PETITION TO MODIFY LEGAL DECISION MAKING (CUSTODY), PARENTING TIME and CHILD SUPPORT

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To Change an Existing Court Order

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TO CHANGE A COURT ORDER FOR CUSTODY PARENTING TIME and CHILD SUPPORT

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HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT GETTING A CHANGE OF CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPORT and PARENTING TIME

IMPORTANT INFORMATION. The following is important information on when you can legally ask the court for a change of custody, parenting time and child support. Read it carefully **before** you fill out the Petition.

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1. WHEN CAN YOU FILE FOR A CHANGE OF CUSTODY?

A. IF YOU HAVE A JOINT CUSTODY ORDER - You can **only** ask for a change of custody if the following applies to your case:

- At least one (1) year has passed since your joint custody order was signed by the court and there have been significant changes in circumstances that make a change in custody necessary for the good of the minor child(ren), **OR**
- At least six (6) months have passed and the other parent has not followed the joint custody order, **OR**
- There has been domestic violence, spousal abuse, or child abuse and you have evidence that the best interest of your minor child(ren) requires a change.

B. IF YOU HAVE A SOLE CUSTODY ORDER - You can **only** ask for a change of custody if the following applies to your case:

- at least one(1) year has passed since your sole custody order was signed by the court, and there have been significant changes in circumstances that make a change in custody necessary for the good of the minor child(ren), **OR**
- There is reason to believe that the minor child(ren)'s current environment may seriously endanger the child(ren)'s physical, mental, moral or emotional health and your minor child(ren) is/are at risk.

WARNING: If enough time has not passed since the signing of your decree/order to allow you to file for a change of custody, you **cannot** file for a change of custody, **unless** your case falls under one of the exceptions listed above. You may, however, want to seek mediation or counseling as soon as possible (see below).

IMPORTANT: If you have reason to believe that the other parent, or someone associated with the other parent, is physically abusing or hurting your minor child(ren), you should contact Child Protective Services or your local Police Department immediately. If your minor child(ren) is/are in a dangerous situation, you should take steps to file a ***"Petition to Modify Custody and/or Parenting Time and Child Support"*** to get a permanent change of custody and/or parenting time, ***and*** a "***Petition for Temporary Modification Without Notice to the Other Party"*** (formerly known as an "emergency modification") as soon as possible. Forms are available from the Self-Service Center.

2. THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE FILING A CHANGE OF CUSTODY:

A. Filing for a change of custody and/or parenting time is a **serious matter** and generally should be considered as a **last resort**. Raising a minor child(ren) in two households, arranging for parenting time, and making joint decisions about a minor child(ren)'s welfare can lead to high levels of stress, conflict, and anger between you and the other party, and the minor child(ren). Unless your minor child(ren) is/are in immediate physical or emotional risk you may want to seek counseling or mediation **before** you take legal action.

Mediation is a process where you and the other parent meet with a professional who will try to help you work together to find a solution to your problem. The mediator is not there to take sides, but can help you understand the other parent's point of view. The mediator will help you approach your problems in a way that will more likely lead to an agreement and will help you to focus on your minor child(ren)'s needs first.

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Mediation services are available through the Conciliation Services department in the Superior Court, or through private mediation services. You may also want to consider family counseling to learn how to better deal with ongoing problems. A list of mediators and counselors is available through the Self-Service Center or you can contact Community Information and Referral Services at 602-263-8856.

B. To change custody, you must convince the judge through appropriate evidence, that the best interests of the minor child(ren) requires that custody be changed. The judge usually will **not** change custody unless you can show that there is a **substantial and continuing change of circumstances**. What this means is that you must convince the judge that something has happened since the Decree or Order was signed that will be **continuing** and which makes you the better parent to have custody of the minor child(ren). Changes like a new spouse, change or loss of job, or new place of residence are generally not enough to change custody.

You must show that the change or situation has a **substantial effect** on the minor child(ren)'s well being. Judges generally do **not** want to put a minor child(ren) through another serious change in surroundings, unless he or she is convinced it is necessary for the child(ren)'s welfare.

There are many things the judge may look at in deciding "the best interest of the minor child(ren)." The law says that the court will look at issues such as:

- how the minor child relates to parents, brothers and sisters;
- how the minor child is doing in school and socially;
- which parent is more likely to cooperate in giving parenting time to the other parent;
- which parent is better able mentally and physically to care for the minor child;
- which parent has provided the primary care to the minor child; and
- evidence of what a parent has done to convince the other parent to make a custody agreement.

The court will give serious consideration to domestic violence against you, the minor child, or another person in the child's presence when deciding whether or not to change custody. Evidence of drug or alcohol abuse by either parent is also an important factor in a custody decision.

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3. TIPS FOR FILING A CHANGE OF CUSTODY.

A change of custody has several special requirements that you should understand before you begin.

Tip #1: Whenever possible, try to solve your custody problems through counseling or mediation, **unless** your minor child(ren) is/are at immediate risk. If you don't try to solve your problems before you file, your chances of success will be reduced in court.

Tip #2: Before you file, make sure six (6) months have passed since your final joint custody Decree/Order was signed, or one (1) full year has passed since your sole custody Decree/Order was signed, **unless** you meet an exception listed above.

Tip #3: Be sure that the changes in circumstances that caused you to request the change of custody are **important** and **related to issues** of your minor child(ren)s long term best interest. In other words, do **not** file for a change of custody, if you simply aren't getting along with the other parent or have changed your mind about custody. Be sure that if you are making allegations of abuse or neglect, that you have witnesses or evidence to back up your statements.

Tip #4: If your minor child(ren) has/have been **seriously hurt or physically abused**, contact the appropriate authorities and file a ***"Petition for Temporary Modification of Custody Without Notice"*** to get the minor child out of the dangerous environment as soon as possible. You will still need to file a ***"Petition to Change Custody."*** These forms are available at the Self-Service Center.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE "PETITION TO MODIFY CHILD CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME and CHILD SUPPORT"

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: All court documents request your address and phone number. If you are a victim of domestic violence, are in a domestic violence shelter, or if you do **not** want your address known to protect yourself or your minor children from further violence, you must file for an ***"Order of Protection"*** and ask that your address **not** be disclosed on court papers. With that Order, just write "protected" when asked for this information and update the Clerk of the Court with an address and phone number as soon as possible.

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Use this form **only** if you already have a court order concerning child custody. You will want to have a copy of your Order in front of you as you fill out these papers.

A. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT WITH BLACK INK ONLY!

In the top left corner of the first page, provide the information requested about **YOU**. If your address is protected by court order, write "**protected**" in the space for address and make sure the Court has a means of contacting you on file.

B. Fill in the top section where it says Name of Petitioner, Name of Respondent, AND Case Number, exactly as it appears on your original Maricopa County court case where custody was originally ordered.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Information about Me: Fill in your name, address (if not protected) and how you are related to the minor children.

2. Information about the Other Party: Fill in the other party's name, address (if not protected) including city, state and zip code and how the other party is related to the minor child(ren).

3. Information about the children for whom I want the custody/parenting time order changed: Provide the information requested on all the children under 18 years of age for whom you are seeking to make a change in child custody, parenting time and child support.

4. Affidavit regarding Minor Children. If the minor children have resided in Arizona since the entry of the last Arizona Custody Order check the first box. If not, you must attach an Affidavit regarding Minor Children and check the second box. The Affidavit regarding Minor Children form is in the forms packet.

