



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Sexual Risk
Avoidance Education Program Performance Analysis Study**

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation,
Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department
of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) and the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) requests approval for a revision to a currently approved information collection activity as part of the Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) Program Performance Analysis Study (PAS) (Office of Management and Budget (OMB) # :0970-0536; expiration date December 31, 2025). The goal of the study is to collect, analyze and report on performance measures data for the SRAE program. The purpose of the request is to continue the ongoing data collection and submission of the performance measures by SRAE grant recipients, which includes revisions to the current performance measures. We are proposing revisions to the current performance measures to address feedback from grant recipients to simplify and

clarify participant surveys and to ensure the measures meet FYSB data needs.

DATES: *Comments due* [**INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**]. In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ACF is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and submit comments by emailing OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: The purpose of the SRAE program is to educate youth on how to voluntarily refrain from nonmarital sexual activity and prevent other youth risk behaviors. Data will continue to be used to determine if the SRAE grant recipients are meeting their programs' mission and priorities.

The SRAE PAS collects performance measures data from SRAE grant recipients, program providers, and participants. The data include information on program structure, cost, and support for implementation; program attendance, reach, and dosage; the characteristics of youth involved in programming; youth sexual and other risky behavior prior to program participation; and youth sexual and other risky behavior intentions at program exit. The performance

measures help the ACF program office and grant recipients to monitor and report on progress in implementing SRAE programs, and inform technical assistance.

Some of the performance measures data come from youth participants through surveys SRAE grant recipients administer at program entry and exit. There are separate versions of the entry and exit surveys for middle school youth, which exclude some of the more sensitive items that are included in the versions for high school and older youth. There is also a shorter version of the entry survey for programs conducting impact studies, to reduce the burden on participants in those programs who are likely responding to other surveys as part of their impact study. Although there was a version of the exit survey for programs conducting impact studies in the past, it was removed through the previous OMB request, and youth in these programs now complete the same version of the exit survey as other youth.

We are proposing revisions to the current performance measures to address feedback from grant recipients to simplify and clarify participant surveys, and to ensure the measures meet FYSB data needs. The changes are expected to reduce the burden for completing the participant entry survey from eight minutes to seven minutes per response.

Respondents: General Departmental (GDSRAE), State (SSRAE), and Competitive (CSRAE) grant recipients, their subrecipients, and program participants.

Annual Burden Estimates

| Instrument | No. of Respondents (total over request period) | No. of Responses per Respondent (total over request period) | Avg. Burden per Response (in hours) | Total Burden (in hours) | Annual Burden (in hours) |
|--|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) Participant Entry Survey | | | | | |
| GDSRAE participants | 185,401 | 1 | 0.1167 | 21,636 | 7,212 |
| SSRAE participants | 684,593 | 1 | 0.1167 | 79,892 | 26,631 |
| CSRAE participants | 54,914 | 1 | 0.1167 | 6,408 | 2,136 |
| (2) Participant Exit Survey | | | | | |
| GDSRAE participants | 148,321 | 1 | 0.1667 | 24,725 | 8,242 |
| SSRAE participants | 547,674 | 1 | 0.1667 | 91,297 | 30,432 |
| CSRAE participants | 43,931 | 1 | 0.1667 | 7,323 | 2,441 |
| (3) Performance reporting data entry form: grant recipients | | | | | |
| GDSRAE grant recipients | 108 | 6 | 16 | 10,368 | 3,456 |
| SSRAE grant recipients | 38 | 6 | 16 | 3,648 | 1,216 |
| CSRAE grant recipients | 44 | 6 | 16 | 4,224 | 1,408 |
| (4) Performance reporting data entry form: subrecipients | | | | | |
| GDSRAE subrecipients | 151 | 6 | 13 | 11,778 | 3,926 |
| SSRAE subrecipients | 266 | 6 | 13 | 20,748 | 6,916 |
| CSRAE subrecipients | 73 | 6 | 13 | 5,694 | 1,898 |
| Estimated Total and Annual Burden Hours | | | | 287,741 | 95,914 |

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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: 42 U.S.C. 710(b)(6).

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