

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION
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DATE OF REQUEST: 4/24/2009

SUB AGENCY (I/C): National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

TITLE: Developing Best Practices to Encourage Non-Residential Fathers' Participation in the National Children's Study: Perspectives from both Unwed, Non-Residential Mothers and Fathers

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ABSTRACT:

Given the enormous percentage of nonresidential fathers in certain socio-demographic groups, best practices for negotiating participation in the NCS among unwed, nonresidential fathers must be developed. This study proposes to employ focus group methodologies to explore how best to facilitate participation of nonresidential fathers in the NCS. Specifically, 6 focus groups will be convened with pregnant or parenting women that do not live with the father of the baby to ascertain how best to convey the importance of father participation so that women will be likely to provide father contact information and/or facilitate his participation. Additionally, 6 focus groups will be conducted with nonresidential fathers of young children to develop best practices to describe the study and gain participation.

The results of this study will be used to inform our development of local strategies and activities to enhance the willingness of non-residential mothers to facilitate NCS contact with the father of her baby and to create best practices for contacting, and enrolling, non-residential fathers.

Qualitative methods will be used to seek input from both groups (non-residential fathers and mothers) on a variety of perceived facilitators and barriers to father participation in the NCS. Information will be gathered using focus groups and follow-up interview methods (if necessary).

TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN APPROVED: 5825 hours

BURDEN USED TO DATE: 330 hours

BURDEN THIS REQUEST: 100.3 hours

IS RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTED AS REQUIRED?

YES NO N/A

OBLIGATION TO RESPOND:

VOLUNTARY

REQUIRED TO OBTAIN OR RETAIN BENEFITS

MANDATORY

HOW WILL THIS SURVEY BE OFFERED?

WEB SITE

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

MAIL RESPONSE

IN PERSON INTERVIEW

OTHER: _____

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