

# Shared Parenting Time Credit



# Legislative Changes to Child Support Guidelines

## Shared Parenting is,

Effective March 31, 2023, KRS 403.2121 established an adjustment to the child support obligation based on parenting time that is court-ordered or approved and consistently exercised [KRS 403.2121(2)(b)]

In order to receive shared parenting time credit, a parent shall maintain care, custody and control over a child for a minimum of seventy-three (73) days per year [KRS 403.2121(2)(a)].

**Note:** Federal Regulations do not allow child support enforcement to provide services to establish or enforce visitation or custody; therefore, parties must file a pro se motion or hire a private attorney to obtain an order that includes parenting time credit.



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Day means more than twelve (12) consecutive hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period under the care, control, or direct supervision of one (1) parent or caretaker, or as the court determines based on findings of substantially equivalent care or expense. [KRS 403.2121(1)(a)]

Per KRS 403.2121(6), parenting time credit shall not apply if the child or children subject to the child support award receive public assistance, including:

- Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP);
- Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP);
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); or
- Medicaid



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Custodial Parent (CP) and Noncustodial (NCP) terms have changed to Parent A and Parent B


To determine Parent A and Parent B:

- If Parenting time is unequal, list the parent with more parenting time as Parent A, and the other parent is Parent B.
- If parents have equal parenting time (50/50), list the parent with greater monthly gross income as Parent B.



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To calculate an obligation, you will need :

- Both parties monthly gross income;
  - Court ordered maintenance amount, if applicable;
  - Prior born child support amount, if applicable;
  - Total childcare cost for the child(ren), if applicable;
  - Total health insurance premium cost for the child(ren), if applicable;
  - Number of days the child is under the care, custody, and control of Parent B, if parenting time credit applies.
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- If Parent B has 100% of income then you will need to use the CS-71.1 Exception Worksheet 

# Shared Parenting Time Credit Chart

Using the days the child(ren) spends with Parent B, determine the adjustment percentage in the chart below. Parenting time must equal 365 days.

Parenting Time Days

Adjustment Percentages

73 - 87	10.5%
88 - 115	15%
116 - 129	20.5%
130 - 142	25%
143 - 152	30.5%
153 - 162	36%
163 - 172	42%
173 - 181	48.5%
182 - 182.5	50%



# Shared Parenting Lines Added to the CS-71 ("At-A-Glance")

Line 7 (III) was added to the CS-71 to help identify and distinguish when a worksheet includes a Shared Parenting Adjustment based on the parents combined monthly adjusted gross income (AGI). If SSR is applicable, select Line 7(I) and enter the amount listed on (4B). If SSR and Parenting Time Credit is not applicable, select Line 7(II) and enter the amount listed on (5C). If Parenting time credit is applicable, select Line 7(III) using the amount listed on 7(II).

- 7. Total child support obligation was determined using:**
- I. Only Parent B's monthly AGI (4B) – SSR applied**
  - II. Parents combined monthly AGI (5C) – SSR not applied**
  - III. Shared Parenting Adjustment – Use amount under 7 (II)**



# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71

Lines 13 – 15 were added to the guidelines worksheet to include Shared Parenting Time Credit and Adjustment if applicable.

## **Line 13**

Determine the number of days for Parent B on an annual basis based upon an order that is either court-ordered or approved and consistently exercised by agreement of the parties. Enter the number on line 13B. [KRS 403.2121(2)(a)(b)].

## **Line 14**

Based upon the number of days in line 13, determine the adjustment percentage using the Shared Parenting Time Credit Chart on slide 6.

## **Line 15**

Multiply the obligated parent's adjustment percentage (14B) by the total child support obligation (7C) and enter this amount on line (15B)





# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71

## **Line 16**

This line determines the final allocated child support amount.

## **If Shared Parenting Applies:**

Subtract line 15B from line 12B for parent B. If this amount is negative, Parent A pays the positive sum of the amount in column B to Parent B.

