



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Temporary
Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Pilot Evaluation**

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), Administration for Children and Families (ACF),
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is
proposing to collect data for the new Temporary Assistance
for Needy Families (TANF) Pilot Evaluation.

DATES: Comments due [**INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF
PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: 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. 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 *TANF Pilot Evaluation* will include implementation and outcomes studies of pilot programs authorized under the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) of 2023 (Pub. L. 118-5), which authorizes HHS to select up to five states to test new outcomes-based performance benchmarks in the TANF program. The implementation study will describe pilot design, staffing, service provision, partnerships, contextual details, and factors that support or hinder the pilot's implementation. The outcomes study will assess changes in participant outcomes using surveys and administrative data. This new information collection request includes a semi-structured discussion guide, staff survey, time-use survey, cost and resource workbooks, and in-depth participant interview guide for the implementation study. It also includes a 12-month post-TANF-exit survey for the outcomes study. These instruments will provide information on how states implement the pilots, how services and staffing evolve, and how outcomes change under the new performance benchmarks. The data will be used to produce a report on outcomes to be submitted to Congress, as required by the FRA; inform future TANF policy development; and contribute to the broader evidence base on outcomes-based performance monitoring.

Respondents: Most of the implementation study data collection instruments will be conducted with TANF staff including state and local-level leadership staff, data

specialists, supervisors, and frontline staff. The in-depth interview guide will be conducted with TANF participants. The 12-month post-TANF-exit survey will be conducted with TANF participants who provided contact information through the Study Information Form, which was approved under ACF's generic clearance for formative research (Office of Management and Budget #: 0970-0356), and agreed to be contacted for this survey.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instruments 1, 2, and 5 will be tailored based on the respondent and, therefore, the burden table shows the breakdown by respondent type.

Instrument	Respondent	Total number of respondents	Total Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response	Total Burden Hours (3 Years)	Annual Burden Hours
Instrument 1: Semi-structured program discussion guide	state-level leadership staff	50	6	1.5	450	150
	local-level leadership staff	200	6	1.5	1,800	600
	data specialists	10	6	1	60	20
	supervisors	100	6	1	600	200
	frontline staff	200	6	1	1,200	400
Instrument 2: Leadership and staff survey	local-level leadership staff	500	2	0.33	330	110
	supervisors	500	2	0.33	330	110
Instrument 3: Staff survey	frontline staff	2,140	2	0.33	1412	471
Instrument 4: Staff time use survey	frontline staff	2,140	9	0.17	3274	1,091
Instrument 5: Pilot costs and resources workbook	state-level leadership staff	10	3	4	120	40
	local-level leadership staff	10	3	4	120	40
Instrument 6: In-depth	participants	100	1	1.25	125	42

participant interview guide						
Instrument 7: 12-Month Post-TANF-Exit Survey	participants	3,000	1	0.75	2250	750
Estimated Total Annual burden Hours:						4,024

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. 613.)

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