

help Early Head Start improve services to infants and toddlers and their families. Baby FACES uses a longitudinal age cohort study design that selected all children in the spring of 2009 that were within a four month peri-natal window. These children will be followed in the study until they are age 3 unless they leave the Early Head Start before reaching that age.

Materials for the wave 4 program visit data collection effort, previously submitted to OMB, covered peri-natal and age 1 cohort data collections. Data collection for the age 1 cohort will be completed by October 31, 2011. ACF

anticipates collecting data for an additional 12 months in order to complete data collection for the peri-natal cohort.

**Respondents:** Program Directors, teachers and home visitors of sampled children, parents of sample children, sampled children.

#### Estimates of Annualized Burden Hours

As in the first three waves, the proposed data collection does not impose a financial burden on respondents. Respondents will not incur any expenses other than the time spent completing the interviews, reports and direct assessments.

The estimated annual burden for study respondents—parents, children, and program staff—is listed in the table below.

Response times are the same as reported in the initial OMB statement. The times were derived from previous studies using the same instruments with a similar population and confirmed with our population during earlier rounds of data collection. The number of respondents is based on the number of perinatal cohort members as of spring 2010 (our most recent round of data collection).

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Parent Interview .....	135	1	1	135
Program Director Interview .....	89	1	1	89
Child Care Provider Interview .....	27	1	1	27
Home Visitor Interview .....	41	1	.75	31
Primary Caregiver/Home Visitor Child Rating .....	68	2.6	.25	44
Family Service Tracking .....	68	136	.167	1,544
Child Direct Assessment .....	135	1	1	135
Parent-Child Interaction .....	135	1	.25	34
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....				2,039

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 Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: OPRE Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: [OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OPREinfocollection@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

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.

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**Steven M. Hanmer,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Administration for Children and Families

##### Announcement of Award

**AGENCY:** Children's Bureau, ACYF, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of the Award of a Single-Source Expansion Supplement Grant to the Regents of the University of Michigan, at Anne Arbor, MI, for the Quality Improvement Center on the Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System (QIC-ChildRep).

*CFDA Number:* 93.652.

**Legislative Authority:** Adoption Opportunities Program, section 203 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978, (Pub. L. 95-266), as amended by the Keeping Children

and Families Safe Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-36).

*Amount of Award:* \$250,000.

*Project Period:* September 30, 2009 through September 29, 2014.

**SUMMARY:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau (CB) announces the award of a single-source program expansion supplement grant to the Regents of the University of Michigan at Anne Arbor, MI, Quality Improvement Center on the Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System (QIC-ChildRep), to support additional and enhanced evaluation of the QIC-ChildRep research and demonstration projects.

The Regents of the University of Michigan was awarded a cooperative agreement in FY 2009 as the result of a competition to establish the QIC-ChildRep. The purpose of the QIC-ChildRep is to improve the quality of legal representation for children and youth in child welfare cases so that States and Tribes achieve the best safety, permanency and well-being outcomes for children and youth.

Under the cooperative agreement, the QIC-ChildRep develops knowledge about effective strategies to provide competent and effective representation for children and youth in child welfare cases, promotes the certification of

lawyers as specialist is child welfare, develops and implements child representation research and demonstration projects to promote evidence-based, evidence-informed practice improvements and effective child representation, establishes and maintains a national information sharing network to disseminate information on promising practices; evaluates the impact of selected projects implementing the child representation models on outcomes for children and families who have competent and effective child representation, and identifies barriers and recommends need changes in laws, policies, procedures and/or practice. The supplemental funds will be used to provide additional training, technical assistance, and support to each research and demonstration site to fully implement and maintain rigorous on-site and cross-site evaluation plans.

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Dated: March 23, 2011.

**Bryan Samuels,**

*Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Request for Public Comment on Proposed Funding Opportunity Announcement for Special Initiative Concerning the Assets for Independence Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for Public Comment.