## **If Shared Parenting does not apply:**

The amount listed on line 12B is the amount Parent B is responsible for paying as child support to Parent A. **Do not proceed to line 17.**

If SSR is applicable, Parent B is responsible for the lesser of the support amount  
[KRS 403.2121(3)(c)]



# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71

## **Line 17**

If Self-Support Reserve (SSR), as determined under line 7(I) and is lower than the shared parenting amount listed on line 16B, parent B pays the SSR amount determined on line 7C as their total child support obligation.

To determine whether SSR is applicable, see slides 16 and 17.

If there is childcare or health insurance cost for the minor child(ren), return to line 7, using only Parent B's monthly adjusted gross income and complete each step, skipping line 13 to 15.

Check box 17B and list this amount to show SSR is lower than the combined income or shared parenting time adjustment.



# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71.1

The CS 71.1 is used only when Parent B has 100% of the combined monthly adjusted parental gross income. This Worksheet provides a reduction in gross income for the entire amount of health insurance premiums incurred and paid for the child(ren) by Parent B [ KRS 403.211(7)(b)].

Determine whether Parent B's adjusted gross income (5B) and the number of children for whom support is being determined falls within the defined SSR.

- If the SSR is applicable do not use lines 13 - 15.
- If Shared Parenting Adjustment applies, continue to line 13.
- If Shared Parenting Adjustment does not apply, skip to line 16.



**Note:** Self-support reserve and shared parenting time credit, cannot be applied together.

[KRS 403.2121(3)(c)]

# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71.1

Line 8 (III) was added to the CS-71.1 to help identify and distinguish when a worksheet includes a Shared Parenting Adjustment based on the parents combined monthly adjusted gross income (AGI). If SSR is applicable, select Line 8(I) and enter the amount listed on (5B). If SSR and Parenting Time Credit is not applicable, select Line 8(II) and enter the amount listed on (6C). If Parenting time credit is applicable, select Line 8(III) using the amount listed on 8(II).

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| <p><b>8. Total child support obligation was determined using:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I. Only Parent B's monthly AGI (5B) – SSR applied: \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> II. Only Parent B's monthly AGI (5B) – SSR not applied: \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> III. Shared Parenting Adjustment – Use amount under 8 (II)</p> |
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# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71.1

Lines 13 - 15 were added to the guidelines worksheet to include Shared Parenting Time Credit and Adjustment if applicable.

## **Line 13**

Determine the number of days for Parent B on an annual basis based upon an order that is either court-ordered or approved and consistently exercised by agreement of the parties. Enter the number on line 13B. [KRS 403.2121(2)(a)(b)].

## **Line 14**

Based upon the number of days in line 13, determine the adjustment percentage using the Shared Parenting Time Credit Chart on slide 6.

## **Line 15**

Multiply the obligated parent's adjustment percentage (14B) by the total support obligation (8C) and enter this amount on line (15B)



# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71.1

## **Line 16**

This line determines the final allocated child support amount.

## **If Shared Parenting Applies**

Subtract line 15B from line 12B.

## **If shared parenting does not apply**

Use the amount listed on line 12B for Parent B. Do not proceed to line 17.



# Shared Parenting Lines Added to CS-71 and CS-71.1

The only time Box 17 is checked for the CS-71 is when SSR is the least amount compared to the final amount using either combined income or parenting time credit.

**17.  For (SSR) only:**  
Mark this box if SSR is the lowest amount. See instructions for details.

The only time box 17 is checked for the CS-71.1 is when SSR is applicable.

**17.  For (SSR) only:**  
Mark this box if SSR is applicable. See instructions for details.

**Note:** Self-support reserve and shared parenting time credit, cannot be applied together. [KRS 403.2121(3)(c)]



Before proceeding with guideline calculations, determine whether the self-support reserve (SSR) applies. Check to see if Parent B's adjusted gross income (line 4B) and the number of children for whom support is being determined falls within the defined SSR [KRS 403.212(5)(b)] described below and illustrated on slide 17 in the shaded area of the chart.

- Parent B's adjusted gross income is equal to or less than \$1,100 and support is being determined for one or more children;
- Parent B's adjusted gross income is equal to or less than \$1,300 and support is being determined for two or more children;
- Parent B's adjusted gross income is equal to or less than \$1,400 and support is being determined for three or more children;
- Parent B's adjusted gross income is equal to or greater than \$1,500 and support is being determined for four or more children; or
- Parent B's adjusted gross income is equal to or less than \$1,600 and support is being determined for six or more children .





