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Dated: December 22, 2006.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

**Proposed Projects**

*Title:* Form ACF-IV-E-1: Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Financial Report.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0205.

*Description:* State agencies administer the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Programs under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. The Administration for Children and Families provides Federal funding at the rate of 50 percent for most of the administrative costs and at other rates for other specific categories of costs as detailed in Federal statute and regulations. This form is submitted

quarterly by each State to estimate the funding needs for the upcoming fiscal quarter and to report expenditures for the fiscal quarter just ended. This form is also used to provide annual budget projections from each State. The information collected in this report is used by this agency to calculate quarterly Federal grant awards and to enable this agency to submit budget requests to Congress through the Department and to enable oversight of the financial management of the programs.

*Respondents:* State agencies (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) administering the Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Form ACF-IV-E-1 .....	52	4	17	3,536

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,536.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* DHHS/ACF/ASPE/DOL Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration and Evaluation: Rhode Island 15-Month Survey Amendment.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0276.

*Description:* The Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration and Evaluation Project (HtE) seeks to learn what works in this area to date and is explicitly designed to build on past research by rigorously testing a wide variety of approaches to promote

employment and improve family functioning and child well-being. The HtE project is designed to help Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients, former TANF recipients, or low-income parents who are hard-to-employ. The project is sponsored by the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

The evaluation involves an experimental, random assignment design in four sites, testing a diverse set of strategies to promote employment for low-income parents who face serious obstacles to employment. The four include: (1) Intensive care management to facilitate the use of evidence-based treatment for major depression among parents receiving Medicaid in Rhode Island; (2) job readiness training, worksite placements, job coaching, job development and other training opportunities for recent parolees in New York City; (3) pre-employment services and transitional employment for long-term TANF participants in Philadelphia; and (4) home- and center-based care,