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Administration for Children and
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Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation
370 L'Enfant Promenade SW
Washington, DC 20447
Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer

RE: Child Care Quarterly Case Record Report ACF-801; OMB No.: 0970-0167

To Whom It May Concern:

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education have the following comments in response to the
aforementioned Federal Register.

Collecting these data on a monthly basis allows our division to review and assess how well we are providing
services in the state and is not burdensome in terms of time and effort to collect and submit the reports. Our
system is automated; however, efforts are underway in our agency to integrate data systems across divisions
which will take some time to fully implement.

Several areas in the report noted below cannot be easily tracked at this time and/or would require more definition
to ensure that the data collected is complete and accurate.

- **#30 Unique Provider State ID** - Integrated systems are not in place to link Early Head Start/Head Start
data with early care and education programs. Head Start and Early Head Start data is not required to be
collected by unique provider identifier by our Head Start Office or by the division.
- **#33 QRIS Participation** - Participation in the Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) is voluntary and
can be tracked, however, we are unable to determine who is/who is not eligible to participate until they
apply. We are moving towards making participation in QRIS a requirement to receive federal funds which
should make this data point easier to collect. **We would like to see an additional response category
added that states: Provider not participating, status of eligibility not evaluated.**
- **#35 Accreditation Status** - No definitions are provided on the types of national or state accreditations to
track, therefore, additional instructions are needed. At this time, we do not collect this information. It may
take some time to build our systems to enable more accurate reporting in this area.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Arlene Rose, Assistant Director at Arlene.v.rose@dhs.arkansas.gov
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Sincerely,

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