5. Information about the Order I want to change. Write in the date the Judge signed the Order, the name of the court ("Superior" or "District", etc.), the name of the county, and the name of the state where the order was signed.
What your Order now says: This is where you tell the judge exactly what part of your decree/order you want to change. You should find your current decree/order, read it carefully several times and then decide what parts you want to change. Find the part you don't agree with and then **COPY IT WORD FOR WORD** into the space provided.

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6. **Domestic Violence.** Check the box to indicate whether "significant" domestic violence has occurred. If "yes" (it has), explain to the Court. Joint Custody cannot be awarded if there has been "significant" domestic violence (A.R.S. 25-403.03).

7. **Why the Decree/Order should be changed:** This is where you briefly explain to the judge why you think a change of your decree/order is necessary for the best interest of the minor child(ren). If you need more room, you can use extra sheets of paper and attach it to this Petition.

8. **MEDIATION/ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution):** Answer the questions regarding any requirement in your existing court order that you and the other party pursue mediation or some form of ADR before filing for modification through the court. If your Order requires you to pursue mediation or some form of ADR, explain what steps you have taken to comply with that requirement, if any.

REQUESTS I MAKE TO THE COURT: This is where you explain to the judge what you want your decree/order on custody to say.

A. CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME:

JOINT CUSTODY: If you are asking for joint custody, check this box, and write in the names of the minor children in the space provided. If you check this box, complete the ***"Parenting Plan"*** before you go to the judge for your final order. The ***"Parenting Plan"*** is in the (#3) "Orders" packet.

SOLE CUSTODY: If you want sole custody, check the boxes that apply, including the parenting time you are asking for. Tell the court whether you want custody of the minor children to go to you or the other party.

PARENTING TIME: Mark one box only. You can ask that the non-custodial parent (the parent having physical custody of the minor children less than 50% of the time) have one of the following types of parenting time:

1. **Reasonable Parenting Time--**this suggests an amount of parenting time appropriate to the age of the child.

2. **Reasonable Parenting Time by agreement of both parents--** Complete the ***"Parenting Plan***" before you go to the judge for your ***final*** order. The ***"Parenting Plan"*** is in the "Orders" packet.

Refer to "**Planning for Parenting Time: Arizona's Guide for Parents Living Apart**" to help make your new parenting plan. The **Guide** is available for purchase at all Superior Court Self-Service Center locations, **or** may be viewed online and downloaded for **free** from the state courts' web page at: **http://goo.gl/46aAw** (*en espanol*: **http://goo.gl/okE9V**)

3. **Supervised Parenting time to the Non-Custodial Parent.** You should request supervised parenting time if the non-custodial parent cannot adequately care for the minor children without another person present. You may request this if the person not having custody abuses drugs or alcohol; is violent or abusive; or, does not have the parenting skills to care for the minor child(ren) without another adult present. Remember, supervised parenting time is not intended to punish the parent, but to protect the minor child(ren). You must write the reasons why parenting time should be supervised.

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4. **No Parenting time to the Non-Custodial Parent.** You should mark this box **only** if the non-custodial parent has seriously harmed, abused, or otherwise is a serious danger to the minor children's physical and emotional health, or if there is a criminal court order stating there is to be no contact between the minor children and the non-custodial parent. This is a last resort to protect the minor children.

NOTE: Even if you do not want to change the child support amount, the judge will still review all the financial information to determine if child support should be changed.

B. **CHILD SUPPORT:** Mark the box to indicate which party will pay child support. Fill in the amount from item **35** of the completed ***"Parent's Worksheet for Child Support"*** included in the "Forms" packet, **OR** *if you are requesting an amount different from the Worksheet* amount (**a deviation**), enter *that* amount. Check one of the boxes to indicate whether you are requesting the amount calculated on the Worksheet – or to **deviate** from that amount based on other factors. You may also use the FREE Online Child Support Calculator to produce the ***Parents Worksheet***. Click on "Child Support Calculator and Worksheet", on right side of the page at: **superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ezcourtforms** to begin. See the instruction document **DRS12h** in this packet for more information.

You may also be required to present an **Affidavit of Financial Information** (drosc13f) (**AFI**) especially if requesting to deviate from the amount listed on the Parent's Worksheet, and may need to refer to the "**Arizona Child Support Guidelines**" (drs10h) as well. These documents are available at the Self-Service Center and online at **http://goo.gl/IX52r** in the family court section.

C. **MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION CARE INSURANCE PAYMENTS AND EXPENSES:** Mark which party should be responsible for health, medical, dental, and vision care insurance and other related expenses. Then write in what percentage mother should pay and what percentage father should pay of those expenses not covered by insurance. The total percentage must be **100%.**

D. **FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION.** Tell the court whether mother or father should claim the minor children as income tax deductions every year or every other year.

E. **OTHER ORDERS:** Fill in this information only if you have made other requests to the court. Write the specific additional orders you are requesting the court to make that were not covered elsewhere in your Petition. Use extra pages if necessary.

F. **OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION: This document** must be signed in front of a Deputy Clerk of Court or Notary. By signing the Petition under Oath or Affirmation, you are stating , under penalty of perjury, that the information is true and correct.

WHAT NEXT? Read and follow the instructions in the document called "**Procedures: What to do After You Have Completed the Petition to Change Child Custody, Parenting Time and Support".**

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Schedule of Basic Support Obligations

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Combined Adjusted Gross Income	One child	Two children	Three children	Four children	Five children	Six children
750	184	269	320	357	393	427
800	194	284	337	377	414	450
850	203	297	353	394	433	471
900	212	310	368	411	452	492
950	221	323	383	428	471	512
1000	230	336	399	445	490	532
1050	240	350	415	464	510	555
1100	250	365	432	483	531	577
1150	260	379	449	502	552	600
1200	270	393	466	520	573	622
1250	279	406	481	538	591	643
1300	289	421	498	556	612	665
1350	299	435	515	575	632	687
1400	308	449	531	593	653	710
1450	318	463	548	612	673	732
1500	327	476	563	629	692	752
1550	336	489	579	646	711	773
1600	346	503	594	664	730	794
1650	355	516	610	681	749	814
1700	364	529	625	698	768	835
1750	373	542	641	716	787	856
1800	382	555	656	733	806	876
1850	391	568	672	750	825	897
1900	400	582	687	767	844	918
1950	409	595	702	784	863	938
2000	418	607	717	801	881	958
2050	427	620	732	818	899	978
2100	436	633	747	834	918	997
2150	445	646	762	851	936	1017
2200	454	658	777	867	954	1037
2250	463	671	791	884	972	1057
2300	471	684	806	901	991	1077
2350	480	697	821	917	1009	1097
2400	489	709	836	934	1027	1117
2450	498	722	851	950	1045	1136
2500	507	735	866	967	1064	1156
2550	516	747	881	984	1082	1176
2600	525	760	895	1000	1100	1196
2650	534	773	910	1017	1119	1216
2700	542	786	925	1033	1137	1236
2750	551	798	940	1050	1155	1256
2800	560	811	955	1067	1173	1275
2850	569	824	970	1083	1192	1295
2900	578	837	985	1101	1211	1316
2950	587	850	1001	1118	1230	1337
3000	596	863	1016	1135	1249	1357
3050	605	876	1032	1153	1268	1378
3100	614	889	1047	1170	1287	1399
3150	623	902	1063	1187	1306	1420
3200	632	916	1078	1205	1325	1440

