

**Evaluation of the Next Generation Child Support Employment
Services Demonstration**

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Summary

The Office of Child Support Enforcement is seeking approval to collect information for performance management and the implementation and outcomes studies of ten child support-led employment services demonstration programs. These activities, funded as part of the Next Generation Child Support Employment Services Demonstration, aim to support the operation of the programs and understand the demonstration programs' populations; services provided; implementation of those services; and employment, child support, and other relevant outcomes for parents who participate in the demonstration programs. This package requests clearance for three data collection activities as part of these studies:

1. Management Information System to track program enrollment, gather baseline information, and track program participation.
2. Staff and community partners topic guide to conduct semi-structured interviews with child support program staff and administrators, and partner programs staff.
3. Participant interviews or focus groups topic guide to conduct semi-structured interviews with participants in the NextGen programs.

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

A. Project Background

Every child support program has some parents who do not consistently make payments on their child support orders. As such, child support programs seek strategies to improve payment consistency from parents. Approaches like incorporating procedural justice principles may make the process more fair, but evidence also suggests that parents' inability to pay can play a role in nonpayment (Skemer 2023). Employment services led by child support have been shown to have positive impacts on payment consistency (Barden, Juras et al. 2018, Cancian, Meyer et al. 2019). However, more evidence is needed to understand how child support programs can best partner with employment services to provide child support, employment, and other support services to noncustodial parents.

Through the Next Generation Child Support Employment Services (NextGen) Demonstration, the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is building on these prior studies by funding child support-led employment services to understand challenges and best practices in the establishment, implementation, and outcomes of these kinds of employment programs. In October 2024, OCSE issued section 1115 grants or waivers to ten state, county, or tribal child support agencies to partner with employment services and other supportive services providers to provide child support-led employment services. This includes:

- Six state or county child support agencies selected through a competitive grant application process: Los Angeles County, California; Sacramento and Stanislaus Counties, California; Minnesota; Virginia; Washington; and Louisiana.
- Four tribal sites selected through the grant application and Section 1115 waiver selection process: Ponca Tribe (Oklahoma); Cherokee Nation (Oklahoma); Lac Court Oreilles Band of Lake Superior (Wisconsin); and Nooksack Indian Tribe (Washington).

As part of the agreements to operate these demonstration programs, the ten NextGen child support agencies have agreed to receive technical assistance and participate in an evaluation to continue building evidence around strategies and best practices in child support-led employment services. Most sites do not have previously established child-support led employment programs and the demonstration will generate insights across a variety of program designs in a range of contexts.

There are no legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. The child support program and demonstration programs are authorized by Title IV, part D (42 U.S.C. 651 et. seq.) and section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315). OCSE is undertaking the collection at the discretion of the agency.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) was awarded a cooperative agreement to procure and manage the NextGen technical assistance and evaluation activities. Michigan DHHS contracted with MDRC to conduct the evaluation and provide technical assistance.

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

A. Overview and Purpose

The overarching purpose of the NextGen technical assistance and evaluation activities is to support programs' delivery of NextGen services, document the approaches child support agencies take in offering employment services and other supports to noncustodial parents, and assess parents' engagement in services and changes to employment and child support payments. Technical assistance activities include providing guidance to sites through written documents and virtual and in-person meetings, annual workshops, and provision of a Management Information System (MIS) to track participation and provide performance data.

The evaluation includes two study components: (1) an implementation study and (2) an outcomes study. Respectively, these study components will generate knowledge regarding how NextGen programs operate and the effects on key outcomes such as stable employment and child support payments. The purpose of each information collection activity is to inform one or more of these project components.

Lessons from these demonstration programs will provide information to OCSE and local child support agencies in a variety of jurisdictions and geographic areas with information about how to establish and strengthen partnerships between child support, employment services, and other community partners to improve outcomes for noncustodial parents and their families.

