Subcommittee Name:

Income Determination, Imputation, and the Self-Support Reserve

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Child Support Schedule Workgroup: Subcommittee Charter

Mission/purpose:

What is the subcommittee trying to accomplish?

Addressing gaps and formulating recommendations to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) as it pertains to income determination, the imputation of income, and the application and calculation self-support reserve as it pertains to the calculation of a child support obligation. This group is also looking to align RCW with the requirements of the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) Final Rule: Flexibility, Efficiency, and Modernization in Child Support Enforcement Programs (FEM rule). The subcommittee will present their recommendations to the entire 2019 Child Support Schedule Workgroup (CSSW) membership for consideration.

Scope:

- What is in scope for the subcommittee?
 - o Definition of terms in RCW 26.19.071 (Standards for determination of income.)
 - What is full-time employment and how should it be defined?
 - What do "voluntarily", "underemployed" and "unemployed" mean?
 - o What factors should be considered in both income determination and imputation.
 - o Is the imputation hierarchy in the correct order and does each step still make sense?
 - o Requirements of the FEM rule as it pertains to the charge of this subcommittee.
- What is out of scope for the subcommittee?
 - o What is considered income?

Impact:

Who will be impacted by the subcommittee's work?

- Keepers of the relevant data
- Parents
- TANF funding\forecasting
- Those that carry out enforcement actions (example being WSP)

Timeline and Milestones:

- Defining full-time definitions
- Addressing the income hierarchy
- Examining is the Self-Support Reserve should be addressed
- June 2019: Subcommittee final report delivered to the full workgroup, including recommendations.