

WORKSHEET CALCULATION EXAMPLES

Basic facts:

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- Dad earns \$3,000 per month
- Mom chooses to work part-time, but is capable of earning \$1,500 per month;
we will impute that income to her for purposes of this exercise

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VARIATIONS

- Let's have Dad pay \$100 medical insurance premium each month
- Let's have Mom pay \$600 for daycare each month
- Let's decrease Dad's income to \$2,000 per month
- Let's give Dad another child for whom he pays support (does it matter how much support he pays?)
- Let's have one kid go live with Dad

Example 1A

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- Dad earns \$3,000 per month
- Mom chooses to work part-time, but is capable of earning \$1,500 per month; *we will impute that income to her for purposes of this exercise*

See Worksheet for Example 1A

- The Basic Support Obligation (BSO) is **\$993**
- Self-support reserve is **\$1265** *but does not impact Dad*

Transfer payment is \$993

Example 1B1

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- Dad earns \$3,000 per month
- Mom chooses to work part-time; full-time would be \$1,500 per month; *we will impute full-time earnings to her for purposes of this exercise*

AND

Mom pays \$600 per month for daycare

See Worksheet for Example 1B1

- The Basic Support Obligation (BSO) is **\$993**
- The Gross Child Support Obligation is **\$1388**
- 45% of Dad's monthly net is **\$1265**
- *The 45% limitation applies only to the Basic Support Obligation*

Transfer payment is \$1388

Example 1B2

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- Dad earns \$3,000 per month
- Mom chooses to work part-time; full-time would be \$1,500 per month; we will impute full-time earnings to her

AND

Dad pays \$100 per month for health insurance for the kids

BUT

Mom does not pay for daycare

See Worksheet for Example 1B2

- The Basic Support Obligation (BSO) is \$993
- The Gross Child Support Obligation is \$1059
- The 45% limitation is \$1128

The transfer payment is \$1059

Example 1B3

Mom and Dad have three kids

All three kids live with Mom

Dad earns \$3,000 per month

Mom chooses to work part-time; full-time would be \$1,500 per month; we will impute full-time earnings to her

AND

Dad pays \$100/month for health insurance for the kids

AND

Mom pays \$600/month for daycare

See Worksheet for Example 1B3

- The Basic Support Obligation (BSO) is \$993
- The Gross Child Support Obligation is \$1454
- No problems with either the 45% or need standard limitation.

Transfer payment is \$1354

Example 1C

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- *Dad now earns **\$2,000** per month*
- Mom chooses to work part-time; full-time would be \$1,500 per month; we will impute full-time earnings to her

AND

Dad pays \$100/month for health insurance for the kids

AND

Mom pays \$600/month for daycare

See Worksheet for Example 1C

- *Dad's Net Income is now \$1703*
- The Basic Support Obligation (BSO) is \$689
- The Self-support reserve is \$1265
- The Gross Child Support Obligation is \$835
- After Child Support Credits, Standard Calculation is \$735
- 45% of Dad's net income is \$766, so no 45% limitation

Because of the Self-Support Reserve limitation, transfer payment is now \$438

Example 2

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- Dad earns \$3,000 per month
- Mom chooses not to work, but is capable of earning \$1,500 per month; we will impute income to her
- Dad pays support for Charlie, from a previous relationship

(WHOLE FAMILY FORMULA)

Example 2A

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- Dad earns \$3,000 per month
- Mom chooses not to work, but is capable of earning \$1,500 per month; we will impute income to her
- Dad pays **\$299 per month** for Charlie

(WHOLE FAMILY FORMULA)

See Worksheet for Example 2A

- Standard calculation is \$993 (based on 3-child family)
- Whole Family Formula “deviation,” transfer payment would be \$993 minus \$160, or \$833
- 45% limitation would give transfer payment of \$846

Choosing the lowest amount means the transfer payment is \$833

Example 2B

- Mom and Dad have three kids
- All three kids live with Mom
- Dad earns \$3,000 per month
- Mom chooses not to work, but is capable of earning \$1,500 per month; we will impute income to her
- Dad pays ***\$500 per month*** for Charlie

(WHOLE FAMILY FORMULA)

See Worksheet for Example 2B

- Standard calculation is \$993 (based on 3-child family)
- Whole Family Formula “deviation,” transfer payment would be \$993 minus \$160, or \$833
- 45% limitation would give transfer payment of \$846

Choosing the lowest amount means the transfer payment is \$833

Transfer payment is *still* \$833 no matter what amount of support is paid for Charlie

Example 3

- Two of the kids live with Mom, who chooses to work part-time, but is capable of earning \$1,500 per month; *we will impute that income to her for purposes of this exercise*
- One kid lives with Dad, who makes \$3,000 per month

We call this arrangement “split custody.”

This is an *Arvey* case.

Example 3

When the parties have more than one child, and the children do not all live with one parent, this is called “split custody”

This is an *Arvey* case.

There's a special *Arvey* Worksheet for when some kids are with Dad and some with Mom

See Worksheet for Example 3, including *Arvey* Worksheet

- Standard Calculation is \$662 for Dad
- Standard Calculation is \$172 for Mom
- There's a special *Arvey* Worksheet for when some kids are with Dad and some with Mom
- *Arvey* Adjustment means Dad (higher obligation parent) pays Mom (lower obligation parent)

Transfer payment is \$490

Want to try out more examples?

- You can use the Child Support Quick Estimator at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/dcs/SSGen/Home/QuickEstimator>
- If you forget this address, you can find a link on the DCS internet home page, located at www.childsupportonline.wa.gov
- Or you can link from the Child Support forms page at www.courts.wa.gov