

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council - Minnesota

Description of Tribe

“White Earth Reservation is located in Becker, Clearwater, and Mahnomen in south central Minnesota. Created in 1857 by a treaty between the United States and the Mississippi Band of Chippewa Indians, it is one of seven Chippewa reservations in Minnesota. Although the White Earth Chippewa no longer live as their ancestors did, they have kept alive their tribal heritage. Almost every aspect of their every-day life has been strongly influenced by the past.”

Tribal Population: **20,000**

Population of service area: **20,000**

Reservation: **Yes**

Number of children eligible for CCDF: **181**

Number of children served with CCDF funds in FY 2004 in an average month: **75**

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

Tribe is Head Start Grantee: **Yes**

Tribe is an Early Head Start Grantee: **Yes**

Date of first market rate survey: **2003**

Date of last market rate survey: **2005**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	57	Random
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	32	Random
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	18	Random
Centers that are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	1	Total
After-school education (non-licensed)	Yes	2	Total
Providers located on military facilities	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the STATE.	Yes, some	4	Random
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	Yes, some	6	Random
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		120	

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **R&R**
 Created survey questions: **R&R**
 Assisted facilities to complete survey: **Lead Agency**
 Collected price data from facilities: **R&R**
 Cleaned the collected data: **R&R**
 Analyzed price data: **Lead Agency**
 Interpreted findings: **Lead Agency**
 Wrote reports on findings: **R&R**
 Published results: **Lead Agency**

Comments: We use the state’s R&R data, randomly called providers/centers in our service area and contacted the county social service in our area and received their rates. Staff and some advisory board members compared all the data and set our rates accordingly.

Facilities Surveyed

Database used to identify providers:

Facilities regulated by child care licensing agency: **Yes**

Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **Yes**

Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **Yes**

Data Collection

Method(s): **Phone**

Strategies to encourage facilities to participate:

None reported

Number of facilities tried to reach: **75**

of facilities who refused to participate: **0**

of facilities dropped from the sample: **13**

of facilities who completed the survey: **52**

Date data collection was completed: **6/14/2005**

Time needed for a single facility to give information: **Less than 5 minutes**

How facilities reported price information: **In the mode they charge**

Asked about the # of children in care that receive subsidy: **No**

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis:

Unit of analysis: **Facility**

Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **No**

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **6/14/2005**
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes;**
Increased for all types of care and age categories
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75th
 percentile of prices? **Yes, for some categories**
Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1 – Overall budget
- 2 – Findings of recently completed market rate survey
- 3 – Provider concerns

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$1,414

Lead Agency: **\$964**
 Other agency: **\$450**
 State R&R Network:
 University/College:
 Research or survey firm:
 Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at: Not available

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
Geography		
County	Yes	Yes
Zip-Code	No	Yes
Region	No	Yes
Tribe	Yes	Yes
Other geographic area	-	No
Age Group		
Infant care	Yes	Yes
Toddler care	Yes	Yes
Preschool-age care	Yes	Yes
School-age care	Yes	Yes
Type of Care		
Center	Yes	Yes
Family	Yes	Yes
Group home	No	No
In-home	Yes	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	Yes	Yes
School-age centers	No	Yes
School-age enrichment activities	No	Yes
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	Yes
Pricing Mode		
Hourly	Yes	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	Yes	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	