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3250	641	929	1094	1222	1344	1461
3300	650	942	1109	1239	1363	1482
3350	659	955	1125	1257	1382	1503
3400	668	968	1141	1274	1401	1523
3450	676	980	1154	1289	1418	1542
3500	684	991	1167	1304	1434	1559
3550	692	1002	1180	1318	1450	1576
3600	699	1013	1193	1333	1466	1594
3650	707	1024	1206	1348	1482	1611
3700	714	1035	1219	1362	1498	1629
3750	722	1046	1232	1377	1514	1646
3800	730	1057	1246	1391	1530	1664
3850	737	1068	1259	1406	1546	1681
3900	743	1075	1267	1416	1557	1693
3950	748	1083	1275	1425	1567	1703
4000	753	1090	1283	1434	1577	1714
4050	758	1097	1292	1443	1587	1725
4100	763	1104	1300	1452	1597	1736
4150	768	1111	1308	1461	1607	1747
4200	773	1118	1316	1470	1617	1757
4250	778	1125	1324	1479	1627	1768
4300	783	1132	1332	1488	1637	1779
4350	789	1140	1340	1497	1647	1790
4400	794	1147	1348	1506	1656	1801
4450	799	1154	1356	1515	1666	1811
4500	804	1161	1364	1524	1676	1822
4550	809	1168	1372	1533	1686	1833
4600	814	1175	1381	1542	1696	1844
4650	819	1182	1389	1551	1706	1855
4700	824	1190	1397	1560	1716	1865
4750	829	1197	1405	1569	1726	1876
4800	835	1204	1413	1578	1736	1887
4850	840	1211	1421	1587	1746	1898
4900	845	1218	1429	1596	1756	1909
4950	850	1225	1437	1605	1766	1919
5000	854	1231	1444	1613	1774	1928
5050	858	1236	1450	1619	1781	1936
5100	861	1241	1456	1626	1789	1944
5150	865	1247	1462	1633	1796	1952
5200	869	1252	1468	1640	1804	1961
5250	872	1257	1474	1646	1811	1969
5300	876	1262	1480	1653	1819	1977
5350	880	1268	1486	1660	1826	1985
5400	884	1273	1492	1667	1833	1993
5450	887	1278	1498	1673	1841	2001
5500	891	1283	1504	1680	1848	2009
5550	895	1289	1510	1687	1856	2017
5600	898	1294	1516	1694	1863	2025
5650	902	1299	1522	1701	1871	2033

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5700	906	1304	1528	1707	1878	2041
5750	909	1310	1534	1714	1885	2049
5800	913	1315	1541	1721	1893	2058
5850	917	1320	1547	1728	1900	2066
5900	921	1325	1553	1734	1908	2074
5950	924	1330	1559	1741	1915	2082
6000	928	1336	1565	1748	1923	2090
6050	932	1341	1571	1755	1930	2098
6100	935	1345	1576	1760	1936	2104
6150	938	1349	1580	1765	1941	2110
6200	941	1353	1584	1769	1946	2115
6250	943	1357	1588	1774	1951	2121
6300	946	1361	1592	1778	1956	2126
6350	949	1364	1596	1783	1961	2132
6400	952	1368	1600	1787	1966	2137
6450	955	1372	1604	1792	1971	2142
6500	958	1376	1608	1796	1976	2148
6550	961	1380	1612	1801	1981	2153
6600	964	1383	1616	1805	1986	2159
6650	966	1387	1620	1810	1991	2164
6700	969	1391	1624	1814	1996	2169
6750	972	1395	1628	1819	2001	2175
6800	975	1399	1632	1823	2006	2180
6850	978	1402	1637	1828	2011	2186
6900	981	1406	1641	1833	2016	2191
6950	984	1410	1645	1837	2021	2197
7000	987	1414	1649	1842	2026	2202
7050	990	1418	1653	1846	2031	2207
7100	992	1422	1657	1851	2036	2213
7150	995	1425	1661	1855	2041	2218
7200	997	1428	1664	1859	2044	2222
7250	999	1430	1666	1861	2047	2225
7300	1000	1432	1667	1863	2049	2227
7350	1002	1433	1669	1864	2051	2229
7400	1003	1435	1671	1866	2053	2232
7450	1004	1437	1673	1868	2055	2234
7500	1006	1439	1674	1870	2057	2236
7550	1007	1440	1676	1872	2059	2239
7600	1009	1442	1678	1874	2062	2241
7650	1010	1444	1680	1876	2064	2243
7700	1011	1446	1681	1878	2066	2246
7750	1013	1447	1683	1880	2068	2248
7800	1014	1449	1685	1882	2070	2250
7850	1016	1451	1687	1884	2072	2253
7900	1017	1453	1688	1886	2074	2255
7950	1018	1454	1690	1888	2077	2257
8000	1020	1456	1692	1890	2079	2260
8050	1021	1458	1694	1892	2081	2262
8100	1023	1460	1695	1894	2083	2264

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8150	1024	1461	1697	1896	2085	2267
8200	1025	1463	1699	1898	2087	2269
8250	1027	1465	1701	1900	2089	2271
8300	1028	1467	1702	1901	2092	2274
8350	1030	1469	1705	1905	2095	2277
8400	1035	1476	1713	1914	2105	2288
8450	1041	1484	1722	1923	2116	2300
8500	1046	1491	1730	1933	2126	2311
8550	1051	1498	1739	1942	2136	2322
8600	1056	1506	1747	1952	2147	2333
8650	1061	1513	1756	1961	2157	2345
8700	1067	1520	1764	1970	2167	2356
8750	1072	1528	1772	1980	2178	2367
8800	1077	1535	1781	1989	2188	2379
8850	1082	1542	1789	1999	2198	2390
8900	1087	1550	1798	2008	2209	2401
8950	1093	1557	1806	2017	2219	2412
9000	1098	1564	1815	2027	2230	2424
9050	1103	1572	1823	2036	2240	2435
9100	1106	1577	1829	2043	2247	2442
9150	1110	1581	1834	2049	2254	2450
9200	1113	1586	1840	2055	2260	2457
9250	1116	1591	1845	2061	2267	2464
9300	1120	1596	1851	2067	2274	2472
9350	1123	1600	1856	2073	2281	2479
9400	1126	1605	1862	2080	2287	2486
9450	1130	1610	1867	2086	2294	2494
9500	1133	1614	1873	2092	2301	2501
9550	1136	1619	1878	2098	2308	2509
9600	1140	1624	1884	2104	2315	2516
9650	1143	1629	1889	2110	2321	2523
9700	1146	1633	1895	2116	2328	2531
9750	1150	1638	1900	2123	2335	2538
9800	1153	1643	1906	2129	2342	2545
9850	1156	1648	1911	2135	2348	2553
9900	1160	1652	1917	2141	2355	2560
9950	1163	1657	1922	2147	2362	2567
10000	1166	1662	1928	2153	2369	2575
10050	1170	1667	1933	2160	2376	2582
10100	1173	1671	1939	2166	2382	2590
10150	1176	1675	1943	2171	2388	2595
10200	1178	1679	1947	2175	2393	2601
10250	1181	1682	1951	2180	2397	2606
10300	1183	1686	1955	2184	2402	2611
10350	1186	1689	1959	2188	2407	2617
10400	1188	1693	1963	2193	2412	2622
10450	1191	1696	1967	2197	2417	2627
10500	1193	1700	1971	2202	2422	2633
10550	1196	1703	1975	2206	2427	2638

