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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Proposed Information Collection Activity; Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE): Long-Term Follow-Up, Kindergarten Data Collection (MIHOPE-K)

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Goldstein,

The National Service Office (NSO) for Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) and Child First appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Administration for Children and Families' (the Department's) proposed plans for the MIHOPE-K long-term follow-up study (86 FRN 35061, published 9/24/21). The NSO makes the following recommendations:

- The direct assessments of children and caregivers should be prioritized.
- Consider providing a more substantial honorarium/incentive to caregivers for completing the direct assessments and caregiver survey.
- The survey of focal children's teachers seems burdensome for the teacher. In addition. The teacher survey results may be more indicative of that preschool/school/childcare's quality, culture, and structure than it is about the actual child behavior. For example, questions E1 and E2 depend very much on the school, as shown by previous evidence, about rates of detention and expulsion across the country. Therefore, we think the utility of this proposed measure will depend on how it is used in the analysis. We don't think it will be an accurate measure of child outcomes. It could be an accurate measure of the child's preschool experience to be used more as a moderator or mediator. Due to the concerns/thoughts above, we think this measure should be a lower priority compared to the direct assessments and caregiver survey.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and your continued work to bring quality programs to families in need.

Regards,



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