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Subject: NonSubstantive Change Request – Components Study of REAL Essentials (REA)
(OMB #0990-0480)

This memo requests approval of nonsubstantive changes to the approved information collection, Components Study of REAL Essentials (REA) (OMB #0990-0480).

Background

OMB approved the Components Study of REAL Essentials (REA) on October 18, 2021. The information collection included the following data collection activities: administering a youth outcome survey, holding focus groups with youth, administering youth engagement exit ticket surveys after each class session, collecting fidelity logs from and interviewing REA program facilitators; and interviewing leaders at the district, community organization, or school level. OMB approved a nonsubstantive change request to the parental consent, and youth survey and focus group assent forms on January 19, 2022. To date, the first cohort of youth have been enrolled and the first round of data collection has been completed. We are preparing to enroll the second cohort of youth in Fall 2022. We are requesting changes to the parent consent form in response to comments we received from parents and schools during the first round of data collection.

Overview of Requested Changes

We are proposing the following revisions to the parental consent form (Attachment C1):

- Simplifying language in the parent consent form
- Adding an information sheet on the REA curriculum to be included with the parental consent form (new Attachment H)

We do not expect the proposed changes to affect the approved burden.

Time Sensitivities

OPA requests approval as soon as possible since sample enrollment for the second cohort is estimated to begin in August 2022.