

# Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas - Texas

## *Description of Tribe*

“Nestled deep in the Big Thicket of East Texas lies Texas' oldest Indian Reservation, home of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas is near Livingston, Texas in Polk County.”

Tribal population: **500**  
Population of service area: **Not reported**  
Reservation: **Yes**  
Number of children eligible for CCDF: **50**  
Number of children served with CCDF in FY2004 in an average month: **50**  
Tribe operates a child care center: **Yes**  
Tribe is Head Start Grantee: **Yes**  
Tribe is Early Head Start Grantee: **Yes**

## *Market Rate Survey*

Organization that did market rate survey: **Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas**  
Date of first survey: **1992**  
Date of last survey: **2004**

## *Providers Surveyed*

Data source: **List of centers created by tribe from phone book and centers of which they were aware**  
Number of providers surveyed: **Not reported**

## *Survey Method and Data Collected*

Survey method: **Phone survey with follow-up of in-person interviews for non-respondents**  
Data collected: **Type of care, rates, part-time vs full-time care**

## *Data Analysis and Publication*

Analysis: **Descriptive**  
Publication: **Written report submitted to the Child Care Bureau**

## *Rate Setting*

Use of market rate survey findings: **Rate setting**  
Factors used in setting rates: **Budget overall, demand for subsidies, level of CCDF funding to the tribe, parents' income**

## *Survey Cost*

Cost not known; tribal staff carry out the survey as a part of their job. The administration employee aids in the completion of the report.

## *Additional Information*

The tribal representative stated that tribal programs differ from those operated by states. They wanted “to show that child care is needed and accessible” to their low-income families.