	368	1	0.25	92
Classroom Teachers	736	1	0.50	368
Other Care Providers	230	1	0.50	115
Year 2 (fall 2003):				
Parent Interviews	4,139	1	1.00	4,139
Child Assessments	2,287	1	0.9166	2,096
Year 2 (spring 2004):				
Parent Interviews	3,910	1	1.00	3,910
Child Assessments	3,910	1	0.9166	3,584
Teacher/Provider Ratings	803	5	0.833	335
Center Directors/Principals	349	1	0.25	87
Classroom Teachers	700	1	0.50	350
Other Care Providers	103	1	0.50	52
Year 3 (fall 2004):				
Parent Interviews	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Year 3 (spring 2005):				
Parent Interviews	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Child Assessments	3,519	1	0.9166	3,226