B. Research Questions

As described in section 1A (Project Background), the NextGen demonstration will add to the evidence base of innovations in child support-led employment services to improve noncustodial parent employment and payment consistency by addressing the following questions:

1. *Recruitment and enrollment.* How did demonstration projects recruit parents into their projects? What were the characteristics of those who enrolled?
2. *Partnerships.* How did child support agencies identify and partner with local organizations to provide employment and training services or other supports?
3. *Employment and training services.* How did employment staff work with participants? What types of services were offered, including job search, placement and retention services, vocational education, and literacy or basic skills services?
4. *Child support case management and services.* How did child support case managers work with parents in demonstration projects? How and to what extent were enforcement actions paused while parents were in services? How were child support services provided?
5. *Parent experiences in services.* How were parents engaged in services, including the duration and intensity of participation? How did parents experience the program?
6. *Context.* How do local, state, or tribal characteristics or policies influence implementation of child support services, enforcement, and employment services?
7. *Best practices.* What were the challenges experienced with implementation, and how were they addressed? What are lessons related to sustainability and scalability?
8. *Outcomes.* What were the child support, employment and earnings outcomes of participants?

C. Study Design

The evaluation of NextGen will include two study components: an implementation study and an outcomes study. The implementation study will answer questions 1-7; the outcomes study will answer question 8. Three data collection activities are proposed, which include: (1) data entry into an MIS, which will be used by NextGen program staff to track service delivery and by the evaluation team as part of the technical assistance and evaluation; (2) staff and community partner interviews and (3) participant interviews, both of which will be used by the evaluation team as part of the implementation study.

The evaluation team will also collect child support administrative data from state, county and tribal child support systems, and data from the National Directory of New Hires. The collection of these data will not impose additional burden on respondents or record keepers.

The implementation study will document variation in program implementation, such as program structures, enrollment strategies, employment and child support services offered, program partnerships and linkages, and local policy, social, or economic factors in implementation. Qualitative interviews are designed to capture variation and details about program specifics. This information will inform child support agencies' efforts to develop and adapt employment programs to their local policy, economic, and social conditions. The research team will also review documents from all programs and observe program activities when relevant, either in person or virtually via phone or video, to help us describe key program components and participant engagement. Document review and observations do not implicate the PRA.

The outcome study will report child support payments, employment and earnings outcomes for all participants during the 12 months before enrollment and the 12 months after. Child support administrative data will be used to obtain baseline information about participants' child support orders, payments, child support debt, and enforcement history during the twelve months prior to enrollment. Child support administrative data will be used to measure child support-related outcomes, including those related to amount and frequency of child support payments, changes in child support debt, and methods of child support payments, including through income withholding. The National Directory of New Hires data will be collected to report outcomes on employment and earnings. The team will work with OCSE and MDHHS to obtain quarterly earnings and employment data from the National Directory of New Hires to understand pre- and post-program earnings and employment for NextGen participants.

Programs will enroll NextGen participants starting in August 2026 and can continue to enroll participants through the end of the grant in September 2029. NextGen participants will be representative of the larger population of noncustodial parents who have at least one open child support case that is not an interstate case; currently have or are in the process of establishing a current support order; and who are or anticipate being behind on paying their child support due to under or unemployment. All participants will meet these criteria; some sites may establish additional criteria specific to their programs. Across all sites we anticipate a total enrollment of 5,400 participants. The technical assistance and evaluation activities include the collection of both qualitative and quantitative data collection, as described in more detail in the next section.

Information collection on NextGen participation and services will be tracked in the MIS from August 2026 through the end of the project in September 2029. Staff, partner, and participant interviews will take place in 2026 and 2027. Table A.1 summarizes the expected timelines for data collection for the three instruments being submitted under this Information Collection Request (ICR).

Table A.1: Timeframe for Proposed Data Collection Activities

Data Collection Activity	Expected Timeframe
MIS to track program participation	August 2026-September 2029
Staff and partner interview topic guide	2026-2027
Participant interview topic guide	2026-2027

D. Universe of Data Collection Efforts

In order to provide technical assistance and evaluate the implementation and outcomes of the NextGen demonstration programs, multiple sources of data are proposed: an MIS and interview topic guides.

- *MIS to track program participation* (IC #1). The MIS will be web-based and will be used by NextGen programs as a case management system to track participation in the NextGen program. Information about services received by all program participants will be entered into the system by NextGen staff. These data will aid staff as they deliver the

intervention; for participants who consent to be in the study, their MIS data will also be used for the evaluation.

The topic guides are for two categories of respondents for the implementation study: program and partner staff, and participants. Although the demonstration sites are required to provide certain services, each child support agency will adapt the program to their local contexts, including partner service providers and policies. Thus, the research team will use topic guides to develop specific interview protocols for each demonstration program. The topic guides included with this request include a comprehensive list of topics we will select from based on relevance to the specific staff and/or program.

