

Child Support Updates

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Proposed New
Juvenile Court Case Style
on Child Support Worksheets

Current Case Style on Child Support Worksheets

**GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET
JUVENILE COURT OF HALL COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

<p>Hall County DFCS PLAINTIFF vs. Violet Brown and Charlie Brown DEFENDANT</p>		<p>Civil Action Case No.: 24-123456 DHS/DCSS Case No.: 123456789 Comments For Court: Test case for CJCJ Conference 2024</p>
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Type of Action: Initial Action Initial Order Date

CHILD NAME	YR OF BIRTH	STATUS	CHILD NAME	YR OF BIRTH	STATUS
01. Schroeder Brown	2008	Included	02. PigPen Brown	2011	Included

Number of Included Children:	2	Noncustodial Parent:	Charlie Brown and Violet Brown
Submitted By:		Nonparent Custodian:	Grandmother Brown

Proposed New Case Style

GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET
JUVENILE COURT OF DODGE COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In the Interest of:

Name of Child:

01. Joey Bing

SEX:

Male

DOB:

12/25/2023

Child(ren) Under the Age of 18

Case No.:

678910

File No.:

12345

Comments for the Court:

Dodge County DFCS

PLAINTIFF

vs.

Chandler Bing

DEFENDANT

Type of Action:

Initial Action

Initial Order Date

CHILD NAME	YR OF BIRTH	STATUS	CHILD NAME	YR OF BIRTH	STATUS
01. Joey Bing	12/25/2023	Included			

Number of Included Children:

1

Noncustodial Parent:

Chandler Bing

Submitted By:

Plaintiff

Nonparent Custodian:

Trigger for Juvenile Court Case Style

Create Folder/Worksheet

Basic Information Worksheet	Gross Income Schedule A	Adjusted Income Schedule B	Health Insurance/Child Care Schedule D	Deviations Schedule E	Self-Employment Calculator	Footnotes
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This section concerns Basic Information to be included in the Worksheet. Calculations from the Schedules will be used in the Worksheet.

For help press the ? button. All required fields are denoted with an asterisk *

You may enter information in yellow fields only. Fields with green or white backgrounds are read only.

*1. Court Name: ?		Juvenile
*2. County Name: ?		*** Choose Court ***
		Superior State
		Juvenile
		OSAH
*3. Plaintiff Name: ?		

Proposed Additional Fields in Calculator

14(a). Add Child To Worksheet	
SECTION 1. Add Child Information	
<p>To add a child to the Worksheet, enter the child's name and year of birth. The "Child Status" radio button will be set to "Included," which will ensure the child's related expenses are included in the calculations.</p>	
*Child Name	<input type="text"/> ⓘ <small>Child Name cannot be blank</small>
*Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Sex of Child	<input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Unknown
File Number	<input type="text"/>
Case Number	<input type="text"/>
Child Status	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Included <input type="radio"/> Excluded
<input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

New Case Style
Set for Deployment on July 1, 2024

Any Major Concerns?



**2024 Amendments to the
Georgia Child Support Guidelines
O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15**

Upcoming Changes to Child Support Guidelines

- Updates to Basic Child Support Obligation Table to adopt recommendations from Georgia's 2022 Economic Study
- New VA Disability Credit
- Parenting Time Adjustment
- Low Income Adjustment

Updates to BCSO Table

- Updates table amounts to account for changes in child rearing expenses since the BCSO Table was first created in 2006
- Increases the BCSO Table's vertical axis (the parents' combined gross monthly income) from \$30,000 to \$40,000
- Please, do not accept worksheets created in the old Excel calculator because those BCSO amounts will be wrong
- Effective July 1, 2024

Worksheet from Discontinued Excel Calculator

CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET

FILED IN OFFICE
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY GEORGIA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA
OCT 22, 2021 11:40 AM

DHS, ex rel., et al.

Civil Action Case No. [REDACTED]

IV-D Case No.:

Comments for Court:

Initial Action
 Modification
Date of Initial Child Support Order:

Mother: [REDACTED]
Father: [REDACTED]

Child Support Worksheet - Enter the information for each child in the appropriate white fields.
Next to the numbers below, enter the information for each child included in this case.

