

Mini Supporting Statement A

Alabama Safe Sleep Outreach Project

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**A.1 Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary**

This is a request for a new sub-study clearance under the general clearance for the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Safe to Sleep® (STS) public education campaign in Alabama. Submissions for the STS campaign will be used to assess event attendees’ understanding and the reach of STS campaign materials and messages; to gauge the effectiveness of campaign educational sessions and monitor and improve campaign activities conducted by mini-grantees in Alabama. These STS campaign activities help to promote campaign messages to professional and lay audiences, train individuals and health professionals on safe sleep practices and environments for infants, and teach ways to reduce the risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID), Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and other sleep related causes of infant death.

**A.2 Purpose and Use of the Information Collection**

The purpose of this information collection is to enhance the Alabama campaign activities and develop messages and materials salient to the audiences in Alabama so that we increase awareness and effect behavioral change related to safe infant sleep practices.

30 mini-grantees will collect information from community respondents who attend STS public education events. Respondents will be asked to complete a survey at each event to indicate their knowledge before their participation in an educational session and to indicate their knowledge after they have participated in the educational session.

Data collected by the STS campaign may be used in aggregate by a number of audiences, including STS campaign staff, NICHD leadership, STS campaign collaborators, Federal SUID/SIDS Workgroup members, SUID/SIDS stakeholders, clinical and maternal and child health professionals, parents and caretakers, and the general public. These audiences may use the collected information to: 1) develop new campaign materials, and/or training curricula; 2) monitor and improve campaign activities; 3) make decisions about campaign activities; 4) inform current campaign activities; and 5) inform strategies used to influence target audiences’ practices and behaviors. The STS campaign staff and the NICHD leadership will be the primary users of the information. Most of the information collection for this audience will be for campaign assessments. The campaign assessment data will not be generalizable, but will be contextually based. The information will also be used internally to make decisions about implementation effectiveness and to improve campaign components or the campaign as a whole.

Frequent reporting creates opportunities for campaign adjustments, which will help campaign staff to prevent shortcomings and quickly address concerns. This sub-study clearance will allow campaign staff to: 1) gather feedback on campaign activities expeditiously and effectively; 2) be better able to monitor and improve campaign implementation; 3) assess the utilization and practice activities of target audiences; and 4) assess the effectiveness of mini-grantees’ outreach activities.

Information collection under this sub-study consists of:

* any change in safe sleep attitudes after an event;
* the number of mini-grantee outreach events held; and
* mini-grantee’s effectiveness during training sessions.

In summary, this sub-study for the generic clearance will be small in scale, designed to obtain results frequently and quickly to guide campaign development and implementation, inform campaign direction, and be used internally for campaign management purposes.

**A.3 Use of Information Technology to Reduce Burden**

Collecting data electronically is not practical because the purpose of this campaign is to reach audiences who typically do not have access to computers and the internet. The program is designed to operate at the micro-level in socioeconomic communities that fall at or below the national poverty line.

**A.4 Efforts to Identify Duplication**

The NICHD STS campaign works closely with the STS campaign collaborators and other national partners. The collaborators and partners represent the federal, professional, and national leaders in the field of SUID/SIDS. The NICHD staff, collaborators and partners has reviewed other campaign data collections and has determined that the data needed in Alabama is unique.

**A.5 Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities**

N/A

**A.6 Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently**

This sub-study is intended to be an information collection from a single encounter with participants. A single methodology (e.g., survey) is planned to be administered once per project per specific respondent group. Any less frequent response would not yield useful data for campaign planning and management improvements.

**A.7 Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5**

This survey will be implemented in a manner that fully complies with 5 C.F.R. 1320.5.

**A.8 Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice and Efforts to Consult Outside Agency**

N/A

**A.9 Explanation of Any Payment of Gift to Respondents**

It is standard practice in commercial market research to offer recruited respondents some form of remuneration for the time respondents spend engaged in a focus group, in-depth interview, and sometimes an online survey. For this sub-study, mini-grantees have the option to offer a free meal or snack, and/or entry into a raffle as an incentive to increase event attendance.

**A.10 Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents**

In keeping with human subjects research protections, the information collections conducted under this sub-study clearance will take steps to guarantee that all personally identifiable information (PII), and all data collected, are secure and private to the extent allowed by law. PII will only be collected to the extent necessary. Respondents will be informed of security through explanatory text on the cover of forms and applications. In addition, respondents will be advised of the purpose of the information collection, the use of information collection, NICHD sponsorship, that their participation is voluntary, and that they may choose to discontinue or have their name and/or related information withdrawn at any time. In instances where it is possible, information will be presented in aggregate form, without links to the identity of individual respondents. All information will be stored in locked cabinets at the Palladian Partners, Inc. headquarters.

**A.11 Justification for Sensitive Questions**

It may be necessary for some information collections to retain the respondents’ name collected on a sign-in form for the singular purpose of tracking the number of unique respondents. The information collected will be used to gauge respondents’ knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding safe infant sleep and will not collect any sensitive information. Mini-grantees will provide a point of contact’s name, email address and telephone number for the purposes of corresponding with campaign partners and receiving campaign materials.

