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Comment

(a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility.

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information.

(c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

(a) Please check the survey logic on page 1 of Instrument 1.

(b) We think a common definition of in-kind or informal support would be helpful to survey respondents regardless of the instrument to which they are responding.

(c) Privacy language in Instrument 1 should be duplicated in the other client-focused surveys, Instruments 2 and 5.

(d) Define deidentified data in each of the client-focused surveys.

OCSE response

(a) Thank you for your comment and for expressing support for the proposed data collection. We agree that collecting data on safety barriers and ensuring that safety-focused interventions are responsive to survivor needs.

The proposed data collection includes qualitative interviews and surveys with survivors who have engaged with child welfare services. These components are designed to capture survivor-informed feedback on safety, access, and system changes.

In response to recommendations regarding research expertise and partnerships, we confirm that:

- The research team will include researchers with practitioner-based backgrounds and expertise in research with survivors.
- All team members engaged in data collection will receive training in trauma-informed and survivor-centered research.
- State domestic violence coalitions, along with national and local advocacy partners, are actively engaged in recruitment and data collection.

(b) The estimated five-minute screener reflects eligibility screening questions only. The informed consent process is a process that clearly explains the purpose of the research, **privacy** protections, potential risks, voluntary participation, and the right to ask questions before deciding whether to participate. Participation is voluntary and the survey may be ended by the participant at any time. We also note that all instruments, including screeners, surveys, and interview guides, were developed in consultation with survivors and appropriate for the target population. Burden estimates for interviews and surveys were informed by prior experience.

(c) We agree that high-quality, clear, and useful data collection requires meaningful collaboration with partners experienced in data collection. Interview guides, involved consultation with lived-experience survivor advisors, domestic violence advocates, and community organizations. State domestic violence coalitions and advocacy partners will also be actively engaged in recruitment, dissemination, and data collection. Partner violence, and all data collection staff will be trained in trauma-informed, survivor-centered approaches. Instrument development incorporated iterative feedback from survivor advisors with multiple rounds of review to ensure relevance to survivors' experiences, including post-separation abuse, coercive control, and privacy concerns. The study will continue to prioritize survivor input.

(d) Flexible participation options are central to minimizing burden and supporting safety. Data collection will include options for participation that support safety and privacy. Participation is voluntary, and respondents may skip questions or discontinue at any time. Research team members will provide support throughout. All participants will receive clear, trauma-informed consent information outlining risks, **privacy** protections, and voluntary participation. No personally identifiable information will be collected, and all data will be securely stored using encryption. Additional information is needed.

To recognize participant contributions and reduce burden, individuals participating in qualitative interviews will receive a gift card or other token of appreciation throughout. No personally identifiable information will be collected, and all data will be securely stored using encryption.

(a) Thank you for identifying this. You are correct, the skip instruction has been removed to ensure those who have experienced partner violence can answer the question.

(b) Definitions for both informal and in-kind support have been incorporated wherever these terms appear in Instruments 1 and 5.

(c) The privacy assurance paragraph has been added to Instruments 2 and 5 to ensure consistency across all client-facing materials.

(d) Thank you for highlighting the importance of clearly defining technical terms.

Instrument 2 is a self-administered online survey that does not collect any personally identifiable information; therefore, no personally identifiable information will be collected. For Instruments 1 and 5, a plain-language definition of de-identified data has been added to clarify this concept for participants: "De-identified data means data that has been stripped of all information that could identify you, so no one can tell who shared the information."

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