

**Child Care Data Collection
Privacy Notice and Consent Form**

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is gathering information about families who receive child care assistance. The information will be reported to the California Department of Education (CDE) and then to HHS. The information will be used for research on the status of child care in the United States and will provide valuable data to persons developing child care programs and policies at the state, local, and national levels.

All the information HHS receives about your family and other families will be summed up and reported to Congress every two years. No person or family will be individually identified in reports made to Congress, the Legislature, other governmental agencies, or the public.

To ensure that children and families receiving child care services are counted only once, HHS and CDE are requesting the Social Security Number of the head of the family unit receiving child care assistance. If you do not wish to give your Social Security Number for this purpose, you may still receive child care assistance. Social Security Numbers will help CDE meet HHS reporting requests and state requirements for program statistics. Authority to ask for your Social Security Number for this purpose is stated in Section 98.71(a)(13) of *Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Education Code* Section 8261.5, and Section 18070 of *Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations*. Your decision to provide your Social Security Number is voluntary.

I have been informed of the way my Social Security Number will be used. I understand that if I do not wish to give my number, I can still receive child care assistance.

- YES, my Social Security Number may be used: _____ - _____ - _____
- NO, I do not wish to give my Social Security Number for this purpose.

Signature of the Head of Household

Date

Type or Print Name