**A.12.1 Estimated Annualized Burden Hours**

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| **Form Name** | **Type of Respondent** | **Number of Respondents** | **Number of Responses per Respondent** | **Average Burden Per Response**  **(in hours)** | **Total Annual Burden Hour** |
| A. Pre & Post Assessment | Community Members (18+ y/o) | 2,600 | 1 | 3/60 | 130 |
| B. Activity Tracking Form | Safe Sleep Mini-grantee organization representative | 30 | 1 | 30/60 | 15 |
| C. Paperwork Checklist | Safe Sleep Mini-grantee organization representative | 30 | 1 | 1/60 | 1 |
| D. Photo Consent Form | Community Members (18+ y/o) | 2,600 | 1 | 3/60 | 130 |
| E. Sign-In Sheet | Community Members (18+ y/o) | 2,600 | 1 | 1/60 | 43 |
| Totals |  | 7,860 | | 319 | |

**A.12-2 ANNUALIZED COST TO RESPONDENTS**

A.12-Table 2. Annualized Cost to the Respondents

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| **Type of Respondent** | **Number of Respondents** | **Average Burden Per Respondent**  **(in hours)** | **Hourly Wage Rate\*** | **Respondent Cost** |
| Community Members (18+ y/o) (Occupational Code - 31-9099) | 2600 | 7/60 | $14.17 | $4,298.23 |
| Safe Sleep Mini-grantee organization representative (1) (Occupational Code - 21-0000) | 30 | 31/60 | $20.67 | $320.38 |
| Total Cost | | | | $4,618.61 |

\*Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates:   
http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\_al.htm accessed on October 17, 2016

**A.13 Estimate of Other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents or Record Keepers**

Expenses are not anticipated. Respondents will not need capital equipment, on-going recordkeeping operations, or services to complete the information collection.

**A.14-Table 3. Annualized Cost to the Federal Government**

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| **Staff** | **Grade/Step** | **Salary** | **% of Effort** | **Fringe (if applicable)** | **Total Cost to Gov’t** |
| **Federal Oversight** | | | | | |
| NICHD Safe to Sleep Program Staff/Project Oversight | GS-14-4 | ($116,887) | 1% |  | $1,168.87 |
| **Contractor Cost** | | | | | |
| Contractor Staff (Health Communication Associate) |  | $130,208 | 5% |  | $6,510.40 |
| **Other Cost** | | | | | |
| Operational Costs for Data Collection Activities (e.g., printing, postage, equipment), non-labor |  |  |  |  | $200 |
| Total Cost | | | | | $7,879.27 |

**A.15 Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments**

N/A

**A.16 Plans for Tabulation and Publication and Project Time Schedule**

The proposed sub-study may include quantitative summaries such as frequencies, cross tabulations, and measures of central tendency to yield descriptive reports of change in knowledge, attitudes and practices and qualitative synopses to identify themes in recommendations for program improvement. This sub-study will not involve inferential statistical analyses and parametric tests. The findings gleaned from the sub-study are intended to be used by program staff to disseminate information about the Alabama campaign, fine-tune STS campaign objectives and priorities for the NICHD, and improve campaign management and implementation in Alabama.

Results from information collections may be presented in reports, briefs, executive summaries, and presentations to the NICHD Offices and Branches, NIH, or HHS. Additionally, some information, depending on the content (e.g., updated STS campaign brochures and dissemination materials), may be released to the Alabama campaign collaborators and the public through website, email, or a newsletter. The respondents will be informed of the plans to release this information.

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| **Project Timeline Schedule** |
| **Action Item** | **2017 Schedule** |
| Mini-Grant Orientation Meeting | December 16, 2016 |
| Funds and USB Drive with Resources Distributed to Mini-Grantees | January 9, 2017 |
| Funding Cycle Commences | January 9, 2017 |
| Deadline to Submit Proposed Activity Dates to NICHD | February 20, 2017 |
| Mini-Grantee Events | January 9, 2017 to August 4, 2017 |
| First Mini-Grant Technical Assistance Call \*\***REQUIRED\*\*** | February 20, 2017 |
| Second Mini-Grant Technical Assistance Call | April 25, 2017 |
| Third Mini-Grant Technical Assistance Call | June 22, 2017 |
| Grant Cycle Ends – Final Date for All Outreach Activities | July 31, 2017 |
| Mini-Grant Recipients Closing Meeting | August 4, 2017 |
| ***Materials Due to NICHD***: Final Mini-Grant Report, Assessment Forms, Tracking Forms, and Sign-In Sheets | August 4, 2017 |

**A.17 Reason(s) Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate**

We are not requesting an exemption to the display of the OMB Expiration date.

**A.18 Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions**

This survey will comply with the requirements in 5 CFR 1320.9.