

Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs- Grantee Assessment

Formative Data Collections for ACF Research

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Supporting Statement

Part B

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B1. Respondent Universe and Sampling Methods

The universe of respondents are Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) grantees. The grantees have knowledge of their training and technical assistance (TTA) needs and can provide feedback on existing gaps and challenges. Their experience will enable them to speak to the national RHY landscape or provide a better understanding of RHY programs, priorities and barriers. The collected data will also inform ACF research and evaluation efforts.

The universe of respondents includes 100 FYSB Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs grantees, which are grantees from Street Outreach Program (SOP), Basic Center Program (BCP), and Transitional Living Program (TLP).

B2. Procedures for Collection of Information

After receiving OMB approval, the FYSB TTA provider will email the online assessment to Executive Directors/grantees (See Attachment B). The assessment includes instructions on the purpose and uses of the information collected as part of the assessment (See Attachment A). Grantees will be asked to respond within 30 days. If a grantee does not respond within 30 days, we will send a follow-up email (see Attachment B) to remind them about the request.

B3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with Nonresponse

Expected Response Rates

The assessment is voluntary, but our goal is to collect quality information to accurately inform our TTA activities for all FYSB grantees. It is projected that we will receive a 70% response rate to the assessment.

Dealing with Nonresponse

We will use the strategies described below to encourage grantees to complete the assessment. The analysis from the data collected will be used to determine TTA activities and understand the status of the RHY field. Therefore, the nonresponse bias is not a serious issue since the data collected will not be used for a study or published as a study.

Maximizing Response Rates

We will use some strategies to increase the response rates. The strategies include:

- If a grantee does not respond to the initial email, TTA provider will follow-up with another email.
- FYSB Federal Project Officers will encourage their grantees to complete the assessment.

B4. Tests of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

The assessment questions have not been pretested, but are informed by FYSB programs' framework, requirements, and related efforts in the past.

B5. Individual(s) Consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center (RHYTTAC) will be collecting and analyzing the data. Tammy Hooper, RHYTTAC Chief Strategic Officer will be the point of contact for this effort.