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10600	1199	1707	1979	2211	2432	2643
10650	1201	1710	1983	2215	2436	2648
10700	1204	1714	1987	2219	2441	2654
10750	1206	1717	1991	2224	2446	2659
10800	1209	1721	1995	2228	2451	2664
10850	1211	1725	1999	2233	2456	2670
10900	1214	1728	2003	2237	2461	2675
10950	1216	1732	2007	2242	2466	2680
11000	1219	1735	2011	2246	2471	2686
11050	1222	1739	2015	2250	2475	2691
11100	1224	1742	2019	2255	2480	2696
11150	1227	1746	2023	2259	2485	2701
11200	1229	1749	2027	2264	2490	2707
11250	1232	1753	2031	2268	2495	2712
11300	1234	1756	2035	2273	2500	2717
11350	1237	1760	2039	2277	2505	2723
11400	1239	1763	2042	2281	2510	2728
11450	1242	1767	2046	2286	2514	2733
11500	1245	1770	2050	2290	2519	2739
11550	1247	1774	2055	2295	2525	2744
11600	1250	1778	2059	2300	2530	2751
11650	1253	1782	2064	2306	2536	2757
11700	1256	1786	2069	2311	2542	2763
11750	1259	1790	2074	2316	2548	2769
11800	1262	1795	2078	2321	2554	2776
11850	1264	1799	2083	2327	2559	2782
11900	1267	1803	2088	2332	2565	2788
11950	1270	1807	2092	2337	2571	2795
12000	1273	1811	2097	2342	2577	2801
12050	1276	1815	2102	2348	2583	2807
12100	1279	1819	2107	2353	2588	2814
12150	1282	1823	2111	2358	2594	2820
12200	1285	1827	2116	2364	2600	2826
12250	1287	1831	2121	2369	2606	2832
12300	1290	1835	2125	2374	2612	2839
12350	1293	1839	2130	2379	2617	2845
12400	1296	1843	2135	2385	2623	2851
12450	1299	1848	2140	2390	2629	2858
12500	1302	1852	2144	2395	2635	2864
12550	1305	1856	2149	2400	2640	2870
12600	1307	1860	2154	2406	2646	2877
12650	1310	1864	2158	2411	2652	2883
12700	1313	1868	2163	2416	2658	2889
12750	1316	1872	2168	2422	2664	2895
12800	1319	1876	2173	2427	2669	2902
12850	1322	1880	2177	2432	2675	2908
12900	1325	1884	2182	2437	2681	2914
12950	1327	1888	2187	2443	2687	2921
13000	1330	1892	2191	2448	2693	2927

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13050	1333	1896	2196	2453	2698	2933
13100	1336	1901	2201	2458	2704	2940
13150	1339	1905	2206	2464	2710	2946
13200	1342	1909	2210	2469	2716	2952
13250	1345	1913	2215	2474	2722	2958
13300	1348	1917	2220	2479	2727	2965
13350	1350	1921	2224	2485	2733	2971
13400	1353	1925	2229	2490	2739	2977
13450	1356	1929	2234	2495	2745	2984
13500	1359	1933	2239	2501	2751	2990
13550	1362	1937	2243	2506	2756	2996
13600	1365	1941	2248	2511	2762	3002
13650	1368	1945	2253	2516	2768	3009
13700	1370	1950	2257	2522	2774	3015
13750	1373	1954	2262	2527	2780	3021
13800	1376	1958	2267	2532	2785	3028
13850	1379	1962	2272	2537	2791	3034
13900	1382	1966	2276	2543	2797	3040
13950	1385	1970	2281	2548	2803	3047
14000	1388	1974	2286	2553	2809	3053
14050	1391	1978	2290	2558	2814	3059
14100	1393	1982	2295	2564	2820	3065
14150	1396	1986	2300	2569	2826	3072
14200	1399	1990	2305	2574	2832	3078
14250	1402	1994	2309	2580	2838	3084
14300	1405	1998	2314	2585	2843	3091
14350	1408	2003	2319	2590	2849	3097
14400	1411	2006	2323	2595	2854	3103
14450	1413	2010	2327	2600	2860	3108
14500	1416	2014	2331	2604	2864	3114
14550	1418	2017	2335	2608	2869	3119
14600	1421	2021	2339	2612	2874	3124
14650	1424	2024	2343	2617	2878	3129
14750	1429	2031	2350	2625	2888	3139
14800	1431	2034	2354	2630	2892	3144
14850	1434	2038	2358	2634	2897	3149
14900	1436	2041	2362	2638	2902	3154
14950	1439	2045	2366	2642	2907	3159
15000	1441	2048	2369	2647	2911	3165
15050	1444	2051	2373	2651	2916	3170
15100	1446	2055	2377	2655	2921	3175
15150	1449	2058	2381	2659	2925	3180
15200	1452	2062	2385	2664	2930	3185
15250	1454	2065	2388	2668	2935	3190
15300	1457	2069	2392	2672	2939	3195
15350	1459	2072	2396	2676	2944	3200
15400	1462	2076	2400	2681	2949	3205
15450	1464	2079	2404	2685	2953	3210
15500	1467	2082	2408	2689	2958	3216

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15550	1469	2086	2411	2693	2963	3221
15600	1472	2089	2415	2698	2968	3226
15650	1474	2093	2419	2702	2972	3231
15700	1477	2096	2423	2706	2977	3236
15750	1480	2100	2427	2711	2982	3241
15800	1482	2103	2430	2715	2986	3246
15850	1485	2107	2434	2719	2991	3251
15900	1487	2110	2438	2723	2996	3256
15950	1490	2113	2442	2728	3000	3261
16000	1492	2117	2446	2732	3005	3266
16050	1495	2120	2450	2736	3010	3272
16100	1497	2124	2453	2740	3014	3277
16150	1500	2127	2457	2745	3019	3282
16200	1502	2131	2461	2749	3024	3287
16250	1505	2134	2465	2753	3029	3292
16300	1508	2137	2469	2757	3033	3297
16350	1510	2141	2473	2763	3039	3303
16400	1513	2145	2478	2768	3045	3309
16450	1516	2149	2483	2773	3050	3316
16500	1519	2154	2487	2778	3056	3322
16550	1522	2158	2492	2783	3062	3328
16600	1524	2162	2496	2788	3067	3334
16650	1527	2166	2501	2794	3073	3340
16750	1533	2174	2510	2804	3084	3353
16800	1536	2178	2515	2809	3090	3359
16850	1539	2182	2520	2814	3096	3365
16900	1541	2186	2524	2819	3101	3371
16950	1544	2190	2529	2825	3107	3377
17000	1547	2194	2533	2830	3113	3384
17050	1550	2198	2538	2835	3118	3390
17100	1553	2202	2543	2840	3124	3396
17150	1555	2206	2547	2845	3130	3402
17200	1558	2210	2552	2850	3136	3408
17250	1561	2214	2557	2856	3141	3415
17300	1564	2218	2561	2861	3147	3421
17350	1567	2222	2566	2866	3153	3427
17400	1569	2226	2570	2871	3158	3433
17450	1572	2230	2575	2876	3164	3439
17500	1575	2234	2580	2882	3170	3445
17550	1578	2238	2584	2887	3175	3452
17600	1581	2242	2589	2892	3181	3458
17650	1584	2246	2594	2897	3187	3464
17700	1586	2250	2598	2902	3192	3470
17750	1589	2254	2603	2907	3198	3476
17800	1592	2258	2607	2913	3204	3482
17850	1595	2262	2612	2918	3209	3489
17900	1598	2266	2617	2923	3215	3495
17950	1600	2270	2621	2928	3221	3501
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18050	1606	2278	2631	2938	3232	3513
18100	1609	2282	2635	2944	3238	3520
18150	1612	2286	2640	2949	3244	3526
18200	1614	2290	2644	2954	3249	3532
18250	1617	2294	2649	2959	3255	3538
18300	1620	2298	2654	2964	3261	3544
18350	1623	2302	2658	2969	3266	3550
18400	1626	2306	2663	2975	3272	3557
18450	1629	2310	2668	2980	3278	3563
18500	1631	2314	2672	2985	3283	3569
18550	1634	2318	2677	2990	3289	3575
18600	1637	2322	2681	2995	3295	3581
18650	1640	2326	2686	3000	3300	3588
18700	1643	2330	2691	3006	3306	3594
18750	1645	2334	2695	3011	3312	3600
18800	1648	2338	2700	3016	3317	3606
18850	1651	2342	2705	3021	3323	3612
18900	1654	2346	2709	3026	3329	3618
18950	1657	2350	2714	3031	3335	3625
19000	1660	2354	2718	3037	3340	3631
19050	1662	2358	2723	3042	3346	3637
19100	1665	2362	2728	3047	3352	3643
19150	1668	2366	2732	3052	3357	3649
19200	1671	2370	2737	3057	3363	3656
19250	1674	2374	2742	3062	3369	3662
19300	1676	2378	2746	3068	3374	3668
19350	1679	2382	2751	3073	3380	3674
19400	1682	2386	2756	3078	3386	3680
19450	1684	2389	2759	3082	3390	3685
19500	1686	2392	2762	3086	3394	3690
19550	1689	2395	2766	3089	3398	3694
19600	1691	2398	2769	3093	3402	3698
19650	1693	2401	2772	3097	3406	3703
19700	1695	2403	2776	3100	3410	3707
19750	1697	2406	2779	3104	3414	3711
19800	1699	2409	2782	3108	3418	3716
19850	1701	2412	2785	3111	3422	3720
19900	1703	2415	2789	3115	3426	3724
19950	1705	2418	2792	3119	3430	3729
20000	1708	2421	2795	3122	3434	3733

