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Since 1969, states have annually reported demographic and dietary behavior change of their EFNEP audience to the Federal Cooperative Extension Service (CES) EFNEP National Program Leader, at CSREES, or its preceding agencies, in USDA. Through 1992, the reports were submitted on OMB approved forms, Forms ES-255 and ES-256. The data gathered using these forms was of limited usefulness at the State and local level, and data quality was questionable.

The Evaluation/Reporting System (E/RS) is a database that was developed to capture the impacts of EFNEP. The system provides a variety of reports that are useful for management purposes, provides diagnostic assessments of participant needs, and exports summary data for State and National assessment of the program's impact. The specifications for this system were developed by a committee made up of representatives from across the United States.

E/RS stores information in the form of records about the program participants, their family structure and their dietary practices. The system is structured to collect data about adult participants, youth and youth group members, and staff assignments, and hours worked. The E/RS consists of separate software sub-systems for the county, state, and Federal levels. Each county-level system accumulates data about individuals.

This data is exported electronically to the state-level system. At the state level, university staff imports the data and create state reports that are exported electronically to the Federal-level system. By the time the data gets to the Federal level, it is state compiled data excluding any personal identifying information of participants. National reports are then created at the Federal level.

Estimate of Burden: Each year, the county offices aggregate local electronic data into the state report, and transmit it electronically to CSREES. This requirement constitutes the Federal burden CSREES imposes on the States and is the only burden measured and accounted for in this estimate. CSREES estimates that it takes one State or Territory 1,234.5 hours to aggregate the local level information and transmit the summary information to CSREES. There are a total of 56 responses annually, thus constituting a total annual estimated burden of 69,132 hours for this information collection.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Done in Washington, DC, this 1st day of September, 2004.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Intent to Establish an Information Collection

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR 1320) that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's (CSREES) intention to request approval to establish an information collection for Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 3, 2004 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice may be mailed to Jason Hitchcock, E-Government Program Leader, Information Systems and Technology Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216 or sent electronically to: jhitchcock@csrees.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection, contact Jason Hitchcock at (202) 720-4343; facsimile at (202) 720-0857; or electronically at: jhitchcock@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Year End Report.

OMB Number: 0524-NEW.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection for three years.

Abstract: Funding for the Children, Youth, and Families at Risk (CYFAR) New Communities Project (NCP) is authorized under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 341 *et seq.*), as amended, and other relevant authorizing legislation, which provides jurisdictional basis for the establishment and operation of Extension educational work for the benefit of youth and families in communities. The CYFAR funding program supports community-based programs serving children, youth, and families in at-risk environments. CYFAR funds are intended to support the development of high quality, effective programs based on research and to document the impact of these programs on intended audiences. The CYFAR Year End Report collects demographic and impact data from each community site which is used by CSREES to conduct impact evaluations of the programs on its intended audience.

The evaluation processes of CYFAR are consistent with the requirements of Congressional legislation and OMB. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) (Pub. L. 103-62), the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (FAIR Act) (Pub. L. 105-270), and the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) (Pub. L. 105-185), together with OMB requirements, support the reporting requirements requested in this information collection. One of the five Presidential

Management Agenda initiatives, Budget and Performance Integration, builds on GPRA and earlier efforts to identify program goals and performance measures, and link them to the budget process. The FAIR Act requires the development and implementation of a system to monitor and evaluate agricultural research and extension activities in order to measure the impact and effectiveness of research, extension, and education programs. AREERA requires a performance evaluation to be conducted to determine whether Federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs result in public goods that have national or multi-state significance.

The immediate need of this information collection is to provide a means for satisfying accountability requirements. The long term objective is to provide a means to enable the evaluation and assessment of the effectiveness of programs receiving Federal funds and to fully satisfy requirements of performance and accountability legislation in GPRA, the FAIR Act, and AREERA.

Estimate of Burden: There are currently CYFAR projects in 48 States of the United States and 2 territories. Each state and territory is required to electronically submit an annual year end report to CSREES. The year end report includes demographic and impact data on each of the community projects. CSREES estimates the burden of this collection to be 322 hours per response. There are currently 50 respondents, thus making the total annual burden of this collection an estimated 16,100 hours.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Expiration Date of Current Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to establish an information collection for three years.

Abstract: As early as 1902 USDA Demonstration field staff and progressive educators around the country began to work with groups of young rural boys and girls in practical applications of research knowledge through hands-on agricultural and home economics-related subjects which evolved into 4-H. Over time, 4-H became the largest non-formal youth development program in the country, and has remained so.

4-H is a complex national organization, involving the National 4-

H Headquarters, CSREES, USDA, and hundreds of educational curricula, activities, and events for youth K through 12th grade. Programs originate at 105 land-grant universities, and local programs are conducted and managed by some 4,000 professional Extension staff in 3,050 counties, with nearly seven million youth enrolled each year. Nearly 600,000 volunteer leaders work directly with the 4-H youth. The Annual 4-H Enrollment Report is the principal means by which the 4-H movement keeps track of its progress, as well as emerging needs, potential problems and opportunities.

The evaluation processes of 4-H are consistent with the requirements of Congressional legislation and OMB. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) (Pub. L. 103-62), the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998 (FAIR Act) (Pub. L. 105-270), and the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) (Pub. L. 105-185), together with OMB requirements, support the reporting requirements requested in this information collection. One of the five Presidential Management Agenda initiatives, Budget and Performance Integration, builds on GPRA and earlier efforts to identify program goals and performance measures, and link them to the budget process. The FAIR Act requires the development and implementation of a system to monitor and evaluate agricultural research and extension activities in order to measure the impact and effectiveness of research, extension, and education programs. AREERA requires a performance evaluation to be conducted to determine whether federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs result in public goods that have national or multi-state significance.

All of the information necessary to run the county-level 4-H program is collected by the county from individuals, Clubs, and other Units. It is maintained electronically at the County 4-H offices in cumulative individual and Club electronic records within the County 4-H program management software system. Annually each county sends their State 4-H office an electronic aggregated summary of their 4-H enrollment.

One professional 4-H staff member in each State or Territory annually uses their program management software to electronically aggregate the 4-H enrollment for their State or Territory into a standardized format in a database flat file. Only certain categories from the flat file are forwarded to CSREES. None of the aggregated summary information