Included	Name	Birth Year	Included	Name	Birth Year
<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	[REDACTED]	
<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		
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<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		

Total Number of Children: Mother Father

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Lines 12 and 14 are enterable fields; all other fields will automatically calculate and display amounts.	Mother	Father	Total
1. Monthly Gross Income	\$ 2,469.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,969.00
2. Monthly Adjusted Income From Schedule B, Line 9 or 14.	\$ 2,469.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,969.00
3. Pro Rata Shares of Combined Income	41.36%	58.64%	100.00%
4. Basic Child Support Obligation (from the Table)			\$ 983.00
5. Pro rata shares of Basic Child Support Obligation	\$ 406.57	\$ 576.43	
6. Adjustment for Work Related Child Care and Health Insurance Expenses From Schedule D, Line 6.	\$ 66.16	\$ 93.82	
7. Adjusted Child Support Obligation Total of Lines 5 & 6.	\$ 472.75	\$ 670.25	
8. Adjustment for Additional Expenses Paid. From Schedule D, Line 3.	\$ -	\$ 180.00	
9. Presumptive Amount of Child Support Line 8 subtracted from Line 7.	\$ 472.75	\$ 510.25	

The amount on Line 9 is the Presumptive Child Support Amount.

Child Support Worksheet - CSC Standard Form
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GEORGIA

Worksheet from Current Calculator (online)

GEORGIA CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET
SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Violet Brown | Civil Action Case No.: 22-CV-23456
PLAINTIFF | DHS/DCSS Case No.:
vs. | Comments For Court:
Charlie Brown |
DEFENDANT |

Type of Action: Initial Action Initial Order Date

CHILD NAME	YR OF BIRTH	STATUS	CHILD NAME	YR OF BIRTH	STATUS
01. Schroeder Brown	2007	Included	02. Pig Pen Brown	2013	Included

Number of Included Children: 2 Noncustodial Parent: Charlie
Submitted By: Plaintiff Nonparent Custodian:

	Charlie	Violet	Total
1. Monthly Gross Income	\$3,501.00	\$3,166.67	\$6,667.67
2. Monthly Adjusted Income	\$3,401.00	\$3,166.67	\$6,567.67
3. Pro Rata Shares of Combined Income	51.78%	48.22%	100.00%
4. Basic Child Support Obligation (from the Table)			\$1,442.00
5. Pro rata shares of Basic Child Support Obligation	\$746.67	\$695.33	
6. Adjustment for Work Related Child Care and Health Insurance Expenses	\$215.75	\$200.92	
7. Adjusted Child Support Obligation	\$962.42	\$896.25	
8. Adjustment for Additional Expenses Paid	\$200.00	\$216.67	
9. Presumptive Amount of Child Support	\$762.42	\$679.58	
The Amount on Line 9 is the Presumptive Child Support Amount			
10. Deviations From Presumptive Child Support Amount:			
11. Subtotal	\$762.42	\$679.58	
12. Social Security Payments to Children (excludes Supplemental Security Income (SSI))			
13. Final Monthly Child Support Amount (rounded to whole number)	\$762.00	\$680.00	
The Amount on Line 13 is the Final Child Support Amount			
14. Percentages for each parent for future Uninsured Health Expenses	52.00%	48.00%	

Schedules

A	Gross Income	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
B	Adjusted Income	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
C	Not in use	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D	Additional Expenses	Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
E	Deviations From Presumptive Amount	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Violet Brown v. Charlie Brown
Submitted By: Plaintiff CACN: 22-CV-23456 Worksheet
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VA Disability Credit

- Treats V.A. disability benefits in the same way that similar Social Security benefits are treated
- Permits V.A. disability benefits paid to a child based on the noncustodial parent's V.A. disability to offset the noncustodial parent's child support obligation
- Effective July 1, 2024