<b>Combined Monthly Adjusted Parental Gross Income</b>	<b>One child</b>	<b>Two children</b>	<b>Three children</b>	<b>Four children</b>	<b>Five children</b>	<b>Six or more children</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>200</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>300</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>400</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>500</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>600</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>700</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>800</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>900</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>1000</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>1100</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>1200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>242</b>
<b>1300</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>327</b>
<b>1400</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>412</b>
<b>1500</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>497</b>
<b>1600</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>582</b>



As a point of reference this is how the system currently calculates child support guidelines.

Changes are in Box 7 as there is now box I, II, and III to check from.

Lines 1-12 are the same as the new CS-71.

Lines 13-15 accommodate Shared Parenting Credit on slide 19.

Line 16 displays the final allocated amount which is line 13 on this calculation.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WORKSHEET FOR MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION				
		A. Custodial Parent (CP)	B. Noncustodial Parent (NCP)	C. Both Parents
1.	Monthly gross income	\$2,931.00	\$3,073.00	
2.	Deduction for maintenance payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3.	Deduction for other child support for prior-born children	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4.	Adjusted monthly income	\$2,931.00	\$3,073.00	
5.	Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income			\$6,004.00
6.	Percentage of combined monthly adjusted parental gross income	48.8 %	51.2 %	
7.	Base monthly support Amount was determined using: <input type="checkbox"/> Only the NCP's monthly AGI (4B)-SSR applied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parents combined monthly AGI (5C) - SSR not applied			\$831.00
8.	Child care costs	\$216.66	\$0.00	\$216.66
9.	Child(ren)'s health insurance premium or cash medical support	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
10.	Total child support obligation			\$1,197.66
11.	Each parent's monthly child support obligation	\$584.45	\$613.20	
12.	Subtract child care costs and/or health insurance premiums paid by NCP to the provider		\$150.00	
13.	Monthly amount the NCP pays to the CP		\$463.20	



## Example of CS-71 1.3

Parent A is custodial parent (applicant for services) - Income \$2931.00 month, childcare \$216.66

Parent B is noncustodial parent - Income is \$3073 month, Health Insurance \$150.00, Shared Parenting Time Credit is 75 days with 1 child.

**Amount under 7(II): \$6004**

III. Shared Parenting Adjustment - Use amount under 7(II)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WORKSHEET FOR MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION			
	Parent A (Column A)	Parent B (Column B)	Both Parents (Column C)
1. Monthly gross income.	\$2931.00	3073.00	
2. Deduction for maintenance payments.	\$	\$	
3. Deduction for other child support for prior-born children.	\$	\$	
4. Monthly adjusted gross income.	\$2931.00	\$3073.00	
5. Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income.			\$6004.00
6. Percentage of combined monthly adjusted parental gross income.	48.8%	51.2%	
7. Total child support obligation was determined using: <input type="checkbox"/> I. Only Parent B's monthly AGI (4B) - SSR applied <input type="checkbox"/> II. Parents combined monthly AGI (5C) - SSR not applied <b>\$6004.00</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> III. Shared Parenting Adjustment - Use amount under 7 (II)			\$831.00
8. Childcare costs paid by each parent.	\$216.66		\$216.66
9. Child(ren)'s health insurance premium or cash medical support paid by each parent.		\$150.00	\$150.00
10. Total child support obligation with proportionate share of childcare and healthcare insurance cost.			\$1197.66
11. Each parent's monthly child support obligation.	\$584.45	\$631.20	
12. Subtract childcare or health insurance costs paid by each parent to the provider from each Parent's line 11. Enter result on line 12.  <i>(Skip to line 16 if Shared Parenting Adjustment does not apply)</i>	\$367.79	\$463.20	
13. Shared Parenting Time Applies - Enter number of days for Parent B and complete lines 14 and 15.		75	
14. Insert the adjustment percentage credit.		15%	
15. For Parent B, Multiply line 7C by line 14.		\$124.65	
16. Amount Parent B pays to Parent A. Insert the amount from 12B as 16B for the final allocated child support amount.  <b>For Shared Parenting only:</b> Subtract line 15B from line 12B for the final allocated child support amount. If the amount on line 16B is negative, Parent A pays the positive sum of the amount in column B to Parent B.		\$338.55	
17. <input type="checkbox"/> For (SSR) only: Mark this box if SSR is the lowest amount. See instructions for details.		\$	



