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ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of re-spond-ents	Number of re-sponses per re-spond-ent	Average burden hours per re-sponse	Total burden hours
OCSE-156	54	4	3.7	799.2
OCSE-158	54	1	1.2	64.8

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 864.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of 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, Division of Information Resource Management 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: October 15, 1997.

Bob Sargis,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: The OCSE-157 Child Support Enforcement Annual Data Report.

OMB No.: 0970-0057.

Description: The information obtained from this form will be used to report Child Support Enforcement activities to the Congress as required by law, to complete performance indicators utilized in the program, and to assist the Office of Child Support Enforcement in monitoring and evaluating State Child Support Enforcement programs. As of October 1, 1998 this information collection will replace the OCSE-156 and OCSE-158.

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OCSE-157	54	1	4.0	216

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 216.

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Administration for Children and Families

[Proposed Program Priorities—ACF/ACYF/RHYP 98-1]

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program: Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 Proposed Program Priorities

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments on proposed Fiscal Year 1998 Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program Priorities for the Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth; the Street Outreach Program for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth; and the Transitional Living Program for Older Homeless Youth.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act requires the Secretary to publish annually, for public comment, a proposed plan specifying priorities the Department will follow in awarding grants and contracts under the Act. The public is urged to provide comments in response to this notice. Suggestions and recommendations will be taken into consideration in development of final priorities. The actual solicitations for grant applications will be published later during Fiscal Year 1998 in the **Federal Register**. No applications for funding should be submitted at this time.

DATES: Closing date for submission of public comments is December 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: James A. Harrell, Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Attention: Family and Youth Services Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, DC 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Wright, Youth Development Program Specialist, (202) 205-8030.

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces that public comments are being requested on proposed program priorities for Fiscal Year 1998 for the following programs:

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Grant Program (BCP),

which provides financial assistance to local agencies to develop and strengthen services to meet the immediate needs (e.g., outreach, temporary shelter, counseling, and aftercare services) of runaway and homeless youth and their families.

The Street Outreach Program for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth, which provides street-based outreach and education, including treatment, counseling, and information and referral services for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of experiencing sexual abuse.

The Transitional Living Program for Older Homeless Youth (TLP), which supports local agencies which provide long term shelter, life-skill training and support services to homeless youth to assist them in making a smooth transition to self-sufficiency and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

Central to all FYSB programs and activities is a priority that services be delivered through a comprehensive youth development approach. A developmental perspective views adolescence as the passage from the dependence of the child to the independence and self-sufficiency of the adult. The various emotional, intellectual, social and physical changes during this passage are natural, healthy responses to the challenges and opportunities of growing up.

The tasks of youth services providers are seen, thus, not as correcting the problems of troubled youth, but rather as providing for the successive developmental needs of maturing individuals: The psychological need to develop a clear self-identity; the sociological need to be an effective and contributing member of the community; the economic need to prepare for and enter into a career; and the familial needs for sharing, for trusting, for giving and receiving love and commitment. This developmental approach is fundamental to all FYSB programs and activities.

Financial assistance for programs and support efforts discussed below is contingent upon the availability of funds.

a. Basic Center Program Grants

Approximately 65 percent of the Basic Center grants awarded will be non-competing continuation grants and approximately 35 percent will be competitive new awards in Fiscal Year 1998.

Eligible applicants for new awards are current grantees with project periods ending in Fiscal Year 1998 and

otherwise eligible applicants who are not current grantees. The applications will be reviewed by State, and awards will be made during the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1998 (July–September 1998).

b. Transitional Living Program Grants

All potential Fiscal Year 1998 TLP funds will be awarded in the form of continuation grants and as new grants to applicants who competed successfully during Fiscal Year 1997.

It is anticipated that all Fiscal Year 1999 funds will be used to award non-competitive continuation grants. No TLP funds are expected to be available in Fiscal Year 1999 to fund new-start applications. Therefore, there will be no solicitation for competitive new-start TLP applications in Fiscal Year 1998.

c. Street Outreach for Runaway, Homeless and Street Youth

Fiscal Year 1998 funds will be used to award new grants to eligible applicants and non-competitive continuation awards to eligible grantees.

d. Support Services for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

(1) National Communications System

In Fiscal Year 1994, a five-year grant was awarded to the National Runaway Switchboard, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois, to operate a National Communications System to assist runaway and homeless youth in communicating with their families and with service providers. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to the grantee in Fiscal Year 1998. The five-year project period will end in Fiscal Year 1999.

(2) Training and Technical Assistance

Part D, Section 342 of the Act authorizes the Department to make grants to statewide and regional nonprofit organizations to provide training and technical assistance (T&TA) to organizations receiving service grants under the Act in order to strengthen programs and enhance the knowledge and skills of youth workers.

The Family and Youth Services Bureau funds ten Cooperative Agreements, one in each Federal Region, to provide T&TA to agencies funded by FYSB. Each Cooperative Agreement is based on the characteristics and different T&TA needs in the respective Region and has a five-year project period that will end in Fiscal Year 1999. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to the ten T&TA grantees in Fiscal Year 1998.