

**ADMINISTRATION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
SECTION 510 STATE ABSTINENCE EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM
PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. Circumstances That Make The Collection Of Info Necessary

This is a request for OMB collection approval for the grant application for the State Abstinence Education Grant Program under Section 510 of the Social Security Act (Public Law 101-239, as amended (42 U.S.C .710). A total of 59 States and Territories are eligible to apply for grants under this program, including the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the following 8 Territories: American Samoa, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The State Abstinence Education Grant Program (Exhibit 1) was originally authorized by Section 912 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (Public Law 104-193) and is currently authorized under P.L. 110-173—The Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007.

The State Abstinence Education Grant Program was previously administered by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) in the Health Resources and Services Agency (HRSA). In 2004, the program was transferred to the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), which is responsible for administering this program and for collecting, reviewing and using program data. The OMB Control number was changed from 0915-0291 to 9070-0271 with the transfer.

All aspects of the proposed program must be consistent with the definition of abstinence education set forth at Section 510(b)(2)(A-H) of the Social Security Act. Applicants should demonstrate, element by element, how the State will meaningfully address each of the eight elements to Section 510(b)(2)(A-H) of the Social Security Act. The State may demonstrate through a variety of means, such as descriptions of program components, curricula, materials,

Additionally, Section 510 references the application of Sections 505 and 506 of Title V (Exhibit 2) to the program. Section 505 requires block grant applicants to submit approved implementation plans, as directed by HHS, in order to receive funding. Section 506 requires the block grant recipients to submit reports as directed by HHS.

2. Use Of Data

ACF will use the grant application to collect information on the state's proposed plan. In addition, this information will be used to account for the annual expenditure of \$50 million in Federal funds.

3. Use Of Improved Information Technology To Reduce Burden

The program announcement for the Section 510 State Abstinence Education Grant Program is available each year on the internet at the ACF Grant Opportunities webpage: www.acf.hhs.gov/grants.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication

The Section 510 State Abstinence Education Grant Program collects data that, other than the organizational information, is unique to the program activities surrounding abstinence.

5. Methods To Minimize Burden

Under HRSA, State agencies funded under the Section 510 Abstinence Education Grant Program were required to submit a key personnel form and a biographical sketch for each key staff in their grant application . ACF did not find it necessary to collect either the key personnel form or the biographical sketch for each staff that was originally collected by HRSA:

6. Consequences To Federal Programs Or Policy Activities If The Collection Of Info Is Not Conducted

FYSB will be unable to exercise oversight and stewardship if collection of information regarding the program's proposed intervention is not conducted. The information collected is necessary for the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART) requirements and other reports to congress and the Department.

7. Special Circumstances

None are applicable.

8. Public comments

Federal Register: On May 29, 2007, we initiated the regular clearance process with a 60 day notice in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 72, No. 102 / Tuesday, May 29, 2007 / Notices). No comments were received.

9. Payment or Gifts to Respondents

There is no remuneration of any kind for respondents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality

This instrument only acquires aggregate caseload information. Protection of privacy and individual case files is a responsibility of the agency, but FYSB may examine agency diligence in this regard through onsite monitoring or other means.

11. Justification of Questions of a Sensitive Nature

There are no questions of a sensitive nature in the section 510 state abstinence education grant program announcement and forms.

12. Estimates of Respondent Burden

The burden estimate for the original information collected by HRSA was based upon information provided by six pilot States. Based on a reduction in forms collected, the estimated total average is now 170 hours per application.

Instrument	Number of Respondents	Response per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours	Wage Rate	Total Hour Cost
Annual Program Application	59	1	170	10030	20	200,600

13. Estimates Of Annualized Cost Burden To Respondents

The current OMB inventory of annualized cost burden to respondent indicates that there are no capital or startup costs associated with this data collection. Therefore, there is no cost burden to respondents.

14. Estimates Of Annualized Cost To The Federal Government

Currently, one Federal staff full-time equivalent (FTEs) works on activities for the Section 510 Abstinence Education Grant Program at an average cost of \$106,000 including salary and benefits. Infra-structure for operational costs related to receiving, reviewing, accepting, or monitoring block grant applications and annual reports is covered by the community-based abstinence education program contract costs for analysis of data and is estimated at \$20,000.

15. Reasons For Change In Burden

No change

16. Time Schedule, Publication And Analysis Plan-

The grant application document for this block grant program is published by May 15. Applications by grantees are due on July 15 and are reviewed in subsequent months, with applicants being notified of award by September 15. If there is not material change in the proposed program, States need not reapply through FY 2012.

17. Expiration Date

The expiration date will be displayed.

18. Exceptions To Certifications, Certification Requirements And Employing Statistical Methods

There are no exceptions to the certification statement identified in item 19 of the OMB 83-I; this project meets all requirements of 5 CFR 1320.9. This information collection does not employ statistical methods as indicated in OMB 83-I item 17.

ATTACHMENTS TO SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Exhibit 1—Social Security Act, Title V, Section 510

Exhibit 2—Social Security Act, Title V, Sections 505 and 506

Exhibit 3—FY 2009 Program Announcement