- *Staff and community partner interview topic guide (IC #2).* This topic guide will be used to conduct semi-structured interviews with program staff and selected employment and community partner organizations during site visits conducted beginning in 2027. Interviews will be conducted over the phone or video or during in-person site visits. Whether conducted virtually or in person, each interview will last an average of sixty minutes. Each of the demonstration sites draws on a range of staff and partners to deliver services; thus, interviews may include child support staff, employment provider staff, and other support services. We estimate that a total of 100 staff and partner interviews will be conducted across all demonstration sites. The IC document with this request includes a universe of topics we will select from for relevance.
- *Participant interview topic guide (IC #3).* This topic guide will be used to conduct semi-structured interviews with study participants across the demonstration sites during site visits in 2027. We will interview participants through one-on-one interviews or focus groups. Focus groups or interviews will be limited to a maximum of 100 interviewees across all pilots. These interviews or focus groups may be conducted in person, video, or over the phone, and should last, on average, about sixty minutes. The IC document with this request includes a universe of topics we will select from for relevance.

This data collection will provide useful information to the government about how child support agencies adapt and partner with employment and other services, tailored to local contexts, to support noncustodial parent child support payments and employment and earnings outcomes.

3. Use of Improved Information Technology and Burden Reduction

The MIS, which staff will use to track program participation, will be a web-based application providing easy access while maintaining the security of the data. MIS users will access the system using multifactor authentication (MFA). The web-based application will allow sites to access the MIS without purchasing or installing additional software or changing the configuration of their computers. The system will be accessible from any computer, allowing for ease of data entry, while the data are housed on secure servers, thereby maintaining data security.

The system will be designed to be user-friendly for NextGen, and its design will be informed by experiences implementing MIS systems for child support agencies. The system will include

reports and reminders to reduce burden on site staff and increase the quality and quantity of data collected. The system is designed for multiple users at each demonstration site (and can include use by both child support staff and staff at employment services providers). Through this shared access, workloads will be streamlined for both child support staff and employment partner staff, allowing for smoother collaboration, information sharing, and service delivery.

The system will include options for varying levels of access depending on users' access needs. For example, supervisors and data coordinators will have the greatest rights within the system, having the ability to review all activity for their demonstration site. Staff providing direct services to NextGen participants will have the ability to record and review information about participants assigned to their caseload. The various levels of system access in the MIS will allow for streamlining of information; limiting full system access to a small set of staff members promotes increased data security and greater data quality.

In terms of the interviews, the evaluation team will primarily use email, text messages, and phone calls to help facilitate the logistics and scheduling of the interviews to reduce the burden on participants. Interviewers will use secure recording technology to record the interviews or conduct interviews in pairs. This will allow the visitors to conduct interviews in the shortest amount of time possible, as they will not be required to use interview time to take notes on the content of the conversation.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication and Use of Similar Information

NextGen sites vary in their ability to collect the information needed for managing program participation. Most of the data elements that will be collected in the NextGen MIS are not currently gathered by participating child support agencies. Further, child support agencies have limited ability to adapt their data systems to gather the elements that will be needed for NextGen. Employment providers may already gather some of the data elements in their own systems, but do not have an easy way of sharing it with child support case managers, which is needed for effective case management. Although some duplication of data entry may occur, we believe that the time required for duplicate data entry will be overall less burdensome than alternative methods that sites may develop to share information across partners, such as extracting data from current systems and sharing it in spreadsheets or other ways. Further, the MIS will streamline performance management activities for the demonstration sites. MIS reports will allow staff and managers to more efficiently track participant progress, enrollment, and overall monitoring of implementation. Although the MIS will be strongly recommended, if a grantee or waiver site has an existing MIS that can address data collection and performance management needs, the technical assistance and evaluation team can work with those sites to collect data from those systems.

The evaluation will identify and minimize duplication of information available through alternate sources. For example, the implementation study will use available information from the grantee and waiver applications and existing administrative data sets to ensure that data collected through interview and focus groups are not available elsewhere.

5. Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities

No small businesses are expected to be involved in data collection. Nonetheless, instruments have been tailored to minimize burden and collect only critical evaluation information.

6. Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently

Not collecting information for the NextGen demonstration would limit the government's ability to document the kinds of activities implemented with federal funds and its ability to measure the effectiveness of such activities. Without an MIS, NextGen sites will lack an efficient and effective means to manage cases and track participation in NextGen services, thereby decreasing their ability to implement strong programs.

The proposed data collection also offers an important opportunity for OCSE to learn about how to improve child support program performance and increase the employment and earnings of noncustodial parents through child support-led employment and other supportive service provision, leading to improved child support payments. If the proposed information collection activities are not conducted, policymakers and providers of these programs will lack reliable descriptive information on the strategies and best practices for developing and implementing partnerships between child support, employment service providers, and other community service providers to support noncustodial parents.

- *NextGen MIS.* Without the MIS, the NextGen programs would have challenges tracking services delivered to participants, as most child support programs lack systems that can be customized to track the new activities they will be engaging in for NextGen. The MIS enables collection of information in the most efficient manner, occurring as the case activity is happening, and provides child support programs and their partners with a tool to manage cases and have access to real-time program performance data to adapt and improve their programs. Less frequent collection would limit sites' performance management capacities during the project. The MIS provides the evaluation with comprehensive data on implementation that, without an MIS, would have to be collected from multiple parties and sources and would likely be of lower quality, decreasing its usefulness.
- *Staff and partner interview topic guide.* Interviews will occur once with each respondent. Omitting staff and partner interviews from the data collected for the implementation study would mean a lack of understanding of NextGen implementation. Staff perspectives are key to understanding how the programs started and were implemented: without them, OCSE and child support agencies will lack information about local context and effective practices in partnering with employment and other service providers. The interviews will also provide information to interpret the data collected in the NextGen MIS.
- *Participant interview topic guide.* Interviews will occur once with each respondent. Without interviewing NextGen participants, parent feedback will not be captured as part

of the implementation study, missing a key viewpoint, and the ability to accurately assess the project goal of improving parents' employment and child support compliance.

7. Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5

There are no special circumstances for the proposed data collection.

8. Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice and Efforts to Consult Outside the Agency

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), ACF published a notice in the Federal Register announcing the agency's intention to request an OMB review of this information collection activity. This notice was published on May 7, 2026 (91 FR 24873) and provided a sixty-day period for public comment. During the notice and comment period, we did not receive comments.

The following experts in child support were consulted for this information collection:

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9. Explanation of Any Payment or Gift to Respondents

Although participation in the interviews is voluntary, the activity goes beyond the expectations of the NextGen program and there are potential burdens placed on study participants. Additionally, while the interviews are not intended to be statistically representative of the entire NextGen study population, it is important to capture a range of background characteristics to understand the variety of parent experiences with the NextGen programs. To address these concerns, we propose providing a \$50 gift card to NextGen participants who are randomly selected for and agree to participate in the 60-minute individual or group interview, to be provided upon completion.

Without offsetting the direct costs incurred by respondents for participating in the interviews, such as transportation and childcare, the research team increases the risk that only those individuals able to overcome potential financial barriers will participate in the study. The goal of the \$50 gift card is to account for such expenses that may otherwise prevent their participation in the study.

The study team believes that this amount, in concert with other methods to engage participants (as described in section B3 of Supporting Statement B), will help to address the noted concerns and is a reasonable amount in comparison to the time and effort for the data collection. Additionally, the amount proposed is consistent with other similar efforts in child support

¹ Information current at time of consultation

employment programs to acknowledge of noncustodial parent participation in voluntary activities above and beyond the standard expectations for programs, most notably in the NCP Choices program in Texas.² This amount is also consistent with the \$50 token of appreciation that OMB approved for the implementation studies for the BEES project (OMB control number 0970-0537), which specifically included participant interviews for employment services and noncustodial parents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents

The grantee and waiver staff and technical assistance and evaluation team will follow strict procedures to ensure the privacy of participant information to the extent permitted by law. The following actions will be taken:

