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Subject: Change Request – National and State Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSSCAW): Informing Site Selection and Recruitment Processes (OMB #0970-0356)

This memo requests approval of changes to the approved information collection, National and State Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSSCAW): Informing Site Selection and Recruitment Processes, approved under the Formative Data Collections for ACF Research and Evaluation (0970-0356).

Background

To support the statutory mandate (Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 628b]) to conduct a national random sample study of child welfare, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is planning to conduct the National and State Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being [NSSCAW]. The study team is currently collecting preliminary information from child welfare agencies (CWAs), primarily to inform future site selection and recruitment processes. This information collection was approved in December 2025. Due to unanticipated delays engaging with CWAs, the time period to collect this information needs to be updated.

Overview of Requested Changes

This extension to the timeline will enable the completion of the approved data collection activities. No updates are proposed other than to the timeline. A revised Supporting Statement A reflecting this change in *Exhibit A16.1: Timeline* is included with this request.