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SELF-SERVICE CENTER

PROCEDURES: HOW TO FILE YOUR PETITION TO MODIFY CHILD CUSTODY, PARENTING TIME AND CHILD SUPPORT

STEP 1. COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED PAPERWORK:

*"**Petition to Modify**" ("the Petition")*
"Notice of Filing for Modification of Child Custody"
"Child Support Worksheet" *(also known as "Parents Worksheet for Child Support")*
"Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" (***Only*** ***required when*** the children have *resided* outside the state of Arizona at some time since the date of the last custody order).
"Current Employer Information Sheet" ("CEI") *(for the parent currently paying support)*
"Order Stopping Income Withholding Order" (if applicable) and ***"Current Employer Information Sheet".***
(if this agreement changes who pays the child support, include a *second* CEI for the parent who will *now* pay.)

STEP 2. MAKE COPIES AND FILE THE PAPERS WITH THE CLERK OF COURT: Make **three (3) copies** of the paperwork you completed: one for you, one for the other party, and one for the Judge. **If the State of Arizona** (DES/DCSE) **is a party, make a 4th copy to serve on the Attorney General's Office.** See **Step 3** on next page for more information on serving notice on the State.

Each set should contain the following documents:

Originals: ***"Petition to Modify"*** ***"Notice of Filing for Modification of Child Custody"*** ***"Child Support Worksheet"*** ***"Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" (if applicable)*** ***"Current Employer Information Sheet"*** ***"Order Stopping Income Withholding Order"*** and (2nd) ***"Current Employer Information Sheet"*** (if applicable) **	**Judge's Copies** ***"Petition to Modify"*** ***"Notice of Filing for Modification of Child Custody"*** ***"Child Support Worksheet"*** ***"Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" (if applicable)*** ***"Order Stopping Income Withholding Order"*** and (if applicable) **
Your Copy: ***"Petition to Modify"*** ***"Notice of Filing for Modification of Child Custody"*** ***"Child Support Worksheet"*** ***"Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" (if applicable)*** ***"Order Stopping Income Withholding Order"*** (if applicable) **	**Other Party's Copy:** ***"Petition to Modify"*** ***"Notice of Filing for Modification of Child Custody"*** ***"Child Support Worksheet"*** ***"Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" (if applicable)*** ***"Order Stopping Income Withholding Order"*** (if applicable) **

Attorney General's copies** (only*** ***if required – see Step 4 on next page)***
"Petition to Modify", "Notice of Filing for Modification of Child Custody"
"Child Support Worksheet" "Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" (if applicable)
"***Acceptance of Service***" (original) and self-addressed stamped envelope (addressed back to you)
"Order Stopping Income Withholding Order" (if applicable) **

*** IF** one of the parties is using the child support services of the Division of Child Enforcement (DCSE), add ***one additional copy*** of the proposed ***Order and attachments and a stamped envelope*** addressed to the Attorney General (see Step 4, below for address).

**** IF** this agreement changes who pays child support include a *second* CEI for parent who will NOW pay.

STEP 3. FILE THE ORIGINAL documents with the Clerk of the Court at the filing counter.
Ask the clerk to stamp the extra copies and return those to you. These are called "conformed" copies.

Central Court Building
201 West Jefferson, 1st floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Northwest Court Complex
14264 West Tierra Buena Lane
Surprise, Arizona 85374

Southeast Court Complex
222 East Javelina Avenue, 1st floor
Mesa, Arizona 85210

Northeast Court Complex
18380 North 40th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85032

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FEES: A list of current fees is available from the Self Service Center and from the Clerk of Court's website.

If you cannot afford the filing fee and/or the fee for having the papers served by the Sheriff or by publication, you may request a deferral (payment plan) when you file your papers with the Clerk of the Court. Deferral Applications are available at no charge from the Self-Service Center.

After you have filed your documents **the Clerk will then direct you to one of the following administrative offices or to the in-box of the Judicial Officer who will hear your case to deliver the "Judge's Copies."**

Central Court Building
201 West Jefferson, 3rd floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
(To Family Court Administration)

Northwest Court Complex
14264 West Tierra Buena Lane
Surprise, Arizona 85374
(To Judge's in-box)

Southeast Court Complex
222 East Javelina Avenue, 1st floor
Mesa, Arizona 85210
(To Court Administration)

Northeast Court Complex
18380 North 40th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85032
(To Judge's in-box)

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STEP 4: SERVE THE PAPERS ON THE OTHER PARTY(IES). The papers may be delivered by the Sheriff's Department, a licensed process server, commercial delivery service or mail by which you can obtain an original or copy of the other party's signature confirming delivery or by ***Acceptance of Service*** as described in the "SERVICE" packet available from the Self-Service Center or through the Superior Court's Website.

The State of Arizona may be involved if any party received public assistance for the children or used the services of the State in establishing or collecting child support. If either party already has a case with the State **(DCSE or DES)** involving the same children as in this case, notice of this action **must** also be given to the Attorney General's Office**.**

SERVING PAPERS ON THE STATE: (*if required*). The Office of the Attorney General (the "**AG**") will accept service by signing an "**Acceptance of Service**" form and returning the form for **you** to file with the Court. There are no court fees for serving the State with an Acceptance, as described below:

(a) You may mail or personally deliver to the Office of the **"AG"** assigned to your case:

- a copy of the "**'Petition to Modify**",
- a copy of the **"Parents Worksheet for Child Support",** along with an
- **"Acceptance of Service"** AND
- **a self-addressed, stamped envelope (addressed back to you)**.

