

Supporting Justification for the OMB Clearance of the
“Office of Adolescent Health Teen Pregnancy Prevention, FY 2015-2020 Performance
Measure Collection”

Part B: Statistical Methods for Data Collection

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PART B INTRODUCTION

The Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) is requesting approval for the collection of performance measures for the second cohort of grantees to be awarded Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Program funding. The TPP Program was initiated in FY 2010 as one of six major evidence-based policy initiatives across the Federal government. OAH supports two types of grants through the TPP program (1) projects that replicate evidence-based TPP program models that have been shown to be effective through rigorous evaluation, referred to as Tier 1 and (2) research and demonstration projects that develop and test additional models and innovative strategies to prevent teen pregnancy, referred to as Tier 2. Funding for the TPP Program is authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-76) and the Continuing Resolution for FY 2015 (Public Law 113-164). The Act provides \$100 million in FY 2015 for making competitive awards to public and private entities to fund programs that reduce teen pregnancy. In FY 2015, OAH anticipates awarding new 5-year cooperative agreements.

Performance measures have consistently been a requirement of the TPP grant program since its inception. The majority of the measures that are included in this information collection request previously received OMB clearance (0990-0392) and have been successfully used over the past 4 years with the initial cohort of grantees. Based on our data collection experiences over the last four years, and in consideration of the goals of the second cohort of grantees, the proposed measures have been modified slightly, as presented later in this document. Based on our experience, we have removed some questions with poor response rates and added a few that are important for tracking the progress of the new grants.

In FY2015, OAH expects to award TPP grants in 5 categories. The majority of the funding is available for Tier 1 grants, a small amount going to intermediary organizations to provide capacity building assistance to youth-serving organizations that replicate evidence-based TPP programs in high-need communities (Tier 1A) and the remainder for organizations that will replicate evidence-based TPP programs to scale in at least 3 settings in communities with the greatest need (Tier 1B). Tier 2 grants will be awarded to intermediaries to support early stage innovation in teen pregnancy prevention (Tier 2A), organizations that will rigorously evaluate new or innovative approaches for preventing teen pregnancy (Tier 2B), and in partnership with the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (CDC), organizations implementing rigorous evaluations of innovative interventions to prevent teen pregnancy designed for young men (Tier 2C).

This Supporting Statement requests approval for collection of performance measures for the second cohort of TPP grantees.

B1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

We estimate 137 grantees or sub-awardees will receive funding in FY 2015. All of these grantees or sub-awardees will be reporting data--there will be no sampling of respondents. For observed quality and fidelity measures, grantees will report on a sample of 10% of program sessions.

B2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

Most of the program-level measures (pertaining to participant reach, dosage, and fidelity) collected by grantees and their sub-awardees will be collected by aggregating data obtained from the staff implementing the program. The grantee-level measures (such as number of partners, training, dissemination, sustainability, and linkages to health, will be tracked and summarized from the grantees' or sub-awardees' records. All measures will be entered into the web portal.

B3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with Non-response

Because completion of performance measures has been a funding requirement for the TPP cooperative agreements awarded in 2010, we have had nearly a 100% grantee response rate for the first cohort of TPP grantees. This requirement was stipulated in each of the five funding opportunity announcements for the FY 2015 awards. All grantees will be trained and given technical assistance in the web based data collection procedures to facilitate their reporting.

B4. Tests of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

These measures have been reported successfully over the past three years.

B5. Individuals Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data

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