

Public Comment on Head Start Program Information Report Extension (OMB #0970-0427)

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Dear Office of Head Start,

I am writing in response to the Request for Public Comment on the proposed three-year extension of the Head Start Program Information Report (PIR), Monthly Enrollment reporting instrument, and Center Locations and Contacts instrument (Federal Register Volume 90, Number 129, July 9, 2025, Pages 30231–30232).

I support the continuation of these reporting instruments as they provide essential data for federal program oversight, public accountability, and continuous quality improvement across Head Start programs nationwide. The PIR, in particular, serves as a vital resource for policymakers, researchers, and advocates working to strengthen early childhood education.

However, I would like to respectfully recommend that OHS consider future updates or improvements to the PIR and related instruments to:

1. Enhance Data Equity: Include data points that better capture the experiences of underserved populations, including children with disabilities, dual language learners, and children from tribal communities.
2. Strengthen Program Quality Metrics: Incorporate measures that reflect family engagement, cultural responsiveness, and social-emotional development outcomes.
3. Support Real-Time Data Access: Enhance data systems to enable local programs to access their data promptly, facilitating data-driven decision-making at the community level.
4. Streamline Reporting Burdens: Explore ways to align PIR reporting with other federal or state data collection requirements to minimize administrative burden on Head Start programs.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input and encourage OHS to continue engaging with program leaders, researchers, and families to ensure the data collected is meaningful, actionable, and aligned with the evolving needs of Head Start communities.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



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