A list of addresses for the AG's offices is available from the Self-Service Center or through the Superior Court's Website.

(b) There may also be a "drop-box" in the Clerk of Court's filing counter area at which you may leave the above listed documents and the envelope for the AG. Ask the clerk at the filing counter, **or**

(c) You may mail all listed documents *and the envelope* to:

Office of the Attorney General
Child Support Enforcement Section
P.O. Box 6123 – Site Code 775C
Phoenix, AZ 85005

Note: The State is not considered served until the AG's signed *Acceptance of Service* is filed with the Court!

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STEP 5: **At least 25 days after the other party was served or signed the "Acceptance of Service":**

1. **File the "Request for Order Granting or Denying a Hearing".**
2. Provide a copy of the "**Request for Order Granting or Denying a Hearing" to the Judge** assigned to your case, **and**
3. Send a copy of the "**Request for Order Granting or Denying a Hearing**" to the other party(ies).

The Judge will either approve or deny your request for a hearing. You will receive a notice in the mail with the Judge's decision. If a hearing is ordered, the notice will contain information about the date, time, and location of the hearing.

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Self-Service Center (SSC)

HOW TO COMPLETE A
PARENTS WORKSHEET FOR CHILD SUPPORT

Use the ***FREE*** online child support calculator at: superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ezcourtforms to produce the ***Parents Worksheet for Child Support*** that **MUST** be turned in along with your other court papers.

Using the online calculator is FREE (access to the Internet and a printer required).
If you do not have access to the Internet and/or a printer, you may use the computers at all Superior Court Self-Service Center locations for free and print out the Parents Worksheet produced by the online calculator as well. There is a small, per-page charge for printing.

- Go to: superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ezcourtforms
- Click "**Child Support Calculator**" on right side of the web page.
- Fill in the information requested and print out the **Worksheet**.

Advantages of Using the Online Child Support Calculator

- The online calculator is free.
- The online calculator does the math for you
- The online calculator produces a neater, more readable worksheet.
- The online calculator produces a more accurate child support calculation, **AND**
- **You don't have to go through 37 pages of Guidelines and Instructions**

If you want to perform the calculations yourself, you will need an additional 39 pages of guidelines, instructions, and the Parents Worksheet itself. These are available for separate purchase from the SSC as part of the **"How to Calculate Child Support**" packet, or may be downloaded for free from: http://goo.gl/Jk2B0 or

http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/Self-ServiceCenter/Forms/FamilyCourt/fc_drs1.asp

You may also attend the free "*How to Complete Papers to Modify Child Support*" workshop described in the flyer that appears at the beginning of this packet.

You may also call 602-506-3762 for an appointment for assistance (in English or Spanish) at the Phoenix courthouse. Ask for the "Calculations Department". There is a FEE for this service.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL NEEDED FORMS, GO TO THE "PROCEDURES" PAGE AND FOLLOW THE STEPS LISTED THERE.

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PARENT'S WORKSHEET INSTRUCTIONS

This worksheet provides the information the court needs to determine child support amounts in accordance with Arizona's Child Support Guidelines. You may get a copy of the Child Support Guidelines for a fee from any of the four Self-Service Center or you can download it free from the Internet at: **http://goo.gl/DydgN** ***or*** **http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/sscDocs/pdf/drs10h.pdf**

COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET IF:

- You are a party to a court action to establish child support **or** to modify an existing order for child support.

Need help with calculations? Use the free Online Child Support Calculator at the Superior Court's website at superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ezcourtforms to perform the calculations for you. Click "Child Support Calculator and Worksheet" (on the right side of the page). You may print and use the worksheet produced by the calculator in place of the form included in this packet.

You may also call 602-506-3762 for an appointment for assistance (in English or Spanish) at the Phoenix courthouse location. Ask for the "Calculations Department". There is a fee for this service.

TO COMPLETE THIS WORKSHEET YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW:

- Your case number.
- Your monthly gross income and that of the other parent.
- The monthly cost of medical insurance for the minor children who are the subject of this action.
- Monthly childcare amounts paid to others.
- The number of days the minor child(ren) spend with the non-primary residential (custodial) parent.
- Monthly obligations of yourself and the other parent for child support or court-ordered spousal maintenance/ support.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS WHICH ARE NUMBERED TO MATCH THE IDENTIFYING NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES ON THE FORM. TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY USING BLACK INK. The number *in brackets* after the instructions tells you where to look in the **Guidelines** for this item, for example, [Guidelines 5].

BASIC INFORMATION

(1) Type or print the information requested at top left for the person who is filing this form. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether you are the Petitioner or Respondent in this case, and also whether you are represented by an attorney. (The spaces marked "for "Attorney Name", "Bar No.", etc, are used **only** if an attorney is preparing this form.)

(2) Type or print the name of the county in which this worksheet is being filed. (This may already be printed on the form.)

(3) Type or print the name of the persons shown as the Petitioner and the Respondent on the original petition to establish support or on the Order that established support.

(4) Type or print your case number and the ATLAS number. If you do not have a case number, leave this item blank. If you do not have an ATLAS number, leave this item blank.

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(5) Enter the number of minor children from this relationship for whom support is being sought in this court action.

(6) Check the box to indicate which parent is the "primary residential parent". If not stated directly in a Court Order, who does(do) the minor children) live with most of the time?

(7) Check the box to indicate which parent is completing this form.

(8) Where did you get the figures you are supplying for the other party? Check the box to indicate whether those numbers are Actual, Estimated or Attributed. [See Guidelines 5.E.] Examples of ESTIMATED income: He was promoted to supervisor and I know that position pays more; she has the same job as my sister, who works at the same place and makes this amount. Example of ATTRIBUTED income: My ex-wife was a secretary earning $1500/month. Now she has remarried and is staying home as a homemaker.

MONTHLY GROSS INCOME

- Terms such as "gross income" and "adjusted gross income" as used here do not have the same meaning as when they are used for tax purposes.
- "Gross Income" is not your "take home pay", it is the higher amount shown before any deductions are taken out of your check.
- If you are converting a weekly "gross income" figure to a "monthly gross income" figure, multiply the weekly amount by 4.33 (52 weeks divided by 12 months = 4.33 average weeks in a month).

(9) Type or print the total amount of your Gross Income each month. Gross income means the amount before taxes and other deductions are taken out. For income from self-employment, rent, royalties, proprietorship of a business, joint ownership of a partnership or closely held corporation, gross income means gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income. What you include as "ordinary and necessary expenses" may be adjusted by the court, if deemed inappropriate for determining gross income for child support. Ordinary and necessary expenses include one-half of the self-employment tax actually paid.

Gross Income includes monies from:

- Salaries
- Bonuses
- Worker's Compensation Benefits
- Wages
- Dividends
- Disability Insurance (including Social Security disability)
- Annuities
- Royalties
- Commissions
- Capital Gains
- Interest
- Self-employment
- Severance Pay
- Unemployment Insurance Benefits
- Income from a Business
- Pensions
- Rental Income
- Prizes
- Social Security Benefits
- Trust Income
- Recurring Gifts
- Spousal Maintenance (alimony) (Item 11)

Gross Income **does not include** benefits from public assistance programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI), Food Stamps, and General Assistance (GA); and, it **does not include** child support payments received.