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Lines 13-15 accommodate Shared Parenting Credit on slide 21.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WORKSHEET FOR MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION				
		A. Custodial Parent (CP)	B. Noncustodial Parent (NCP)	C. Both Parents
1.	Monthly gross income	\$4,000.00	\$5,700.00	
2.	Deduction for maintenance payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3.	Deduction for other child support for prior-born children	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4.	Adjusted monthly income	\$4,000.00	\$5,700.00	
5.	Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income			\$9,700.00
6.	Percentage of combined monthly adjusted parental gross income	41.2 %	58.8 %	
7.	Base monthly support Amount was determined using: <input type="checkbox"/> Only the NCP's monthly AGI (4B)-SSR applied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parents combined monthly AGI (5C) - SSR not applied			\$1,530.00
8.	Child care costs	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
9.	Child(ren)'s health insurance premium or cash medical support	\$0.00	\$245.00	\$245.00
10.	Total child support obligation			\$2,075.00
11.	Each parent's monthly child support obligation	\$854.90	\$1,220.10	
12.	Subtract child care costs and/or health insurance premiums paid by NCP to the provider		\$245.00	
13.	Monthly amount the NCP pays to the CP		\$975.10	



**Example CS-71 1.12**

**Parent A** – (is the custodial parent and Applicant for IV-D services) - Income - \$4000, Childcare \$300

**Parent B** Income \$5700, Childcare, Insurance \$245, 182.50 days for 2 children.

The parents have equal parenting time (50/50); therefore, the parent with greater monthly gross income is listed as Parent B. In this scenario the traditional custodial parent in the child support system is Parent A and noncustodial parent is Parent B.

Amount under line 7(II) \$

X  III. Shared Parenting Adjustment – Use amount under 7(II)

Line 16B Parent B pays Parent A \$210.10

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WORKSHEET FOR MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION			
	Parent A (Column A)	Parent B (Column B)	Both Parents (Column C)
1. Monthly gross income.	\$4000.00	\$5700.00	
2. Deduction for maintenance payments.	\$	\$	
3. Deduction for other child support for prior-born children.	\$	\$	
4. Monthly adjusted gross income.	\$4000.00	\$5700.00	
5. Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income.			\$9700.00
6. Percentage of combined monthly adjusted parental gross income.	41.2%	58.8%	
7. Total child support obligation was determined using: <input type="checkbox"/> I. Only Parent B's monthly AGI (4B) – SSR applied <input type="checkbox"/> II. Parents combined monthly AGI (5C) – SSR not applied <b>\$9700.00</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> III. Shared Parenting Adjustment – Use amount under 7 (II)			\$1530.00
8. Childcare costs paid by each parent.	\$300.00		\$300.00
9. Child(ren)'s health insurance premium or cash medical support paid by each parent.	\$	\$245.00	\$245.00
10. Total child support obligation with proportionate share of childcare and healthcare insurance cost.			\$2075.00
11. Each parent's monthly child support obligation.	\$854.90	\$1220.10	
12. Subtract childcare or health insurance costs paid by each parent to the provider from each Parent's line 11. Enter result on line 12.  <i>(Skip to line 16 if Shared Parenting Adjustment does not apply)</i>	\$554.90	\$975.10	
13. Shared Parenting Time Applies – Enter number of days for Parent B and complete lines 14 and 15.		182.50	
14. Insert the adjustment percentage credit.		50%	
15. For Parent B, Multiply line 7C by line 14.		\$765.00	
16. Amount Parent B pays to Parent A. Insert the amount from 12B as 16B for the final allocated child support amount.  <b>For Shared Parenting only:</b> Subtract line 15B from line 12B for the final allocated child support amount. If the amount on line 16B is negative, Parent A pays the positive sum of the amount in column B to Parent B.		\$210.10	
17. <input type="checkbox"/> For (SSR) only: Mark this box if SSR is the lowest amount. See instructions for details.		\$	



