

other countries, and community organizations, as appropriate.

**Sexually Transmitted Infections Branch (CK74).** (1) Performs research on the pathogenesis, genetics, and immunology of syphilis and other treponematoses, gonococcal and chlamydial infections, chancroid, genital herpes, donovanosis, bacterial vaginosis and trichomoniasis; (2) conducts and participates in clinical, field, and laboratory research to develop, evaluate, and improve laboratory methods used in the diagnosis and epidemiology of these sexually transmitted infections (STIs); (3) provides consultation and reference/diagnostic services for these STIs; (4) conducts laboratory-based surveillance for and research on the genetics of antimicrobial resistance in *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*; (5) serves as the WHO International Collaborating Center for Reference and Research in Syphilis Serology; and (6) provides consultation and laboratory support for international activities.

**Tuberculosis/Mycobacteriology Branch (CK75).** (1) Provides laboratory support for epidemic investigations, surveillance activities, and special studies of tuberculosis and other mycobacteria-caused diseases; (2) administers contracts to provide *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* genotyping, maintains a national database of genotypes, and conducts operational research to implement genotyping; (3) develops and evaluates new methods to subtype mycobacteria for epidemiologic studies; (4) serves as primary CDC focus for diagnostic mycobacteriology laboratory services and for laboratory aspects of nontuberculosis *Mycobacterium* species and of Hansen disease (leprosy); (5) administers grants and cooperative agreements with states and others to upgrade laboratory activities and provide special services; (6) provides reference diagnostic services, consultation, technical assistance, and training to State, Federal, and municipal public health laboratories; (7) provides laboratory support, reference services, assessment, consultation, and training for CDC's international tuberculosis activities; (8) develops, evaluates, or improves conventional and molecular methods for the detection, classification, identification, characterization, and susceptibility testing of mycobacteria and mycobacteria-caused diseases; (9) conducts studies to define the role of bacterial virulence factors, host factors, and pathogenic and immunologic mechanisms in disease processes and

protective immunity and develops, evaluates, and improves immunologic methods for the diagnosis and prevention of mycobacteria-caused diseases; (10) develops tissue culture and animal models of mycobacteria-caused diseases and conducts studies on chemotherapy, immunotherapy, pathogenesis, pathology, and vaccines for mycobacteria-caused diseases; (11) conducts studies on the isolation, taxonomy, and ecology of mycobacteria and develops tests to identify new species; (12) conducts and supports studies to characterize newly emerging pathogenic species of *Mycobacterium* and associated diseases.

Delete in their entirety the following titles and functional statements:

*Division of AIDS, STD, and TB*

*Laboratory Research (CRN)*

*Office of the Director (CRN1)*

*Hematologic Diseases Branch (CRN3)*

*Laboratory Section (CRN32)*

*Surveillance and Epidemiology Section (CRN33)*

*Tuberculosis/Mycobacteriology Branch (CRN8)*

*Diagnostic Mycobacteriology Section (CRN82)*

*Immunology and Molecular*

*Pathogenesis Section (CRN83)*

*HIV and Retrovirology Branch (CRNA)*

*Viral Evolution and Transmission Section (CRNA2)*

*Retroviral Genetics Section (CRNA3)*

*Molecular Epidemiology and Zoonoses Section (CRNA4)*

*Virology Section (CRNA5)*

*HIV Immunology and Diagnostics Branch (CRNB)*

*Gonorrhea Research Branch (CRNC)*

*Syphilis and Chlamydia Branch (CRND)*

*Treponema Section (CRND2)*

*Chlamydia Section (CRND3)*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Administration for Children and Families**

#### **Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

##### **Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Evaluation of Child Care Subsidy Strategies.

*OMB No.:* New collection.

*Description:* To conduct four experiments to test aspects of the child

care subsidy system. This OMB submission will refer to the experiments in the first two sites: Illinois and Florida.

The State of Illinois has agreed to conduct two simultaneous experiments. The first will test the impact of receiving a child care subsidy on parental employment and income, and on the stability of child care arrangements; the second experiment will examine the impacts of losing a subsidy on the same set of outcomes. For the first experiments, families with incomes above the current income eligibility ceiling who apply for subsidies will be approved to receive subsidies. In the second experiments, families in the treatment group with incomes above the eligibility ceiling who apply to be recertified to continue using subsidies will remain eligible. In addition, each experiment will test the effects of a longer certification period by certifying eligibility for some families for six months and other families for one year. Families in the two treatment groups will retain eligibility for subsidies over the two-year study period, provided their income remains below the experimental limit and they comply with other requirements (e.g., continue to work). Outcomes will be measured through administrative records and interviews with parents.

In Miami/Dade County Florida, the study is an experimental test of the effects of three early language and literacy curricula on the school-readiness of low-income and subsidized 4-year-old children in child care centers. Participating centers will be randomly assigned to one of three curricula or to a control group. All participating centers will receive a set of basic literacy materials for their classroom. Teachers in the curricula-centers will be trained on their given curricula. Outcomes will be measured through classroom observations and child assessments.

##### *Respondents*

*Illinois:* Parents who apply for subsidies and are eligible and agree to be in the study will be interviewed by telephone or in person up to three times in the 24 months after they enter the study.

*Florida:* Participating classrooms will be observed prior to the implementation of the curricula. Children will be assessed at the end of the school year.

*Annual Burden Estimates:*