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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON NOTICE: PROPOSED INFORMATION COLLECTION
ACTIVITY; ACF-800: CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND ANNUAL
AGGREGATE REPORT (OMB- #0970-0150) (published 11-05-2024)

To Whom It May Concern:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) submits the following comments for your consideration regarding changes to the ACF 800 report and ACF 800 instructions document.

ACF-800: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Annual Aggregate Report
Data Elements.

1. #5. Number of children served through grants and contracts: California asks that there be clear definitions provided for “children with disabilities”, “infants and toddlers” and “underserved geographic areas”.
2. #5. a. Number of slots allocated through grants and contracts: Since the 801a data currently only collects enrollment information, California will need a least one year to make changes to data collection processes to ensure we collect the number of slots through the collection of the data in our funding applications and continued funding applications.
3. Pooling factor:
 - a. #13. a.: The addition of the question asking to explain what led to the change if the year’s pooling factor has changed more than +/- 5 percent since the previous year is not burdensome for California.
 - b. Other: Deletion of COVID related Data: This deletion is appropriate.

ACF 800 Instructions.

1. Introduction: The removal of information on funding for CARES Act, CRSA Act and ARPA are appropriate.
2. Instructions:
 - a. #2. Number served: California suggests having unique child counts and child counts by setting types reported separately. This will allow states to get the correct numbers for each setting.
3. Payment methods:

- a. #5i- 5iii: California asks that there be clear definitions provided for “children with disabilities”, “infants and toddlers” and “underserved geographic areas”.
 - b. 6-8: California asks that there be clear definitions provided for “children with disabilities”, “infants and toddlers” and “underserved geographic areas”.
4. Presumptive eligibility:
- a. #16a.- c.: The addition of the data needed for presumptive eligibility will take California a least one year to make systems changes in order to implement this change. Additionally, California suggests adding an option to “Reason for care code” and this change will also take some time to make systems changes and implement.

For additional questions, please contact Lupe Jaime-Mileham, at Lupe.Jaime-Mileham@dss.ca.gov.

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