

Child Support Schedule Workgroup
List of 14 Topics and Status
As of August 14, 2008

TOPIC	DOTS	RANK	STATUS
How to treat children from other relationships (Whole Family Formula)?	7	3	Need to appoint Subcommittee
Should the economic table include combined income more than \$5,000?	3	4	Consensus reached to extend the table. Subcommittee formed to discuss how far to extend the table.
Should we start the economic table at 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, and then move upward in \$100 dollar increments?	2	5	Consensus reached to start economic table at \$1,000 and to move in \$100 increments
Should we collapse the table so there is no distinction between children under 12 and over 12?	0	7	Consensus reached to collapse table
Should child care costs and ordinary medical costs be included in the table or treated separately?	1	6	Consensus reached to treat both separately
Should we base the economic table on the Rothbarth estimator, Engel estimator, or some other basis?	12	1	Need a subcommittee or group discussion, after public forum meetings in September
Should we tie the self-support reserve to the federal poverty guidelines?	0	7	Consensus reached to tie the SSR to 125% of the federal poverty level
How should we treat imputation of income, including whether to consider imputing minimum wage in the absence of adequate information?	2	5	Subcommittee has reported out; needs further discussion.
How should extraordinary medical expenses be addressed—through the basic support obligation or independently?	0	7	Consensus reached to treat separately from the economic table

Should we adjust the \$25 presumptive minimum amount?	1	6	Subcommittee at work
Should gross or net income be used for calculating the child support obligation?	0	7	Consensus reached to use net income
How should we treat overtime income or income from a second job in calculating the support obligation?	3	4	Subcommittee has reported out; need further discussion
Should the non-custodial parent's child support obligation be limited to 45% of net income?	1	6	Added as a discussion topic for the subcommittee on Presumptive Minimum Support Obligation
Should the residential schedule affect the amount of the child support obligation?	9	2	Consensus reached that there should be a formula to determine residential schedule credit; there should be a threshold before applying the formula; we should define "substantial time" as at least an overnight ; need a mechanism to reduce/eliminate credit if parent does not spend time with the child Subcommittee at work to determine how the residential credit works

Green = Consensus Reached

Yellow = Ongoing Discussions – Subcommittee appointed

Red = Need to appoint a subcommittee