



# Practice Exercise #1

2 children (ages 9 and 13), living primarily with Mom (Parent 2)

**Visitation:** Both children visit Dad (Parent 1) every other weekend, alternating holidays, and two weeks each summer.

**Note:** Amounts are monthly unless otherwise noted.

## Parent 1 (Dad)

Not married  
No other children  
Rents apartment  
\$16.50/hour, 36 hours/week (W-2 earnings)  
\$56 union dues  
\$350 health insurance premium (post-tax)  
\$100 mandatory retirement (tax-deferred)

## Parent 2 (Mom)

Not married  
No other children  
Lives with parents  
\$340/week (W-2 earnings)  
\$400 child care for youngest child only

## RESULTS & ANALYSIS

**PGC**..... Father pays Mother **\$641.00** total child support

**DM**..... Father pays Mother \$644.00 total child support

The \$3.00 difference between California's public guideline calculator (PGC) and DissoMaster (DM) is due to the estimated federal and state income tax liabilities for both parents, which is a combined \$53 difference in the estimated net incomes.

Calculating by hand (where K = 0.2975), the difference equates as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PGC} - \text{CS} &= 0.2975 * (1832 - ((1574 + 1832) * 0.81)) = 275.74 * 1.6 = 441.185 \\ \text{DM} - \text{CS} &= 0.2975 * (1869 - ((1590 + 1869) * 0.81)) = 278.07 * 1.6 = 444.91 \end{aligned}$$

PGC rounds at the end of this calculation for basic child support of \$441.00.

DM rounds sometime earlier for basic child support of \$444.00.

Calculation Results Summary

Monthly Support Totals	Parent 1	Parent 2
Monthly Child Support Amount	641.00	0.00
Basic Child Support Amount	441.00	0.00
Child Support Add-Ons Amount	200.00	0.00
Child Care	0.00	400.00
Visit/Travel Expenses	0.00	0.00
School Expenses	0.00	0.00
Uninsured Health Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total Arrears Support Amount	0.00	0.00
Temporary Spousal Support Amount (N/A)	0.00	0.00

Monthly Tax/Income Information (Tax Year: 2009)	Parent 1	Parent 2
Monthly Net Disposable Income	1574.00	1832.00
Monthly Taxable Gross Income	2574.00	1473.00
Monthly Non-Taxable Gross Income	0.00	0.00
Federal Adjusted Gross Income	2474.00	1473.00
Federal Taxable Income	1728.00	0.00
Net Income Of Parties With Support	933.00	2473.00
Federal Tax Filing Status	SINGLE	HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
Number of Tax Exemptions(Federal)	1	3
State Tax Filing Status	SAME AS FEDERAL	SAME AS FEDERAL
Number of Tax Exemptions(State)	1	3
Federal Tax Liabilities	226.00	-442.00
State Tax Liabilities	51.00	-41.00
FICA	197.00	113.00
Self Employment Tax	0.00	0.00
CASDI	21.00	12.00
TANF/CalWORKS	NO	NO

Other Monthly Deduction Totals	Parent 1	Parent 2
Child Support Paid (Other Relationships)	0.00	0.00
Required Union Dues	56.00	0.00
Mandatory Retirement	100.00	0.00
Other Guideline Deductions	0.00	0.00
Health Insurance Premium	350.00	0.00
Hardship Deduction Amount	0.00	0.00
Hardship Deduction Children	0.0	0.0
Necessary Job-Related Expenses	0.00	0.00
Extraordinary Health Expenses	0.00	0.00
Uninsured Catastrophic Losses	0.00	0.00

PARENT 1 is required to pay PARENT 2 \$641.00 in CURRENT SUPPORT

Monthly Support Amounts Per Child	% Time with Parent1	Parent1 Add-Ons	Parent1 Support	Parent1 Total	Parent2 Add-Ons	Parent2 Support	Parent2 Total
FIRST-BORN	19.0%	0.00	154.00	154.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SECOND-BORN	19.0%	200.00	287.00	487.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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<b>Average % Time with NCP</b>	<b>19.0%</b>		200.00	441.00	641.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Child Support Arrears Per Child</b>							

