

CHILD SUPPORT - SHARED PLACEMENT CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA

Reference: Percent guidelines for primary placement of child:

1 child 17%, 2 children 25%, 3 children 29%, 4 children 31%, 5 or more children 34%

[If the parents have split custody of 2 or more children, these percentages do not apply. See DCF 150.05(6)]

STEP ONE: Figure the percentage of overnights or overnight equivalents each parent has with the child(ren)

number overnights or overnight equivalents
with Father: _____

number overnights or overnight equivalents
with Mother: _____

divide by 365 = % of time with Father: ____%

divide by 365 = % of time with Mother:
____%

STEP TWO: Calculate child support owed based upon the percentage of time with each parent.

Father
gross income: \$ _____

Mother
gross income: \$ _____

x ____% (guidelines for ____ children) =

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children) =

\$ _____ x 150% =

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\$ _____ x _____ % of time with Mother =

\$ _____ x _____ % of time with Father =

\$ _____ support owed to mother

\$ _____ support owed to father

STEP THREE: Offset the difference in support obligations by subtracting the lower amount from the higher amount.

Offset: \$ _____ to be paid by _____

CHILD SUPPORT - SHARED PLACEMENT - DEFINITIONS

DCF 150.04(2) “Shared Placement Parents”

(a) Definition of a “shared placement parent”

At least 92 days per year (25%)

and

Each parent ordered to pay basic support costs in proportion to time with the child

- **“basic support costs”**: DCF 150.02(3) food, shelter, clothing, transportation, personal care, and incidental recreational costs

(b) Calculation of support to include:

Formula

and

Court shall assign responsibility for variable costs in proportion to time with child, with due consideration to disparity in parent’s incomes.

- direct manner of payment, but NOT to KIDS system.

- **“variable costs”** DCF 150.02(29): reasonable costs above basic support costs, including but not limited to, the cost of child care, tuition, a child’s special needs, and other activities that involve substantial cost.