

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 0970-0401)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: State Capacity Building Center On-Site Meeting Facilitation State Feedback Collection

PURPOSE:

The ACF Office of Child Care is seeking approval to collect feedback from users of on-site meeting facilitation technical assistance services provided by two networks of the State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) to determine the usefulness and value of these services and how they can be improved. Meeting facilitation services are one type of tailored technical assistance that is provided by the SCBC. The information gathered will be used to inform planning and improvement of future technical assistance by the Office of Child Care.

The Child Care State Capacity Building Center (SCBC) is funded by the Office of Child Care to provide evidence-informed training and technical assistance services for State and Territorial public child care agencies and their partners. The SCBC has three teams—1) State Systems Specialist Network (SSS Network), 2) Infant Toddler Specialist Network (ITS Network), and 3) Intensive Capacity Building Network (ICB Network)—each of whom focuses on different areas, deploys a variety of technical assistance strategies, and works with a wide and differing variety of state staff and their partners.

- **State Systems Specialist Network.** The audience for the State Systems Specialist Network includes state Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) administrators and their state staff and partners.
- **Infant Toddler Specialist Network.** The audience for the Infant Toddler Specialist Network are individuals working in states (in state government as well as their partners) on infant toddler services.
- **Intensive Capacity Building Network.** The Intensive Capacity Building Network provides intensive (by scope and duration) tailored technical assistance through long-term (24 to 48 months) consultation to 9 states and territories who applied to participate in this new work, known as the Impact Project.

Under this generic clearance request, the Office of Child Care seeks feedback from recipients of all on-site meeting facilitation technical assistance services provided by the SSS Network or the ITS Network.

The SCBC staff tracks all of the on-site technical assistance it provides. Completed survey information will be reviewed by the SCBC evaluation team and the SCBC leadership team to identify areas of strength and weakness to develop recommendations to improve the provision of specialized technical assistance services.

Overall, the survey information will be used to improve technical assistance services to best meet the needs of users for quality, practical information.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

30 people and 30 meetings at 20 people.) The cost per meeting to support the survey is estimated at \$67.53.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
[x] Yes [] No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The State Capacity Building Center staff provides on-site meeting facilitation technical assistance to states. All states participating in this technical assistance service will be invited to complete a survey; no more than two visits will occur over a year in any one state, and all meeting participants will be asked to provide feedback. The survey is anonymous and the participant list will not be linked in any way to individual survey responses. Participants will be provided with a survey link during the meeting and may be provided with a follow up email to request survey completion. As a third option, if no on-line access is possible, hard copies of the survey will be provided at the meeting.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
[x] Web-based or other forms of Social Media
[] Telephone
[x] In-person
[] Mail
[] Other, Explain
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? [] Yes [x] No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback”

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

PURPOSE: Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

CERTIFICATION: Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

Personally Identifiable Information: Provide answers to the questions. Note: Agencies should only collect PII to the extent necessary, and they should only retain PII for the period of time that is necessary to achieve a specific objective.

Gifts or Payments: If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

BURDEN HOURS:

Category of Respondents: Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households; (2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected per row.

No. of Respondents: Provide an estimate of the Number of Respondents.

Participation Time: Provide an estimate of the amount of time (in minutes) required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

Burden: Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of Respondents and the Participation Time then divide by 60.

FEDERAL COST: Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents. Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

Administration of the Instrument: Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

Submit all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Attachments: OCC OMB GC Request – SCBC Task 4 Meeting Facilitation- April 2017 Tool