We would like your feedback and input to help inform the development of design options to consider for future National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW) data collections. We are contacting you because you have used the NSCAW dataset in the past and have familiarity with the NSCAW design, sample, population of interest, and instruments. As an NSCAW user, your feedback and opinions are very important to us.

In the fall of 2021, ACF’s Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, in collaboration with the Children’s Bureau, launched a new project called ***Reimagining NSCAW***. This project will carry out preliminary activities to guide future NSCAW data collections. These include (a) developing potential design option(s), (b) actively engaging with various stakeholders and experts, (c) conducting preliminary or pilot data collections, and (d) disseminating findings from these efforts. The project is led by RTI International and our partners at Rutgers University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

We are reaching out to you as part of the Reimagining NSCAW project. Specially, we invite you to:

1. Complete a 20-minute online survey, and
2. Participate in a 90-minute webinar to be held on [insert webinar date, time].

Both the survey and webinar will ask you to use your knowledge of NSCAW to give advice about future NSCAW data collection efforts. We’ll want you to think about past investments in NSCAW and the contributions that those investments have made to our knowledge about the children and families who come in contact with the Child Welfare System. Then, we’ll want you to consider emerging research priorities and issues that the Child Welfare System is facing today or may face in the future.

In the webinar, we’ll discuss prior and new research questions of interest as well as design alternatives to be considered for future data collections.

Prior to the webinar, please complete the online survey at the link below. At the beginning of this survey, we provide more detail about NSCAW’s history, past challenges and successes, and future issues to be considered.

[insert web survey link]

Thank you in advance for helping to shape this important effort!

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