- *Grantee and waiver staff privacy training.* Grantee and waiver staff will be trained in privacy procedures. The technical assistance and evaluation team will provide comprehensive training to staff who handle data at each site and administer the study consent process. This training will supplement child support staff's significant training requirements in privacy and security.
- *Interviewer training in privacy procedures.* Evaluation team members interviewing staff, program partners, and participants will follow strict privacy procedures to protect data. All evaluation staff regularly undergo mandatory human subjects research and data security trainings. Whenever possible, notes will be taken on encrypted laptops and saved on secure servers. If handwritten notetaking is required, no personally identifiable information (PII) will be included and notes will be transferred to electronic form to be saved on secure servers as soon as is practicable; paper notes will either be destroyed or kept in locked file cabinets. Interviews will be recorded using encrypted recording devices and transferred to secure servers through secure file transfer systems like BOX.
- *Restricted access to the MIS.* Data collected through the MIS will be housed on secure servers. MIS users will access the system through MFA. MFA greatly increases the security of systems by requiring that users enter an additional authentication code along with their username and password when logging in. Access rights will be assigned strictly on a need-to-know basis.
- *De-identified data for all interview participants.* Any data elements used for recruitment of participants for semi-structured interviews, such as name and telephone number, will be destroyed after completion of the interview. Interview transcripts and resulting reports will not identify respondents by name.
- *Informed consent from all NextGen evaluation participants.* All NextGen participants will be invited to join the evaluation at their enrollment in NextGen. NextGen staff will administer an informed consent process and obtain documentation of consent. Interview participants will undergo an additional informed consent process before the interview begins. They will be informed that their participation in interviews is completely voluntary, that their information will be kept private, and that members of the research team will be taking notes during the interviews, but their names will not be attached to

² <https://www.twc.texas.gov/programs/noncustodial-parent-choices>

these notes, the evaluation team will not identify individuals in any reporting or dissemination products, and the evaluation team will be the only ones with access to information shared during the interview. Staff and partners will be further informed that their participation or non-participation in interviews will not affect their employment, while participants will be informed that their participation or non-participation will not affect the services they receive or their child support. The evaluation team will submit all consent and data collection procedures to MDRC's accredited IRB prior to their use (Federal-wide Assurance (FWA) Number 00003694). In addition, MDRC will seek a certificate of confidentiality from the National Institutes of Health for this project.

In addition to the procedures described above, MDRC has a strong institutional commitment to data security. MDRC has strict privacy protocols for all research data collection and usage. All project data will be stored in systems that meet FedRAMP security standards. These include MDRC's SPROUT (Social Policy Research Optimization/Utilization Technology) cloud service offering. MDRC was issued an Authorization to Operate (ATO) at the moderate impact level from the FedRAMP Project Management Office (PMO), after receiving an ATO issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. MDRC's SPROUT environment was initially authorized by FedRAMP on 10/7/2020 under package ID FR1902240018. MDRC's current ATO expires on 6/23/2029. All confidential data for the project will be stored in secure systems, with access limited to only those with a need to know.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

- *MIS.* Some of the data that will be entered into the NextGen MIS may be sensitive. NextGen staff will conduct a needs assessment upon participants' enrollment into NextGen to identify service needs and make referrals. Aspects of the needs assessment, such as employment history or criminal legal system involvement, may be sensitive topics for participants but NextGen case managers require such information to be able to connect participants with services that can support them. The required staff data entry for enrollment into the study will require NextGen staff to enter participant social security numbers into the MIS. This is necessary to build a sample with unique identifiers so that administrative data, including National Directory of New Hires records, can later be requested using the identifying information.
- *Participant interviews.* NextGen participants in semi-structured interviews will be asked questions about their backgrounds, including their employment and earnings history and their criminal history. These two factors are often key challenges facing noncustodial parents regarding the nonpayment of child support and are therefore important to include in understanding the study population and interventions that may support them. All participants will be assured of the privacy of their responses before being asked to answer any questions and they can skip any questions they do not wish to answer.

The staff and partner interview topic guide does not have sensitive questions, as it focuses on the experiences of child support and partner staff with their jobs of delivering services.

The evaluation team will not identify participants in any reporting or dissemination products to limit the possibility of individual identification and ensuring that individual responses are private.

12. Estimates of Annualized Burden Hours and Costs

The estimated reporting burden and cost for the three information collection instruments included in this ICR is presented in Table A.2. These estimates were determined as described in the following bullets. Cost estimates are calculated using Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) wage data from May 2024.

