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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

TITLE: Culture of Continuous Learning Project: A  
Breakthrough Series Collaborative for Improving Child Care  
and Head Start Quality

OMB NO.: New Collection

DESCRIPTION: The Office of Planning, Research and  
Evaluation (OPRE) in the Administration for Children and  
Families (ACF) is proposing an information collection  
activity for the Culture of Continuous Learning Project.  
The goal of the project is to assess the feasibility of  
implementing continuous quality improvement methods in  
early care and education programs to support the use and  
sustainability of evidence-based practices. A Breakthrough  
Series Collaborative (BSC), a specific model designed to  
support learning and improvement among practitioners at all  
levels of an organization, will be implemented in Head  
Start and child care settings. The BSC methodology has not  
been tested rigorously in early care and education  
programs, but has been studied in health care and other  
fields. The findings will be of broad interest to child  
care early education programs as well as training and

technical assistance providers and researchers, all of whom are interested in improving the quality of services young children receive.

Head Start and child care programs that voluntarily participate in the BSC will be asked to complete a number of implementation tools as part of the BSC activities. Data collection for the feasibility study will involve focus groups, online surveys, direct observation, and document review.

RESPONDENTS: Up to 18 early childhood centers will be invited to express interest in participating in the BSC. Up to 8 centers will be selected to participate in the BSC and feasibility study. Core BSC Teams consisting of up to 6 individuals (e.g., directors, lead teachers, assistant teachers, teacher aides, parents, curriculum specialists, etc.) each from four Early Head Start or Head Start programs and four child care programs in a selected geographic location (for a total of 48 individuals); and up to 24 additional teachers or program staff at the same centers who are not part of the Core BSC Team.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Respondents	Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
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BSC Selection Questionnaire	18	9	1	1	9
Pre-Work Assignment: Team Building Activities	48	24	1	1	24
Pre-Work Assignment: Data Collection Planning Worksheet	16	8	1	2	16
Plan, Do, Study, Act Planning Form & Tracker	48	24	48	.25	288
Discussion Forum Prompts	48	24	48	.25	288
Learning Session Day 1 Evaluation	48	24	4	.17	16
Learning Session Overall Evaluation	48	24	4	.25	24
Action Planning Form	48	24	4	.25	24
Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT)/Teaching Pyramid Infant-Toddler Observation Scale (TPITOS)	28	14	2	.33	9
Early Childhood Work Environment Survey (ECWES)	72	36	2	.25	18
Pre/Post Survey	72	36	2	.68	49
Self-report of BSC Activities	72	36	1	.17	6
Core BSC Team Focus Group Topic Guide	48	24	1	1.25	30

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 801

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, Attn:

OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection. E-mail address: OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov.

OMB COMMENT: OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the Federal Register.

Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the

following:

Office of Management and Budget

Paperwork Reduction Project

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Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration  
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