

Chitimacha Indian Tribe - Louisiana

Description of Tribe

The Chitimacha Indian Tribe is located in Charenton Louisiana, in the delta of the Mississippi River and the adjoining Atchafalaya Basin of south-central Louisiana.

Tribal population: **900**

Population of service area: **1,500**

Reservation: **Yes**

Number of children eligible for CCDF: **35**

Number of children served with CCDF funds in FY 2004 in an average month: **19**

Tribe operates a child care center: **Yes**

Tribe is Head Start Grantee: **No**

Tribe is an Early Head Start Grantee: **No**

Market Rate Survey

Organization that did market rate survey: **Chitimacha Tribe**

Date of first survey: **2003**

Date of last survey: **2004**

Providers Surveyed

Data source: **Licensed centers in two parishes identified from phone book**

Number of providers surveyed: **Four to five centers every year**

Survey Method and Data Collected

Survey method: **Telephone calls**

Data collected: **Part- and full-time rates**

Data Analysis and Publication

Analysis: **Not reported**

Publication: **None**

Rate Setting

Use of market rate survey findings: **Used by school board in setting rates**

Factors used in setting rates: **Survey findings, state's market rate survey findings, tribal budget, parent input**

Survey Cost

Cost not known; tribal staff carry out the survey as a part of their job

Additional Information

Area centers charge the same rate regardless of age of child. The tribe's center charges \$65.00 per week and no more because the parents "think it is a lot of money".