



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Youth Empowerment Information, Data Collection, and Exploration on Avoidance of Sex (IDEAS) (New Collection)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), proposes survey data collection activities as part of the Youth Empowerment IDEAS study.

DATES: *Comments due within 60 days of publication.* In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by emailing OPREinfocollection@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: OPRE/ACF/HHS proposes data collection activities as part of the Youth Empowerment IDEAS study. The goal of this project is to collect descriptive data that will inform educational topics and strategies for adolescent pregnancy prevention and youth health and well-being. The project will identify messages and themes that are most likely to resonate with youth. The project will inform hypotheses on how to increase the effectiveness of sex education approaches so that more youth avoid the risks associated with teen sex and teen pregnancy rates are reduced. To support these efforts, we seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget to collect survey information from youth and young adults ages 14-24 and of parents of teens ages 14-18 using an online panel that is based on a probability-based sample of the U.S. population. We propose the following data collection instruments:

- (1) *Parent Survey:* We will administer this as a web survey. Information collected through the Parent Survey will be used to report on demographics, the

parent-child relationship, parents' attitudes and beliefs about youth sex education and sexual behaviors, and parental knowledge about youth sexual risk-taking.

- (2) *Youth Survey:* We will administer a web survey in two parts to youth ages 14-18. Information collected on Part I of the survey will be used to report on demographics, the parent-child relationship, future aspirations, and attitudes and beliefs about youth sexual behavior. Information collected on Part II of the survey will include knowledge about sexual risk, experience with sex education, and sexual risk behaviors.
- (3) *Young Adult Survey:* We will administer this to young adults ages 19-24 as a web survey. Topics align with the youth survey, but with slight wording changes to reflect the older population.

Respondents: The survey respondents are from an online panel of a probability-based sample of the U.S. population of parents of youth ages 14-18 and their youth ages 14-18 and of young adults ages 19-24.

Annual Burden Estimates

Instrument	No. of Respondents (total over	No. of Responses per Respondent	Avg. Burden per Response	Total Burden (in hours)	Annual Burden (in hours)
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	request period)	(total over request period)	(in hours)		
(1) Parent Survey	1550	1	.333	516	172
(2) Part I Youth Survey	675	1	.333	225	75
(3) Part II Youth Survey	540	1	.333	180	60
(4) Young Adult Survey	775	1	.583	452	151

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 458

Comments: The Department specifically requests comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

(Authority: SEC. 510. [42 U.S.C. 710])

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