Child Name	Prior Period Date Range	Parent1 Add-Ons	Parent1 Support	Parent1 Total	Parent2 Add-Ons	Parent2 Support	Parent2 Total
FIRST-BORN	Not Applicable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SECOND-BORN	Not Applicable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Calculation Results Detail**

Tax Setting Details		
	Parent 1	Parent 2
<b>Federal Tax Settings</b>		
Include Self-Employment Taxes	YES	YES
Include FICA	YES	YES
Include Medicare	YES	YES
Include Advance Earned Income Credit	YES	YES
Number of Children for Child Care Credits	0	1
Number of Children for Earned Income Credits	0	2
Number of Children for Child Tax Credits	0	2
Parent is Blind	NO	NO
Parent is 65 or Older	NO	NO
New Spouse is Blind	NO	NO
New Spouse is 65 or Older	NO	NO
Married Filing Separately, Lived with Spouse Part of the Year	YES	YES
<b>State Tax Settings</b>		
Include California State Income Taxes	YES	YES
California State Disability Insurance	YES	YES
Dependency Credit for Dependent Parent(s)	NO	NO
Joint Custody Head of Household Credit	NO	NO
California Renter's Credit	YES	NO
Number of Children for Child Tax Credits	0	1
Number of Children for Child Tax Credits		
Include Other State Income Taxes	NO	NO
Other State Tax Rate		
Other State Tax Amount		
Deduction type when NCP and Other Parent are Married Filing Separately		

**Monthly Income Details**

	Parent 1	Parent 2
<b>Wages/Salary</b>	<b>2574.00</b>	<b>1473.00</b>
Parent 1: Based on earned income: \$16.50 HOURLY WAGE, 36 hours / week		
Parent 2: Based on earned income: \$340.00 WEEKLY		
<b>Self-Employment Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Unemployment Compensation</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>Disability (Taxable)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Taxable Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Interest Received	0.00	0.00
Nonqualified Dividends	0.00	0.00
Qualified Dividends	0.00	0.00
Operating Losses and Other Income	0.00	0.00
Short-Term Capital Gains	0.00	0.00
Long-Term Capital Gains	0.00	0.00
Rental Income	0.00	0.00
Social Security Income(Taxable)	0.00	0.00
Line 4e from IRS Form 4952	0.00	0.00
Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gains	0.00	0.00
Royalties	0.00	0.00
Other Taxable Income Adjustments	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Non-Taxable Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Social Security Income (Non-Taxable)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Significant Other/New-Mate Income	0.00	0.00
Tax Exempt Interest	0.00	0.00
Depreciation or Other	0.00	0.00
Disability	0.00	0.00
Worker's Compensation	0.00	0.00
<b>Public Assistance and Child Support Received</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Public Assistance	0.00	0.00
Child Support Received	0.00	0.00
<b>New-Spouse Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Wages/Salary	0.00	0.00
Self-Employment Income	0.00	0.00
Social Security Income(Taxable)	0.00	0.00
Social Security Income(Non-Taxable)	0.00	0.00
Other Taxable Income	0.00	0.00
Spousal Support Paid Other Marriage	0.00	0.00
Retirement Contribution if Adjustments to Income	0.00	0.00
Required Union Dues	0.00	0.00
Necessary Job-Related Expenses	0.00	0.00

