

## Shared-Placement Worksheet to Estimate Support

### Important to Know

1. The worksheet only offers an estimate of what your support might be.
2. The use of the Shared-Placement formula is at the court's discretion. The court **may** use the shared-placement formula:
  - **if** the order states that the parents will share the placement of their children at least 25% of the time - at least 92 days/year.
  - **and** the court has ordered each parent to assume the child's basic support costs in proportion to the time that the parent has placement of the child. Basic support costs include food, shelter, clothing, etc.
3. The court **may** use the payer's gross income, ability to earn, or the income available for support.
  - Gross income is defined as all income and earnings from all sources. This income may or may not be taxable. Income can be in the form of money, property, or services.
  - Ability to earn considers the parent's job and wage history, health, education, and available job openings.
  - Income available for support is the gross income minus support for earlier obligations. The [serial-family parent worksheet](#) may be used to estimate a parent's income available for support.
4. Shared-placement orders are based on the Percentage Standard as well as the time spent with each parent. The Percentage Standards are:
  - **17%** of gross income for 1 child
  - **25%** of gross income for 2 children
  - **29%** of gross income for 3 children
  - **31%** of gross income for 4 children
  - **34%** of gross income for 5 or more children
5. **Line 4**, the 150% multiplier is used in Shared-Placement. The multiplier accounts for each parent's share of the children's basic support costs (food, shelter, clothing, etc.).
6. **Line 6**, time spent with children: To calculate a parent's time spend with the children, divide the number of days each parent spends with the children by 365 days. The days spent (placement) with each parent must be in the court order. Enter the percent of time the children spends with the **other parent**.  
Example:  

<b>court order:</b>	Parent A's placement is 60%	&	Parent B's placement is 40%
<b>enter:</b>	40% under Parent A	&	60% under Parent B
7. **Line 10**, this estimate **does not** include the payment of the children's variable costs. Variable costs are the reasonable costs above basic support costs such as the cost of child care, tuition and a child's special needs.
8. If a parent with an existing Shared-Placement has a newer support case, the parent may use the dollar amount in **Line 3** of the worksheet when estimating support as a **Serial-Family Parent**.

Please see [DCF 150](#) for more details about Shared-Placement cases.

For more information about court orders and setting child support amounts, go to the [Wisconsin Child Support Program homepage](#).

## Shared - Placement Cases Worksheet

This worksheet **does not** include payments for the children's variable costs.

		Parent A	Parent B
<b>Line 1</b>	<b>Enter each parent's monthly income</b>	\$	\$
<b>Line 2</b>	<b>Enter the percent based on the number of children below:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For 1 child, enter <b>17%</b></li> <li>For 2 children, enter <b>25%</b></li> <li>For 3 children, enter <b>29%</b></li> <li>For 4 children, enter <b>31%</b></li> <li>For 5 or more children, enter <b>34%</b></li> </ul>	<b>X %</b>	
<b>Line 3</b>	<b>Multiply Line 1 by Line 2</b>	\$	\$
<b>Line 4</b>	The 150% multiplier accounts for each parent's share of the children's <b>basic support costs</b>	<b>X 150%</b>	<b>X 150%</b>
<b>Line 5</b>	<b>Multiply</b> the amount in Line 3 by 150% (1.5) for each parent	\$	\$
<b>Line 6</b>	<b>Enter percent</b> of time the children spends with <b>the other parent</b>	X %	X %
		Parent <b>B</b> 's percent of time	Parent <b>A</b> 's percent of time
<b>Line 7</b>	<b>Multiply</b> Line 5 by Lines 6 (The parent with the higher dollar amount on this line will be the parent who pays support.)	\$	\$
<b>Line 8</b>	<b>Enter</b> the higher of the two dollar amounts in Line 7	\$	
<b>Line 9</b>	<b>Enter</b> the lower of the two dollar amounts in Line 7	- \$	
<b>Line 10</b>	<b>Subtract</b> Line 9 from Line 8. Line 10 is the <b>estimated</b> amount of support paid by the parent with the higher dollar amount in Line 7. This amount <b>does not</b> include payments for the children's <b>variable costs</b> .	\$	