
SUBMISSION

Where is the realistic shared time

I work for a company in the US from my office in [REDACTED]. This allows me to pick up the kids everyday from school at 3. Because I have to work early in the morning I am unable to drop the kids off in the morning at school. So every night mon-thur I drop them off to the other parent. This means the kids are able to sleep over only on Friday and Saturday. According to the child support calculator I have only 2 nights of care per fortnight for the kids. During the fortnight there so many expenses such as dinner, activities, school needs, medical, etc that are not factored into the care of my children at all. Since my salary is also much larger than the other parent I'm forced to give her over \$30k. The current system doesn't care for or take into consideration all the other expenses and time with kids and only care for where the kids go to sleep (which costs nothing!)

SOLUTIONS

I support the following principles for child support. No child support if care is equally shared. Child support should be based on realistic costs. Illegal activity should not be rewarded.

Child support needs to factor in so much more than where the kids sleep as the calculation for primary care. It needs to break down on a weekly basis per category (food, medical, education, activities, etc) and the hours spent in each category per parent. Allowing each parent to disclose a more accurate reflection of how care is shared. If a child goes to sleep with a parent this should not have a 100% bearing under the classification of 'care' for a child, but should only factor in the care if a child needs attention during that period (e.g. if a child has medical conditions).

Additionally if a parent is illegally preventing the kids from seeing the other parent (parental alienation) this should never be rewarded. There as to be measures in place (with consequences) to prevent paying child support in such cases.