- *NextGen staff data entry into MIS:*
 - Estimated Respondent Burden Hours: NextGen demonstration programs cumulatively aim to enroll approximately a total of 5,400 participants, or approximately 1,800 participants per year over three years. We anticipate that, on average, participants will spend about one year receiving NextGen services. The team estimated approximately 1.5 hours of data entry per participant across child support, employment services, and other support services staff.
 - Estimated Respondent Costs: We estimate the average hourly wage for NextGen staff from the BLS job code for Community and Social Services managers, and wage data from May 2025, which is \$42.73 per hour.³ To account for fringe benefits and overhead the rate was multiplied by 2. This resulted in an hourly wage of \$85.46.
- *Staff and community partner interview guide:*
 - Estimated Respondent Burden Hours: Selected NextGen staff and community partners will participate in interviews about their work with NextGen. The interview guide included with this request includes a universe of topics we will select from for relevance. Once tailored, we anticipate that interviews will take an average of 1 hour and will aim to interview a total of 100 respondents across the programs.
 - Estimated Respondent Costs: The burden to staff and partner interview respondents was calculated using the BLS job code for Community and Social Services managers, and wage data from May 2025, which is \$42.73 per hour. To account for fringe benefits and overhead the rate was multiplied by 2. This resulted in an hourly wage of \$85.46.
- *Participant interview guide:*
 - Estimated Respondent Burden Hours: Selected NextGen participants will be invited to participate in interviews. The interview guide included with this request includes a universe of topics we will select from for relevance. Once tailored, we anticipate that interviews will take an average of 1 hour and will aim to interview 100 respondents across the programs.
 - Estimated Respondent Costs: The cost to participant interview respondents was calculated using the BLS median hourly earnings for all industries data from May

³ [Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Profiles](#)

2025, which is \$33.54 per hour.⁴ This does not include overhead or fringe benefits, as the program being studied is an employment program; the study population may not be fully employed, or may be employed part-time, or in positions that do not provide fringe benefits or overhead.

Table A.2. Estimates of Annualized Burden Hours and Costs

Information Collection Title	Total Number of Respondents	Total Number of Responses Per Respondent	Average Burden Hours Per Response	Total Burden Hours	Annual Burden Hours*	Average Hourly Wage	Total Annual Cost
MIS to track program participation	5,400	1	1.5	8,100	2,700	\$85.46	\$230,742.00
Staff and community partner interview topic guide	100	1	1	100	33	\$85.46	\$2,820.18
Participant interview topic guide	100	1	1	100	33	\$33.54	\$1,106.82
Estimated Annual Burden and Cost Totals					2,766		\$234,669.00

*Note: annual burden is estimated based on a three-year data collection schedule.

13. Estimates of Other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents and Record Keepers

There are no direct costs to respondents other than their time.

14. Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

Annual costs to the Federal government will be \$416,277 for the proposed data collection.

Cost Category	Estimated Costs
Field Work	\$178,959.32
Analysis	\$89,479.68
Publications/Dissemination	\$147,838.00
Annual costs	\$416,277.00

15. Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments

This is a new information collection.

16. Plans for Tabulation and Publication and Project Time Schedule

⁴ [Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Profiles](#)

A. Analysis Plan

The MIS to track program participation will be a core component of the implementation study, allowing us to learn what services were delivered and their dosages. These quantitative data will be processed and analyzed using R, with key measures created and presented in various tables, figures, and infographics. These data will also be used in the outcomes study to provide baseline information about participants.

The staff and community partner interviews and participant interviews will both be written up into standardized templates that reflect the content in the interview topic guide and then coded by theme and analyzed using NVivo, specialized software used to analyze qualitative data. These interviews, also core to the implementation study, will be integrated with the MIS data findings in order to gain a fuller understanding of NextGen implementation and address the key implementation-related research questions using mixed methods

B. Project Schedule

This project started in October 2024, and will take place over roughly a five-year period, including one to two years of program planning and piloting. This ICR is requesting approval for three years of data collection, starting in August 2026; we will request an extension if needed to complete data collection. Data collection is expected to take place over about three years. Table A.3 provides a schedule for data collection and reporting.

Table A.3. Project Schedule

Activity	Date
Participation data tracking in MIS	August 2026-September 2029
Parent and staff and partner interviews	2026-2027
NDNH data collection	August 2026-March 2029
Final Report	June 2029

17. Reason(s) Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate

The OMB approval number and expiration date will be displayed or cited on all forms completed as part of the data collection.

18. Exceptions to Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

No exceptions are necessary for this information collection.

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