

WASHINGTON STATE CHILD SUPPORT SCHEDULE COMMISSION

Addendum and Errata to Commission Report of November 1, 1987

1. Chapter VII will be separately reprinted with simplified forms incorporating suggestions received after publication of report.
 - A. Economic table will refer to "monthly" combined net income, display figures on a per child basis, and have division lines for ease of use.
 - B. Instructions will import more substantive direction from the body of the report, include an instruction on rounding, correct numerical values shown in the example box, and include deferred compensation in the definition of gross income.
 - C. Worksheets will be shortened. Item I.2(e). will be changed to, "Maintenance for Other Relationships -- see instructions". Overnight computations will be made optional for persons requesting the adjustment. Other identifying information will be clarified. Item 13A should reflect "equals or is less than 0.25 ..."
 - D. Standard No. 15 will be added: "When a parent is financially liable for children of other relationships, there may be a discretionary adjustment in the child support of that parent based upon the amount expended on additional children and/or amounts received for them."

Child support paid for children of other relationships shall not be a deduction from gross income. The Commission could not at this time determine a way to make a similar adjustment for the parent who cares for children in the home instead of paying child support.

2. Page 21, Section 4.3.8 New Families: "Parents should remain primarily responsible for their own children, while the State and stepparents are secondarily liable to provide support for the children. The support obligation should be set on a presumptive basis looking to the income and resources of the natural parents; a deviation may be justified based upon other funds being received for the children."
3. Page 21, Section 4.3.10 Adjustment of Child Support Orders: "The use of the schedule is presumptive and should be applied in all situations where child support is set, including the adjustment of support orders. However, the parents may request and the court may order an alternative for adjustment of the support amount in response to the specific needs of the family and which provides at least as much disclosure and certainty as would be provided by reapplication of the schedule."

4. Page 22, Section 5.2 Shared Living Arrangements: "In either case, these additional resources should be disclosed and will justify a deviation from the amount calculated on the worksheets. Alternatively, the amount of income for a parent's household may be increased for calculation purposes to reflect additional financial benefits received by virtue of the shared household."
5. Page 24, Section 6.3 Standard for Determining Support: Add: "Support shall be set based upon the parents' financial capacity. A child's financial need is the total of the cost commonly expended based upon age, family size, family income and resources together with those special financial needs pertaining to the particular child or family."
6. Page 24, Section 6.5 Commission to Review Schedule: The second sentence of this paragraph is introductory to and should precede the paragraphs on the following page.
7. Page 27, Standard No. 9 is revised: Basic child support shall be allocated between the parents when a child stays overnight with the parent over twenty-five percent (25%) of the year. When this adjustment is sought, and the parents are not in agreement, the parent seeking the adjustment shall present evidence to demonstrate the parents' actual past involvement with the child. However, the support payment shall not be reduced if there will be insufficient funds available to meet the basic needs of the child in the house receiving the support, or if the child is receiving AFDC payments.
8. Page 29, Worksheets and Instructions: To the extent that a parent receives non-recurring overtime pay or bonuses, these may be separately listed as "Other" in Worksheet A as a discretionary deduction in Part I.2.(f) and listed as an additional factor for deviation.
9. Page 33, Monthly Gross Income, paragraph 2: Add: "When there is a disagreement, individuals will be required to show justification for deductions."
10. Page 45, Bibliography: In excess of 100 documents, articles, and letters were provided to each of the commissioners for review and consideration in the course of deliberations. These are not all separately listed but copies are available for review in the commission office.

11. Page 47, List of Presentations to Commission: Add:
- (1) Dodson, G. Diane, Staff Attorney for the Women's Legal Defense Fund. "Child Support Workshop: Scope of the Problem" and "Overview of Support Guidelines", National Women Judges Association Workshop, Seattle, Washington, October 9, 1987.
 - (2) Gaddis, Stephen. "The State of Present Law in Child Support Determination and Use of the ASCJ Guidelines." Commission meeting on August 10, 1987.
 - (3) Kessler, Honorable Gladys, Washington, D.C. Superior Court. "Implementing Guidelines in Your State", National Women Judges Association Workshop, Seattle, Washington, October 9, 1987.
 - (4) Nickerson, Peter, PhD., Albers School of Business, Seattle University. "Economic Theories and Data Relating to the Cost of Raising Children and the Creation and Application of Child Support Schedules." Commission meeting on July 27, 1987.
 - (5) Radin, Daniel. "Report on Deliberations and Recommendations of the Governor's Executive Task Force on Support Enforcement." Commission meeting on July 27, 1987.
 - (6) Smith, Marilyn, Chief Council, Child Support Enforcement Division of Massachusetts. "Implementing Guidelines in Your State", National Women Judges Association Workshop, Seattle, Washington, October 9, 1987.
 - (7) Williams, Robert G., PhD., Policy Studies Inc. "Child Support Workshop: Scope of the Problem" and "Overview of Support Guidelines", National Women Judges Association Workshop, Seattle, Washington, October 9, 1987.