

Instructions for Completing the Ethnic and Racial Data Form

- The sponsor should complete this form for each site under its jurisdiction each year. Sponsors of residential camps must collect this information for each camp session. For all other sites, the sponsor must count the participating children at least once during the site's operation.
- The sponsor may use visual identification to determine a participant's racial or ethnic category or the parents of a participant may be asked to identify the racial or ethnic group of their child(ren). A participant may be included in the group that he/she appears to belong, identifies with, or is regarded as a member by the community.
- To provide flexibility and ensure data quality, separate categories shall be used when collecting and reporting race and ethnicity. Ethnicity shall be collected first. Respondents shall be offered the option of selecting one or more racial designations.
- The sponsor must retain racial or ethnic data, as well as documentation for the data for three years and must safeguard this information to prevent its use for discriminatory purposes. Access to Program records containing racial or ethnic data should be limited to authorized personnel.