Parenting Time Adjustment

- Removes the Parenting Time Deviation and replaces it with a Parenting Time Adjustment
- Only accounts for parenting time that is court ordered
- Increases transparency, predictability, uniformity, and economic soundness
- Effective January 1, 2026

Low Income Adjustment

- Removes the Low-Income Deviation and replaces it with a Low-Income Adjustment
- Provides a failsafe that prevents a final child support obligation from exceeding:
 - 19% of a parent's adjusted gross income in cases with one child
 - 24% for two children
 - 25% for three children
 - 26% for four children
 - 27% for five children
 - 28% for six children
- Effective January 1, 2026

Applicability of the Child Support Guidelines Statute

“The **child support guidelines** contained in this Code section are a minimum basis for determining the amount of child support and shall **apply as a rebuttable presumption in all legal proceedings involving the child support** responsibility of a parent. This Code section shall be used when the court enters a temporary or permanent child support order in a contested or noncontested hearing or order in a civil action filed pursuant to Code Section 19-13-4.”

O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15 (c)

O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15 Provides “Guidelines”

“... the guidelines enumerated in this Code section are intended by the General Assembly to be guidelines only and any court so applying such guidelines shall not abrogate its responsibility in making the final determination of child support based on the evidence presented to it at the time of the hearing or trial.”

O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15 (d)



**WHAT IF THE JUDGE
DOESN'T THINK THE
PRESUMPTIVE AMOUNT
OF CHILD SUPPORT IS
APPROPRIATE?**

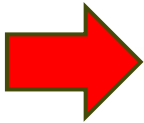
Adjust the Presumptive Amount of Child Support with a Deviation

“The rebuttable presumptive amount of child support provided by this Code section may be increased or decreased according to the best interest of the child for whom support is being considered, the circumstances of the parties, the grounds for deviation set forth in subsection (i) of this Code section, and to achieve the state policy of affording to children of unmarried parents, to the extent possible, the same economic standard of living enjoyed by children living in intact families consisting of parents with similar financial means.”

O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15 (c)

Add a Deviation

	Charlie Brown	Violet Brown	Total
1. Monthly Gross Income	\$3,000.00	\$1,261.50	\$4,261.50
2. Monthly Adjusted Income	\$3,000.00	\$1,261.50	\$4,261.50
3. Pro Rata Shares of Combined Income	70.40%	29.60%	100.00%
4. Basic Child Support Obligation (from the Table)			\$1,156.00
5. Pro rata shares of Basic Child Support Obligation	\$813.82	\$342.18	
6. Adjustment for Work Related Child Care and Health Insurance Expenses			
7. Adjusted Child Support Obligation	\$813.82	\$342.18	
8. Adjustment for Additional Expenses Paid			
9. Presumptive Amount of Child Support	\$813.82	\$342.18	
The Amount on Line 9 is the Presumptive Child Support Amount			
10. Deviations From Presumptive Child Support Amount:			
11. Subtotal	\$813.82	\$342.18	
12. Social Security Payments to Children (excludes Supplemental Security Income (SSI))			
13. Final Monthly Child Support Amount (rounded to whole number)	\$814.00	\$342.00	
The Amount on Line 13 is the Final Child Support Amount			
14. Percentages for each parent for future Uninsured Health Expenses			



Specific Deviation Intended for Use in Dependency Cases

- “Permanency Plan or Foster Care Plan”
- Easy to use
- Judge will determine amount of the deviation
- Could greatly reduce child support or even zero it out

Trainings

- **At your request**
- **Monthly Trainings via Zoom**
 - Demonstrates the calculator live by screen sharing
 - 1 hour followed by Q&A
 - Qualified for 1 hour of CLE
 - Register at <https://csc.georgiacourts.gov/training/>
- **On demand videos on Commission's website**
 - In plain English
 - Intended for parents, especially self-represented litigants
 - Broken into eight segments

Online Child Support Calculator Training

May 21, 2024, 10:00am – 11:00am

Presented by Staff of the Georgia Commission on Child Support, this training will include a case fact pattern walk through on the Calculator.

[See Details and Register »](#)

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