

**HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION  
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BUREAU  
COMBATING AUTISM ACT INITIATIVE EVALUATION**

**Request for Clearance,  
Supporting Statement  
And Data Collection Instruments**

**February 1, 2021**

## B. Collection of Information Employing Statistical Methods

### B.1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

The respondent universe for the collection of data is all grantees receiving Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant support under the Combating Autism Act Initiative (CAAI). This includes:

- 39 Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) grantees
- 6 Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP) training program grantees
- 9 Research Program
  - 2 Research Networks (one focused on physical/medical health; one focused on behavioral, mental, social and/or cognitive health)
  - 7 R40 Grantees
- 9 State Demonstration Program grantees

Because of the small number and unique nature of each grant program, a census of all programs will be conducted. The findings will not be generalized beyond the respondents.

### B.2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

Information will be collected from each grantee in a number of ways. First, each grantee will submit specific program performance measures on an annual basis to the HRSA program officer. These measures have already been cleared through OMB # (0915-0298, see references in Part A). Second, information in the form of qualitative data will be collected from periodic semi-structured phone interviews with the Project Director from each grant program.

### B.3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and the Issue of Non-Response

All grantees of the HRSA grant funded programs involved in the CAAI are required, as a condition of their grants, to provide the requested information to HRSA, so nonresponse should not be an issue. If a grantee cannot respond for some reason, HRSA will work with the grantee to ensure a response in whatever format is most reasonable and acceptable to them; however the grantees are aware of the evaluation and are ready to participate. Should they still not be able to respond, HRSA will address any non-responders as the situation presents itself.

### B.4. Tests of Procedures

The semi-structured interview protocols were not pretested, but all procedures were developed with input from the HRSA project officers and HRSA grantees for the evaluation questions. The protocols were designed with a standard approach to ensure

that high quality data are obtained across all grant programs based on the evaluation questions.

B.5. Consultants

No additional consultants are envisioned for data collection or data analysis.