

## session 6: **handout** COUNT THE MONEY

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### STATE CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES:

If you are a noncustodial parent, you pay:

ONE CHILD	= 20% OF NET INCOME
TWO CHILDREN	= 25%
THREE CHILDREN	= 30%
FOUR CHILDREN	= 35%
FIVE OR MORE CHILDREN	= 40%

The above percentages apply to children with the same custodial parent, and the judge may deviate from the guidelines in special circumstances. If you have had children with more than one partner, a different calculation is used, so the parent will be paying more than if the children lived in one household.

### CALCULATING CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNTS

*Example:* \$7.25 hourly wage, one child

GROSS WEEKLY INCOME	MULTIPLY the hourly wage by 40
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	MULTIPLY gross weekly income by 52
GROSS MONTHLY INCOME	DIVIDE gross annual income by 12
DEDUCTIONS:	ADD the following:
	\$ 77.91 (Soc Security) 6.2% of gross monthly
	18.22 (Medicare) 1.45% of gross monthly
	52.75 (Federal Income Tax-FICA)
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	Total Monthly Taxes
NET MONTHLY INCOME	SUBTRACT Taxes from Income
	\$ ____ Gross Monthly Income
	____ Total Monthly Taxes
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	____ Net Monthly Income

CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT MULTIPLY Net Monthly Income by the appropriate percentage from the guidelines at the top of the page.