

PREP STUDIES OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND ADULT PREPARATION SUBJECTS

**OMB Information Collection Request - Formative Data
Collection
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Supporting Statement

Part B

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B1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

Survey of grantees. ACF seeks to gather information from PREP grantees. PREP programs are required to provide education on both abstinence and contraceptive use. The programs also offer information on adulthood preparation subjects, such as healthy relationships, adolescent development, financial literacy, parent-child communication, and education and employment skills, and healthy life skills. The universe of programs includes the 94 organizations that currently hold a PREP grant administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

ACF requires PREP grantees to submit data using a set of performance measures collected through various instruments (approved on April 3, 2017; OMB Control No. 0970-0497).

The purpose of the current information collection request is to 1) gather information on how grantees would use the data obtained through the performance measures, and 2) ensure the measures are relevant to grantees and facilitate use by providers and evaluators. Based on the information collected, the entry and exit surveys may be revised to meet the needs of grantees. There is minimal burden involved with this collection. We expect a response rate of 80%.

Table B1.1. Annual Respondent Universe and Expected Response Rates for the Inquiry on the Usefulness of PREP Performance Measures

Data Collection	Type of respondent	Number of Respondents	Expected response rate	Total expected responses
Survey of grantees	Grantee Administrator	94	80%	75

B2. Procedures for Collection of Information

Grantees will be sent an advance email notification inviting them to complete the survey. Over the course of the data collection period, we will send additional email reminders as needed (Appendix A).

This survey will take, on average, 15 minutes to complete. Advantages of the web-based survey include coverage (we expect that all grantees will have Internet access); convenience for respondents (for example, respondents may take the survey at a time suitable for them, and on a computer or mobile device); and cost effectiveness.

B3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with Nonresponse

Expected Response Rates

We expect 80 percent of grantees to complete the survey. We expect to achieve this response rate given the low burden associated with the data collection. Additionally, grantees are part of a federally funded grant program and they will likely be motivated to participate because they are vested in the success of the grant initiative and in ensuring the performance measures they collect are of use to themselves.

Dealing with Nonresponse

To address nonresponse, Mathematica and ACF will each send email reminders to respondents encouraging their participation (Appendix A).

Maximizing Response Rates

To maximize response rates, ACF will send an advance email to grantee agency directors notifying them that Mathematica will invite them to complete the survey online. The email will describe the purpose of the survey, and emphasize its importance. Next, Mathematica will send invitation emails to the grantees asking them to complete their survey. The invitation email will include a description of the data collection, provide the grantee’s unique survey URL and password, and contact information for the study team (Appendix A).

B4. Tests of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

No pretesting of the instrument is planned.

B5. Individual(s) Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data

Members of the study team, listed in Table B5.1, were consulted on various aspects of the information collection or will analyze data obtained.

Table B5.1. Individuals Consulted on Study Design

Name	Title and affiliation
Robert Wood	Director of Family Support Research, Mathematica Policy Research
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