*C.F.D.A. Number:* 93.602

**Statutory Authority:** The Assets for Independence Act (Title IV of the Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998, as amended, Pub. L. 105-285, 42 U.S.C. 604 note) authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants to support Assets for Independence (AFI) projects and to research and evaluate the effectiveness of the AFI program and Individual Development Accounts (IDAs).

**SUMMARY:** In FY 2011, the Office of Community Services (OCS) will coordinate with the Administration on Native Americans (ANA) to implement

the Native Asset Building Initiative, through which the two offices will support Tribes and Native organizations in planning and implementing comprehensive asset-building projects. The initiative will feature special grants through the Assets for Independence (AFI) program. These grants will be in addition to the annual AFI grants that OCS will award in FY 2011. In contrast to the annual awards, though, the eligibility criteria to be listed for these AFI grants in the "Native Asset Building Initiative" will vary from the annual AFI awards' eligibility criteria. This is because the criteria used to determine eligibility for these special initiative awards will be more consistent with those used to determine eligibility in the ANA grant program with which OCS is coordinating. Consequently, the eligibility for the special AFI grants will be limited to Native 501(c)(3) non-profits serving Native Americans; Federally recognized Tribal governments or Alaska Native Villages, as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, that are joint applicants with a 501(c)(3) Native non-profit organization; and Native non-profit organizations designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as Community Development Financial Institutions and Native non-profit credit unions designated by the National Credit Union Administration as low-income credit unions that demonstrate a collaborative relationship with a local community based organization whose activities are designed to address poverty and the needs of community members for economic independence and stability. Other entities will not be eligible for awards under this initiative, but will continue to be eligible for awards under the annual AFI funding opportunity announcement that was published issued for FY 2011 through FY 2013 on February 24, 2011 on <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EI-0137>.

It is estimated that OCS will award up to 10 AFI program grants under Native Asset Building Initiative, with overall funding of approximately \$2,500,000 toward the initiative. It is anticipated that each recipient of these special AFI grants will also receive a separate ANA award for their project.

In addition to these special AFI awards, we estimate that \$15,000,000 in grants will be awarded in FY 2011 under the annual AFI funding opportunity announcement published on February 24, 2011.

### Proposed Funding Opportunity Announcement; Native Asset Building Initiative

In FY 2011, OCS will coordinate with the Administration on Native Americans (ANA) on the Native Asset Building Initiative to support Tribes and Native organizations in planning and implementing comprehensive asset building projects. OCS and ANA are providing this support through a joint funding opportunity and training and technical assistance.

The OCS component of the joint funding opportunity will feature special Assets for Independence (AFI) program grants the eligibility for which will be limited to entities that are eligible for ANA grants. Therefore, eligibility for the special AFI grants will be limited to Native 501(c)(3) non-profits serving Native Americans; Federally recognized Tribal governments or Alaska Native Villages, as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, that are joint applicants with a 501(c)(3) Native non-profit organization; Native non-profit organizations designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as Community Development Financial Institutions and Native non-profit credit unions designated by the National Credit Union Administration as low-income credit unions that demonstrate a collaborative relationship with a local community-based organization whose activities are designed to address poverty and the needs of community members for economic independence and stability. Other entities will not be eligible to submit applications for the AFI grants under the Native Asset Building Initiative. It is estimated that OCS will award up to ten AFI program grants under the initiative, with overall funding of approximately \$2,500,000.

The ANA component of the Native Asset Building Initiative will feature a new funding opportunity through the Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) program as well. The SEDS grants will provide funding for each project's operational and staffing costs, as well as support for financial literacy education training, capacity building, and other asset building activities.

The OCS AFI grants will provide funding to support the provision of Individual Development Accounts (IDA), or matched savings accounts, component of each selected applicant's comprehensive asset building project. The AFI grantees will also provide funding to support limited administrative costs related to the IDA component. AFI is a demonstration of the use of IDAs and related strategies