Also type or print the total monthly gross income for the other parent, to the best of your knowledge. If a parent is unemployed or underemployed, you may ask the court to attribute income to that parent by entering the amount of what you think that parent would be earning if he or she worked at full earning capacity. The court shall presume, in the absence of contrary testimony, that a non-primary residential parent (custodial parent) is capable of full-time employment at least at the federal adult minimum wage. [Guidelines 5.E.] This

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presumption **does not** apply to non-primary residential parents under the age of eighteen who are attending high school. If gross income is attributed to the parent receiving support, appropriate childcare expenses may also be attributed at Item 18.

If you are completing this Parent's Worksheet as part of a modification proceeding and your income is different from the court's most recent findings, you must attach documentation to verify your current income. The documentation should include: your most recent tax return, W-2, or 1099 forms and your most recent paycheck stub showing year-to-date information. If these are not available, provide other documentation such as a statement of earnings from your employer showing year-to-date income.

If you are completing this Parent's Worksheet as part of a modification proceeding and the income you show for the other party is different from that listed on the court's most recent findings regarding income of that parent, you must attach documentation of the amount **or** mark the box in Item 8 to show that the income amount is estimated or attributed and explain the basis for the amount shown.

ADJUSTMENTS TO MONTHLY GROSS INCOME

(10-11) Type or print the total monthly amount of court-ordered spousal maintenance/alimony you and/or the other parent actually **pay to** a former spouse **or receive from** a former spouse. Also, the amount that is paid or received or *will be* paid or received in this court case each month. Spousal maintenance/alimony paid is a deduction from gross income. Spousal maintenance/alimony received is an addition to gross income. [Guidelines 2.C. and 6.A.]

(12) Type or print the total amount of court-ordered child support you and/or the other parent actually pay [Guidelines 6.B.] each month for children of other relationships, And/Or, if you and/or the other parent are the primary residential parent of minor child(ren) of other relationships, based on a "simplified application of the Guidelines", determine an adjustment to enter based on the amount of court-ordered child support you "contribute". [Guidelines 6.C.] Court-ordered *arrearage* payments are not included in either case.

EXAMPLE (copied directly from the Guidelines):
A parent having gross monthly income of $2,000 supports a natural or adopted minor child who is not the subject of the child support case before the court and for whom no child support order exists. To use the Simplified Application of the Guidelines, locate $2,000 in the Combined Adjusted Gross Income column of the Schedule. Select the amount in the column for one child, $418. The parent's income may be reduced up to $418, resulting in an Adjusted Gross Income of $1,582.

(13) You may ask the court to consider the financial obligation you have to support other natural or adopted minor children for whom there is no court order requiring you to pay support. If you choose to do this, the adjustment amount you may request is determined by a "simplified application of the guidelines". On the Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations, find the amount that is closest to the adjusted gross income amount of the parent requesting an adjustment. Go to the column for the number of children in question. Enter the amount shown there in Item 13. [Guidelines 6.D.]

(14) **Adjusted Gross Income**. For each parent, add or subtract the numbers in Items 10 through 13 from the number in Item 9. Write the results for each parent on the line in Item 14. This is the Adjusted Monthly Gross Income for each parent. [Guidelines 7]

COMBINED ADJUSTED MONTHLY GROSS INCOME

(15) Add the two numbers in Item 14 together (the one for the father and the one for the mother). This total is the Combined Adjusted Monthly Gross Income.

BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION **You MUST view the *"Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations"* in order to answer (16). You can download the entire document free from our website at: http://goo.gl/DydgN OR you can use the online child support calculator to calculate the amount for you automatically.**

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The online calculator can be found here: superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ezcourtforms OR you can call 602-506-3762 for an appointment to have someone help you calculate child support. There is a fee for this service.

(16) On the "***Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations*** locate the amount that is closest to the Combined Adjusted Monthly Gross Income listed in Item 15. Go to the column for the number of minor children listed in Item 5. This amount is your Basic Child Support Obligation; enter this amount for Item 16. [Guidelines 8]

PLUS COSTS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES

Place in the column for the parent paying the expenses.

(17) Type or print the monthly dollar amount of that portion of the insurance premium that is or will be paid for court-ordered medical, dental and/or vision care insurance for the minor child(ren) who is/are the subject(s) of this order. [Guidelines 9.A.]

(18) If the parent with primary residential parent status is working or if you have attributed income to that parent in Item 9, type or print the monthly cost of work-related child care that parent pays. If these costs vary throughout the year, add the amounts for each month together and divide by 12 to annualize the cost. [Guidelines 9.B.1.] (See Guidelines for rules and chart concerning income).

If the non-primary residential parent pays for work-related childcare, during periods of physical custody, the amount paid by that parent may also be included here (each month's amount added together and divided by 12 to annualize the cost)..

(19) Type or print the monthly costs of reasonable and necessary expenses for special or private schools and special educational activities. These expenses must be agreed upon by both parents or ordered by the court. [Guidelines 9.B.2.]

(20) If any of the children for whom support is being ordered are gifted or handicapped and have special needs that are not recognized elsewhere, the additional monthly cost of meeting those needs should be entered here. [Guidelines 9.B.3.]

(21) **MINOR CHILDREN 12 AND OVER.** If there are no minor children 12 or over, enter "0" or "N/A" and SKIP to Item 22. Average expenditures for minor children age 12 or older are approximately 10% higher than those for younger children, therefore the Guidelines call for an adjustment of up to a maximum of 10% to account for these higher costs. If support is being determined for minor children 12 or older, in the first blank, enter the number of minor children 12 or older. In the next blank enter how many percent (one, to a maximum of ten percent) you think the amount of child support should be adjusted (increased) due to the child or children being 12 or older.

If *all* minor children are 12 or over:

- Multiply the dollar amount from (16), the Basic Child Support Obligation, by the (up to 10) percent increase, which results in the monthly dollar amount of increase.
- Enter this amount for Item 21. The highest possible increase would be 10% of the basic child support obligation. [Guidelines 9.B.4.]

If at least one, *but not all* minor children are 12 or older:

- Divide the basic support obligation (Item 16) by the total number of children.
- Multiply that figure by the number of minor children 12 or over.
- Then multiply the result by the adjustment percentage (up to 10%), and enter this amount for Item 21. [Guidelines 9.B.4.]

EXAMPLE A: All minor children 12 or older, Basic Child Support Obligation $300, and 10% Adjustment:

Multiply Basic Child Support Obligation by % Adjustment: $300 x .10 = $30.00

EXAMPLE B: Three children, Two 12 or older, Basic Child Support Obligation $300, 10% Adustment:

Divide Basic Child Support Obligation by total number of children: $300 / 3 = $100

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Multiply answer by the number of children 12 and older: $100 x 2 = $200
Multiply result by the Adjustment Percentage: $200 x .10 = $20.00

(22) Add the amounts from Items 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, including both the amounts for you and the amounts for the other parent. Enter the total amount on the line in Item 22.

TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION

(23) Add the amounts from Items 16 and 22. Enter the total amount on the line in Item 23. This is the Total Child Support Obligation amount.

EACH PARENT'S PERCENTAGE (%) OF COMBINED INCOME [Guidelines 10]

(24) For each parent, ***divide*** the amount written in Item 14 (Adjusted Gross Income) by the amount written in Item 15 (Combined Adjusted Gross Income). This will probably give you a decimal point answer less than 100%. However, if one parent earns all of the income for the family, this number will be 100%.

EXAMPLE: Item 14 = $600
Item 15 = $1000 $600 divided by $1,000 = .60 or 60%

EACH PARENT'S SHARE OF THE TOTAL CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION

(25) For each parent, multiply the number in Item 23 by the number for that parent in Item 24. This equals the dollar amount of each parent's share of the total child support obligation.

