



NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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

To whom it may concern:

Thank you for providing NHSA with the opportunity to submit comments regarding the proposed information collection "Maternal and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE) Check-In Project" (Federal Register Volume 79, Number 161 (Wednesday, August 20, 2014) Page 49325).

The National Head Start Association is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that believes that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life if given the opportunity that Head Start offers to children and their families. NHSA is the national voice of more than a million children in Head Start and Early Head Start programs in the United States.

The MIHOPE study has the potential to deepen our understanding of the impact of different home visiting programs for different types of families and communities. As the "Check-In" materials are developed and implemented, we offer a few recommendations for improved quality, utility, and clarity of the information:

- In questions 9, 46, and 47, consider the wording of the questions in the case that the respondent is a child's father and both parents are primary caregivers.
- Likewise, consider how questions 79-95 would be implemented with either parent in a two parent home.
- Following question 97 about children's participation in day care or preschool, ask whether the children are participating in Head Start, either in a center-based or home visiting model. This knowledge may better inform later interpretation of findings.

It is our hope that you will pursue this collection with the goals of the early childhood field in mind: to improve the early environment and educational opportunities of children in poverty. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments; if you have any questions, you can reach me at [yvinci@nhsa.org](mailto:yvinci@nhsa.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yamin Visci".

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