



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review; State Court Improvement Program  
(OMB #0970-0307)**

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau; Administration for Children and Families; HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is requesting a three-year extension of the Court Improvement Program (CIP) Program Instruction, Strategic Plan Template, and Annual CIP Self-Assessment (OMB #0970-0307, expiration 9/30/2019). There are minimal updates to the form to reflect new legislation. The collections are necessary to continue operating the program in compliance with congressional reauthorization.

**DATES:** *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* 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.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following:

Office of Management and Budget

Paperwork Reduction Project

Email: OIRA\_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV

Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration  
for Children and Families

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by emailing [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). Alternatively, copies can also 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, emailed or written, should be identified by the title of the information collection.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The proposed collection is a continuation of the current collection and comprised of two components: an application including a strategic plan that is due once every five years, and an annual self-assessment. The next collection (annual self-assessment) will be due June 30, 2020. The next five- year application will be due in 2021.

*Respondents:* We anticipate the highest state court of every state, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands to respond. All 52 jurisdictions currently participate in the program.

*Annual Burden Estimates*

Collection	Year	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Complete Application	2021	52	1	92	4784
Complete Program Assessment Report	2020	52	1	77	4004
	2021	52	1	77	4004
	2022	52	1	77	4004
					16,796

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4004 hours in 2020 and 2022; 8788 hours in 2021 (when both the self-assessment and the 5-year application are due within the year)

Authority: Sec. 50761, P.L. 115-123

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