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POLICY DESCRIPTION: Numerous federal government forms (e.g. Passport Application Forms DS-11, Application for Social Security Number, and various federal employment and security clearance forms) ask the individual to provide information about the individual's "father" and/or "mother." Because of the undeniably growing number of single-parent, multiple-parent and same-sex parent families, many applicants for government services and employment are unable to accurately or comfortably complete the forms.

Recommendation for Change: The OMB should require that any federal government forms requiring information about an individual's parent(s) should use the labels "Parent 1" and "Parent 2" rather than "Mother" and/or "Father."