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Lines 13-15 accommodate Shared Parenting Credit on slide 23.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WORKSHEET FOR MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION				
		A. Custodial Parent (CP)	B. Noncustodial Parent (NCP)	C. Both Parents
1.	Monthly gross income	\$4,200.00	\$4,600.00	
2.	Deduction for maintenance payments	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3.	Deduction for other child support for prior-born children	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4.	Adjusted monthly income	\$4,200.00	\$4,600.00	
5.	Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income			\$8,800.00
6.	Percentage of combined monthly adjusted parental gross income	47.7 %	52.3 %	
7.	Base monthly support Amount was determined using: <input type="checkbox"/> Only the NCP's monthly AGI (4B)-SSR applied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parents combined monthly AGI (5C) - SSR not applied			\$1,464.00
8.	Child care costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9.	Child(ren)'s health insurance premium or cash medical support	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
10.	Total child support obligation			\$1,864.00
11.	Each parent's monthly child support obligation	\$889.12	\$974.87	
12.	Subtract child care costs and/or health insurance premiums paid by NCP to the provider		\$0.00	
13.	Monthly amount the NCP pays to the CP		\$974.87	



## Example of CS-71 1.9

**Parent A** Income - \$4200, Insurance \$400

**Parent B** is the custodial parent and the applicant for services. Income \$4600, 182.50 days for 2 children.

The parents have equal parenting time (50/50); therefore, the parent with greater monthly gross income is listed as Parent B. In this scenario the traditional custodial parent in the child support system is Parent B and noncustodial parent is Parent A.

Amount under Line 7(II) \$8800

X  III. Shared Parenting Adjustment – Use amount under 7(II)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY WORKSHEET FOR MONTHLY CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION			
	Parent A (Column A)	Parent B (Column B)	Both Parents (Column C)
1. Monthly gross income.	\$4200.00	\$4600.00	
2. Deduction for maintenance payments.	\$	\$	
3. Deduction for other child support for prior-born children.	\$	\$	
4. Monthly adjusted gross income.	\$4200.00	\$4600.00	
5. Combined monthly adjusted parental gross income.			\$8800.00
6. Percentage of combined monthly adjusted parental gross income.	47.7%	52.3%	
7. Total child support obligation was determined using: <input type="checkbox"/> I. Only Parent B's monthly AGI (4B) – SSR applied <input type="checkbox"/> II. Parents combined monthly AGI (5C) – SSR not applied <b>\$8800.00</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> III. Shared Parenting Adjustment – Use amount under 7 (II)			\$1464.00
8. Childcare costs paid by each parent.	\$		\$
9. Child(ren)'s health insurance premium or cash medical support paid by each parent.	\$400.00	\$	\$400.00
10. Total child support obligation with proportionate share of childcare and healthcare insurance cost.			\$1864.00
11. Each parent's monthly child support obligation.	\$889.12	\$974.87	
12. Subtract childcare or health insurance costs paid by each parent to the provider from each Parent's line 11. Enter result on line 12.  <i>(Skip to line 16 if Shared Parenting Adjustment does not apply)</i>	\$489.12	\$974.87	
13. Shared Parenting Time Applies – Enter number of days for Parent B and complete lines 14 and 15.		182.50	
14. Insert the adjustment percentage credit.		50%	
15. For Parent B, Multiply line 7C by line 14.		\$732.00	
16. Amount Parent B pays to Parent A. Insert the amount from 12B as 16B for the final allocated child support amount.  <b>For Shared Parenting only:</b> Subtract line 15B from line 12B for the final allocated child support amount. If the amount on line 16B is negative, Parent A pays the positive sum of the amount in column B to Parent B.		\$242.87	
17. <input type="checkbox"/> For (SSR) only: Mark this box if SSR is the lowest amount. See instructions for details.		\$	



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# Questions?

For future questions please contact your  
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