Monthly Deduction Details		
	Parent 1	Parent 2
<b>Child Support Paid (Other Relationships)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Spousal Support Paid This Relationship</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Property Tax</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Mortgage Interest</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Other Itemized Deductions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Other Medical Expenses	0.00	0.00
Deductable Interest Expenses	0.00	0.00
Contribution Deduction	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Itemized	0.00	0.00
<b>Required Union Dues</b>	<b>56.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>Health Insurance Premium</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Paid By Party (Pre-Tax)	0.00	0.00
Paid By Party (Post-Tax)	0.00	0.00
Wage Deduction (Pre-Tax)	0.00	0.00
Wage Deduction (Post-Tax)	350.00	0.00
<b>Retirement Contributions</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Mandatory Retirement(Tax-Deffered)	100.00	0.00
Mandatory Retirement(Non-Tax-Deferred)	0.00	0.00
Voluntary Retirement(Non-Tax-Deferred)	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Guideline Deductions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Spousal/Other Partner Support Paid Other Relationship	0.00	0.00
Necessary Job-Related Expenses	0.00	0.00
<b>State Adjustments</b>		
State Adjustments to Income	0.00	0.00
State Adjustments to Itemized Deduction	0.00	0.00
<b>Monthly Hardship Deduction</b>		
Hardship Deduction Amount	0.00	0.00
Hardship Deduction Children	0.0	0.0
<b>Hardship Deduction Expenses</b>		
Extraordinary Health Expenses	0.00	0.00
Uninsured Catastrophic Losses	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Tax Deductions</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Adjustments to Income	0.00	0.00
Other Discretionary Deductions	0.00	0.00
<b>Alternative Minimum Tax Information</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Certain Interest on Home Mortgage	0.00	0.00
Investment Interest	0.00	0.00
Post-1986 Depreciation	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Gain or Loss	0.00	0.00
Incentive Stock Options	0.00	0.00
Passive Activities	0.00	0.00
Estates and Trusts, Schedule K-1	0.00	0.00
Tax Exempt Interest From Private Activity Bond	0.00	0.00
Other Preferences	0.00	0.00
Alternative Minimum Tax Operating Loss Deduction	0.00	0.00

### DissoMaster Data Screen Monthly Figures

Input Data	Father	Mother	Guideline (2009)	Cash Flow Analysis	Gdln.	Prop.
Party Info	Father	Mother	<b>Nets (adjusted)</b>	Comb. net spendable	3459	3689
Number of children	0	2	Father	1590	Percent change	0%
% time with NCP	19.00	0.00	Mother	<b>1869</b>	<b>Father, payor of CS, Prop. CS</b>	6.6%
Filing Status	Single	HH/MLA	Total	3459	Payment cost	644
# federal exemptions	1*	3*	<b>Support</b>		Net spendable income	946
Wages + salary	2574	1473	Presumed CS	-644	Change from guideline	0
Self-employment income	0	0	Basic CS	-444	% of combined spendable	27.4%
Other taxable income	0	0	Add-ons	-200	% of saving over guideline	0%
TANF plus CS received	0	0	Per Kid		Total Taxes	478
Other nontaxable income	0	0	Child 1	-156	Dep. exemptions value	0
New-spouse income	0	0	Child 2	-488	# withholding allowances	2
Wages + Salary	0	0	Spousal	blocke	Net wage paycheck	2080
Self-employment income	0	0	Support	d	<b>Mother</b>	2352
SS paid other marriage	0	0	Total	-644	Payment benefit	644
Retirement contrib. if ATI	0	0	<b>Proposed, Tactic 9</b>		Net spendable income	2513
Required union dues	0	0	Presumed CS	-764	Change from guideline	0
Nec. Job-related exp.	0	0	S. Clara SS	0	% of combined spendable	72.6%
Adj. income (ATI)	0	0	Total	-764	% of saving over guideline	0%
SS paid other marriage	0	0	Comb. Savings	229	Total Taxes	-396
CS paid other relationship	0	0	Total releases to Father	2	Dep. exemptions value	0
Health insurance	350	0			# withholding allowances	4(w5)
Itemized deductions	0	0	<b>Default Case Settings</b>		Net wage paycheck	1479
Other medical expenses	0	0	<b>Default Tax Settings</b>			1479
Property tax expenses	0	0				
Ded. interest expense	0	0				
Charitable contribution	0	0				
Miscellaneous itemized	0	0				
Required union dues	56	0				
Mandatory retirement	100	0				
Hardship deduction	0*	0*				
Other guideline deductions	0	0				
AMT Info (IRS Form 6251)	0	0				
Child support add-ons	0	400				