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| State, territorial, and District of Columbia cancer registries ..... | 63                    | 1                              | 2                                 | 126                    |

2. Sentinel Network for Public Health Practice—NEW—The Division of Public Health Systems, Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO) proposes to establish a sentinel network of 160 local health departments to provide ongoing public health system infrastructure and capacity data. As the nation's prevention agency, the CDC is working to support the US public health mission of rapidly detecting disease and health risks, rapidly communicating, and strengthening the capacity to respond. Towards that goal, CDC proposes to assess and strengthen the nation's public health infrastructure by developing a network of local health departments that will provide ongoing information to public health leaders, policy makers, program managers and others to identify needs, target resources, and assist in overall preparedness. Data gathered by survey from the sentinel network will also lead

to improvement of the public health communications systems and reinforced training and credentialing for core workforce skills, and will help in developing standards for improved organizational performance.

The purpose of this Sentinel System and its related surveys are to: (1) Assess data and information systems, public health workforce, effective public health organization, relationships and resources that enable the performance of the ten essential services of public health for every community, and use these data in developing strategies to strengthen the infrastructure of public health; (2) rapidly detect changes in the health care environment as they affect the nation's health; (3) evaluate the usefulness, readability, and impact of CDC publications and documentation such as the Guide to Community Preventive Services, and (4) provide the CDC and collaborators with data to

assist in measuring performance of local health departments. Results from this research will be used to help the CDC in several ways. These systematic, longitudinal data will allow CDC and the public health community to improve infrastructure quality and capacity. Examples of crosscutting infrastructure issues that may be identified by these data include the extent of under-funding for public health, the need for effective local leadership and for integrated electronic information systems, and the emerging role of measurable standards for local health departments. CDC publications evaluation data will allow the CDC to assess how useful and linked to local need are its resources, and to plan revisions and future products. The health performance information will help direct the development of measurable standards. The cost to the respondent is \$0.00.

| Form   | Number of respondents* | Number of responses/respondent | Avg. burden/response (in hrs.) | Total burden (in hrs.) |
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| Assessing and Strengthening public health infrastructure ..... | 80                     | 2                              | 8                              | 1,280                  |
| <b>Year 2</b>  |                        |                                |                                |                        |
| Evaluating CDC Publications .....                              | 80                     | 2                              | 4                              | 640                    |
| Assessing and strengthening public health infrastructure ..... | 160                    | 2                              | 8                              | 2,560                  |
| Evaluating CDC Publications .....                              | 160                    | 2                              | 4                              | 1,280                  |
| <b>Year 3</b>  |                        |                                |                                |                        |
| Assessing and strengthening public health infrastructure ..... | 160                    | 2                              | 8                              | 2,560                  |
| Evaluating CDC Publications .....                              | 160                    | 2                              | 4                              | 1,280                  |
| Total .....  |                        |                                |                                | 9,600                  |

\*Respondents are local health departments.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

##### *Proposed Project:*

*Title:* Head Start Fellows Program.

*OMB No.:* 0970-1040.

*Description:* Public Law 103-252, the Human Services Amendments of 1994, amended the Head Start Act (the Act) to authorize the creation of a Head Start Fellows Program to support the professional development of individuals

working in the field of child development and family services. The Act was most recently reauthorized through fiscal year 2003, by the Coats Human Services Amendments of 1998, Public Law 105-285.

Head Start Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis to individuals (other than Federal employees) selected from among applicants who are working, on the date of application, in local Head Start programs or otherwise working in the fields of child development and children and family services. The information collected from the applications is used to ensure that individuals selected to be Head Start

Fellows have the appropriate experience/skills, and that the training developed for them and the work assigned to them will enhance their ability to make significant contributions

to the fields of child development and family services. The information collected is used by program staff and policy makers at the Federal level to

make judgements on the progress and needs of the program.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument               | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Head Start Fellows ..... | 200                   | 1                                  | 2                                 | 400                |

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:*  
400.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (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; and (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. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: May 7, 1999.

**Bob Sargis,**

*Acting Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Community Services

[Program Announcement No. OCS-99-07]

#### Request for Applications Under the Office of Community Services' Fiscal Year 1999 Community Services Block Grant Training, Technical Assistance, and Capacity-Building Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Community Services, ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications under the Office of Community Services' Community Services Block Grant Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity-Building (CSBG-T&TA) Discretionary Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Community Services (OCS) invites eligible entities to submit applications for FY 1999 funding of competitive grants under the CSBG-T&TA discretionary grants program.

Applications received in response to this notice will be screened and evaluated as indicated in this document. Awards will be contingent on the outcome of the competition and the availability of funds.

**ADDRESSES:** Prior to submitting an application, potential applicants must obtain a copy of the CSBG-T&TA Application Kit, containing additional program information, forms, and instructions. Application Kits are available by writing or calling the Office of Community Services at 5th Floor West, Aerospace Building, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington DC 20447. To obtain a copy of the CSBG-T&TA Application Kit, call: (202) 401-4787.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margaret Washnitzer, Director, Division of State Assistance, Office of Community Services, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, DC 20447. Telephone: (202) 401-9343.

A copy of the **Federal Register** containing the CSBG-T&TA program announcement is available for reproduction at most local libraries and Congressional District Offices. It is also available on the Internet through GPO Access at the following web address:

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/aces140.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html)

If the announcement is not available at these sources, it may be obtained by writing to the office listed under **ADDRESSES** above.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** The closing dates for submission of applications is July 13, 1999. Further details regarding application submission are provided in the Supplementary Information section of this program announcement. Mailed applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late. Refer to APPLICATION SUBMISSION below for other details.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Program Announcement

The Application Kit for the FY 1999 CSBG-T&TA program will not be published in the **Federal Register**. Rather, OCS is publishing FY 1999 Program Announcement OCS-99-07 in the **Federal Register**. Program Announcement OCS-99-07 contains the following information for the CSBG-T&TA program: Date of Application Kit; Application Deadline; Program Contact Person; Legislative Authority; Eligible Applicants and Availability of Funds; Program Priority Areas; Project Periods and Budget Periods; Matching Requirement; Type of Awards; and Review Criteria.

##### B. General Instructions

In order to be considered for a grant under the FY 1999 OCS CSBG-T&TA program announcement, an application must be submitted on the forms supplied and in the manner prescribed by OCS in the 1999 CSBG-T&TA Application Kit. When requesting an Application Kit, the applicant must specify the Community Services Block