EXAMPLE: Item 23 = $189
Item 24 = 60% $189 x .60 = $113.40

ADJUSTMENT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PARENTING TIME (VISITATION) (for NON-Primary Residential Parent)

(26) If time with each parent is essentially equal, *neither* party receives a parenting time adjustment and you may SKIP to Item 27. [Guidelines 11, 12]

Based on the information below, check the box to indicate whether "Parenting Time Table A" or 'Parenting Time Table B" applies to the situation regarding the parent who does not have PRIMARY RESIDENTAIL PARENT, that is, the parent that the children do **NOT** live with – or live with the LEAST amount of time.

To adjust for costs associated with parenting time, first determine the total number of parenting time days indicated in a court order or parenting plan or by the expectation or past practice of the parents. Using the definitions below, add together each block of parenting time to arrive at the total number of parenting time days *per year*. Only the time spent by a child with the non-primary residential parent is considered. Time that the child is in school or in childcare is not considered.

For purposes of calculating parenting time/visitation days: [Guidelines 11.C]

A. A period of 12 hours or more counts as one day.
B. A period of 6 to 11 hours counts as a half-day.
C. A period of 3 to 5 hours counts as a quarter day.
D. Periods of less than 3 hours may count as a quarter day if, during those hours, the non-primary residential parent pays for routine expenses of the child, such as meals.

"Parenting Time Table A" assumes that as the number of visitation days approaches equal time sharing (143 days and above), certain costs usually incurred only in the custodial household are assumed to be substantially or equally shared by both parents. These costs are for items such as the child's clothing and personal care items, entertainment, and reading materials.

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PARENTING TIME TABLE A			
Number of Visitation Days	**Adjustment Percentage**	**Number of Visitation Days**	**Adjustment Percentage**
0 – 3	0	116 - 129	.195
4 – 20	.012	130 - 142	.253
21- 38	.031	143 – 152	.307
39 - 57	.050	153 – 162	.362
58 - 72	.085	163 - 172	.422
73 - 87	.105	173 – 182	.486
88 - 115	.161		

Parenting Time Table B: If, however, the assumption that such costs are duplicated and shared nearly equally by both parents, is proved *incorrect*, use "**Parenting Time Table B**" to calculate the visitation adjustment for this range of days (and check the box for "Table B" for item (26).

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PARENTING TIME TABLE B	
Number of Visitation Days	**Adjustment Percentage**
143 - 152	.275
153 – 162	.293
163 – 172	.312
173 - 182	.331

(27)

- For *your* entry for Item (27), add up the total parenting time days for the non-primary residential parent.
- Determine whether Table A or Table B applies.
- Look at the appropriate table ("A" or "B") and find the "Percentage Adjustment" that applies to the number of parenting time days.
- Multiply that percentage by the amount listed for Item (16)

EXAMPLE:
If the total amount of parenting time for the NON-PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PARENT amounts to 75 days and Table A applies, and the amount listed for Item (16), the Basic Child Support Obligation, is $1000: Look at Table A to see in where "75" 75 fits in. "75" falls between 73 and 87 days, and the Adjustment Percentage listed for that range of numbers is .105. You would then take the dollar amount listed for Item (16), and multiply it by that percentage.

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In this example that would be:	Amount from Item (16)	$1000
	x Adjustment Percent from Table	x .105
	Answer for Item (27)	105.00 or $105.00

This is the amount you would enter as your answer for Item (27) for either the Father *or* the Mother (ONLY), whichever parent the children ***don't*** live with the majority of the time.

MEDICAL INSURANCE PREMIUM ADJUSTMENT

(28) If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payment is the same parent who will pay the minor children's health, dental and/or vision care insurance premiums, enter the amount from Item 17 here.

NON-CUSTODIAL CHILD CARE ADJUSTMENT

(29) If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payments pays for work-related child-care during periods of visitation, enter the amount from Item 18.

EXTRA EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT

(30) If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payment is the same parent who will pay the children's reasonable and necessary expenses for attending private or special schools, enter the amount from Item 19 here.

EXTRAORDINARY/SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD

(31) If the parent who will be ordered to make the child support payment is the same parent who will pay the special needs of gifted or handicapped child(ren), enter the amount from Item 20 here.

ADJUSTMENTS SUBTOTAL

(32) For the non-primary residential parent, add the amounts entered in Items 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Enter the total in Item 32.

PRELIMINARY CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT

(33) For non-primary residential parent: Subtract the amount in Item 32 from Item 25.
For primary residential parent: Write in the amount from Item 25 for that parent.

SELF SUPPORT RESERVE TEST for Parent Who Will Pay Support

(34) To calculate the amount to enter in the column for this item:

- Enter *the paying parent's* adjusted gross income from Item 14.
- Subtract **$903** (the self-support reserve amount).
- Enter the remainder in the appropriate column for either the Father or the Mother, for Item 34. [Guidelines 15]

If the resulting amount is less than the preliminary child support amount, the court may reduce the current child support order to the resulting amount after first considering the financial impact the reduction would have on the primary residential parent household. The test applies only to the current support obligation, but does not prohibit an additional amount to be ordered to reduce an obligor's (the person obligated to pay) arrears. Absent a deviation, the preliminary child support amount or the result of the self-support reserve test is the amount of the child support to be ordered in Item 35
[Guidelines 15]

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Payor's Adjusted Gross Income from Item 14: _____

SUBTRACT the Self Support Reserve Test Amount of $903: **- $ 903.00**

Enter the number remaining as your answer for Item 34: _____

(35) Who pays and how much? Check the appropriate box to indicate which parent should be ordered to pay child support. If the amount shown in Item 33 is *less than* the amount shown in Item 34, write in the amount shown for Item 33. ***OR,*** If the amount shown in 33 is *greater than* the amount from 34, you may write in the amount from 34 *if you believe child support should be ordered for the smaller amount*.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR VISITATION-RELATED TRAVEL EXPENSES

(36) For this Item, list the percentage you think each parent should pay toward the travel/transportation costs for expenses involving travel of more than 100 miles, one-way. The court will decide how to allocate the expense, but you may use the percentages listed in Item 24 for each parent's share of combined income as a guide. The allocation of expense does not change the amount of the support ordered in Item 35. [Guidelines 18]

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES NOT PAID BY INSURANCE

(37) For this Item, list the percentage you think each parent should pay toward uninsured medical, dental and/or vision care expenses for the minor children. The court will decide how to allocate the expense, but you may use the percentages listed in Item 24 for each parent's share of combined income as a guide. [Guidelines 9.A.]

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WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS WORKSHEET:

If you have completed this worksheet to **establish** a child support obligation:

- Make a copy of the worksheet for your records;
- Make a copy to send or deliver to the other party and/or the state prior to the hearing;
- Take the original to court at the time of your hearing; and
- Take financial documentation to provide proof of the numbers you have given.

If you have completed this worksheet to **modify** a child support obligation:

- Attach any documentation required;
- Make a copy of the worksheet for your records;
- Make a copy of the worksheet to serve on the other party and/or the state; and
- Attach the original worksheet to the Request for Modification of Child Support and file it with the Clerk of Superior Court.

NOTE: DEVIATION FROM THE GUIDELINES AMOUNT

If you believe the amount of child support shown by this worksheet is too low or too high, the Court has the power to deviate from the guidelines (order support in a different amount), if an order would be unjust or inappropriate. A deviation can only be ordered if the court makes appropriate findings based upon evidence presented by either party *or* agreement of the parties. [Guidelines 20]

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