



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Submission for OMB Review: ACF Program Instruction-  
Children's Justice Act (OMB #0970-0425)**

**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 3-year extension of the Children's Justice Act Program Instruction (OMB #0970-0425, expiration 4/30/2020). There are no changes requested to the form.

**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 within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day

Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Description:* The Program Instruction, prepared in response to the enactment of the Children's Justice Act (CJA), Title II of Pub. L. 111-320, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Reauthorization of 2010, provides direction to the states and territories to accomplish the purposes of assisting states in developing, establishing, and operating programs designed to improve: (1) the assessment and investigation of suspected child abuse and neglect cases, including cases of suspected child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and the child's family; (2) the assessment and investigation of cases of suspected child abuse-related fatalities and suspected child neglect-related fatalities; (3) the investigation and prosecution of cases of child abuse and neglect, including child sexual abuse and exploitation; and (4) the assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child abuse or neglect. This Program Instruction contains information collection requirements that are found in Pub. L. 111-320 at sections 107(b) and 107(d), and pursuant to

receiving a grant award. The information submitted will be used by the agency to ensure compliance with the statute; to monitor, evaluate, and measure grantee achievements in addressing the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and neglect; and to report to Congress.

*Respondents:* State Governments

*Annual Burden Estimates*

Instrument	Total Number of Respondents	Annual Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Annual Burden Hours
Children's Justice Act Program Instruction	52	1	60	3,120

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,120

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 5106c Sec. 107 (b) (4) and 42 U.S.C. 5106 Sec. 107 (B) (5)

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