



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Next Steps for Tribal TANF Research and Data (New Collection)

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: This proposed information collection will use multiple methods to gather information from Tribal Leaders and Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) leaders, staff, and participants. The purpose of these activities is to gather systematic information directly from Tribal TANF program leaders, staff, and participants about (1) their challenges, successes, and support needs related to Tribal TANF data reporting requirements; and (2) their research and evidence needs related to Tribal TANF program operations. Foremost, ACF will use this information to inform future changes to Tribal TANF data reporting requirements and revisions to accompanying guidance (for example, to improve clarity and address inconsistencies in data definitions), as well as improvements to data-related technical assistance provided to Tribal TANF grantees.

DATES: *Comments due [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].*

ADDRESSES: The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202605-0970-001. You can also obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by emailing infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. Identify all emailed requests by the title of the information collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: This information collection is designed to gather systematic information directly from Tribal TANF program leaders, staff, and participants about (1) their challenges, successes, and support needs related to Tribal TANF data reporting requirements; and (2) their research and evidence needs related to Tribal TANF program operations. The information collection will use talking circles, a survey, individual interviews, and direct observations. The goal is to thoughtfully mitigate a long-standing burdensome requirement into a more efficient and sustainable data collection process that yields reliable and higher-quality information actionable to both Tribal TANF programs, to inform program operations, and ACF in monitoring program compliance and performance.

Additionally, the information will be used to inform future OPRE-sponsored research activities so that they yield information that enables Tribal TANF programs to engage in evidence-informed decision-making around program implementation to ultimately serve their communities better and improve participant outcomes.

Respondents: Tribal leaders, Tribal TANF program leaders, Tribal TANF staff, past and current Tribal TANF participants.

Annual Burden Estimates

Data collection efforts are expected to take place over about 2.5 years. Annual burden estimates have been calculated for a 3-year request to account for potential delays.

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)
Instrument 1: Talking Circle Facilitator's Guide - Knowledge Development	32	1	2	64	21
Instrument 2: Talking Circle Facilitator's Guide - Data Needs Assessment	48	1	2	96	32
Instrument 3: Tribal TANF Data Needs Assessment Survey	76	1	0.5	38	13
Instrument 4: Knowledge Sharing Visit Interview Protocol -	10	1	1.5	15	5

Tribal TANF Program Leaders					
Instrument 5: Knowledge Sharing Visit Interview Protocol - Data Staff	10	1	1.5	15	5
Instrument 6: Knowledge Sharing Visit Data Observation (Learning Exchange) Worksheet	10	1	1.5	15	5
Instrument 7: Knowledge Sharing Visit Talking Circle Facilitator's Guide - Staff	40	1	2	80	27
Instrument 8: Knowledge Sharing Visit Talking Circle Facilitator's Guide - Participants	40	1	2	80	27

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 135

Authority: Sec. 412 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. § 1310], as amended by P.L. 104-193.

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