

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-01

CALCULATING CHILD SUPPORT FOR SHARED PLACEMENT

Where the court orders each parent at least a forty-nine percent (49%) share of the placement of one or more children, the child support obligation shall be calculated as follows.

1. The combined adjusted gross income shall be determined utilizing the Family Court Child Support Guideline Worksheet.
2. The Basic Child Support Obligation based on the Combined Adjusted Gross Income shall be determined pursuant to the Schedule of Basic Support Obligations.
3. The percentage of income for each of the parties shall be determined by dividing each party's adjusted gross income by the combined adjusted gross income.
4. The amount of each party's child support obligation shall be the respective percentage of income of the Total Support Obligation as indicated on the Family Court Child Support Guideline Worksheet.
5. The lower child support obligation shall be subtracted from the higher child support obligation.
6. The balance of the subtraction is the amount the party with the higher child support obligation shall pay to the party with the lower child support obligation.
7. Nothing in this Administrative Order shall prohibit a judicial officer from a guideline deviation in accordance with Administrative Order 2017-01.
8. This Administrative Order shall be effective beginning February 15, 2018.

DATE

1/31/18

Michael B. Forte
Chief Judge
Rhode Island Family Court