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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES) and Quality Research Centers.

OMB No.: Revision of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 0970-0151).

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting comments on plans to collect data on a new cohort for the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES). This study is being conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (with Xtria, LCC and the CDM Group as their subcontractors) (contract #GS23F8144H; order #03Y00318101D) to collect

information on Head Start performance measures.

FACES will involve four waves of data collection. The first wave will occur in Fall 2003. Data will be collected on a sample of approximately 2,600 children and families from about 260 classrooms across 70 programs. Data collection will include assessments of Head Start children, interviews with their parents, and ratings by their Head Start teachers. Further, site visitors will interview Head Start teachers and make observations of the types and quality of classroom activities.

The second wave, which will be a repeat of the Fall 2003 data collection, will occur in Spring 2004 when the sample children are at the end of their first year of Head Start.

The third wave will occur in Spring 2005, and will involve follow-up with children who at this time are either completing a second year in Head Start, or completing kindergarten. For those children who are still attending Head Start, data collection will follow the same procedures as in Spring 2004. For those children attending kindergarten, data collection will include assessments of Head Start children, an "update" survey of the information collected from the parent interview, and ratings of the children's academic progress and school adjustment by kindergarten teachers.

The fourth wave of data collection will occur in Spring 2006. Children who

attended kindergarten the previous year will not be included in this wave. The procedures for this effort will be the same as for kindergartners in Spring 2005.

For the Head Start Quality Research Centers, 100 children in eight sites will be followed during each of two program years, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. FACES procedures will be carried out, including child assessments, parent and teacher interviews, and observations of types and quality of classroom activities.

This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandates of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62), which requires that the Head Start Bureau move expeditiously toward development and testing of Head Start Performance Measures, and by the 1994 reauthorization of Head Start (Head Start Act, as amended, May 18, 1994, Section 649 (d)), which requires periodic assessments of Head Start's quality and effectiveness.

Respondents: Federal Government, Individuals or Households, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Estimates

Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES 2003)—Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2006.

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Year 1 (2003) | | | | |
| Head Start Parent Interview | 2,600 | 1 | 1.00 | 2,600 |
| Head Start Child Assessment | 2,600 | 1 | 0.66 | 1,716 |
| Teacher Child Rating | 260 | 10 | 0.25 | 650 |
| Program Director Interview | 70 | 1 | 1.00 | 70 |
| Center Director Interview | 130 | 1 | 1.00 | 130 |
| Education Coordinator Interview | 130 | 1 | 0.75 | 98 |
| Teacher Interview | 260 | 1 | 1.00 | 260 |
| Year 2 (2004) | | | | |
| Head Start Parent Interview | 2,210 | 1 | 0.75 | 1,658 |
| Head Start Child Assessment | 2,210 | 1 | 0.66 | 1,459 |
| Teacher Child Rating | 260 | 8 | 0.25 | 520 |
| Family Service Coordinator Interview | 130 | 1 | 0.75 | 173 |
| Year 3 (2005) | | | | |
| Head Start Parent Interview | 730 | 1 | 0.75 | 548 |
| Head Start Child Assessment | 730 | 1 | 0.66 | 482 |
| Teacher Child Rating | 85 | 6 | 0.25 | 128 |
| Kindergarten Parent Interview | 1,480 | 1 | 0.75 | 1,110 |
| Kindergarten Child Assessment | 1,480 | 1 | 0.75 | 1,110 |
| Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire | 1,480 | 1 | 0.50 | 740 |
| Year 4 (2006) | | | | |
| Kindergarten Parent Interview | 740 | 1 | 0.75 | 555 |
| Kindergarten Child Assessment | 740 | 1 | 0.75 | 555 |
| Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire | 740 | 1 | 0.50 | 370 |
| Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours | | | | 14,932 |