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RE.

CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS. Inquire

TO Whom IT MAY CONCERN,

I am CURRENTLY A Paying
PARENT of 2 GIRLS aged 11 & 13 and would like to
MAKE some SUGGESTIONS REGARDING CURRENT CHILD SUPPORT
ISSUES, IN REGARD TO QUESTION B. WHETHER THE EXISTING
CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA WORKS FAIRLY. ETC.

AS THE PAYER I FIND IT DIFFICULT at 27% of GROSS
WAGES. TO SURVIVE MYSELF, A FAIRER OUTCOME ~~WOULD~~
WOULD BE 27% of my NETT. AS WITH TAX, CHILD Support
ALMOST 50% of my INCOME is gone.

OVERTIME SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE ASSESSMENT
AS IT MAY BE THE ONLY WAY THE PAYER CAN KEEP
FINANCIALLY AFLOAT.

THE FOCUS SHOULD BE TO KEEP THE Paying parent
FINANCIALLY SECURE SO THEY ARE ABLE TO KEEP Paying
- NOT go on WELFARE BECAUSE they LOOSE ALL hope -

THE focus also should be on creating a happy environment for the paying parent by some form of financial incentive, so they can have quality time with their children, not feel worn out from just their financial duty.

Most working paying parents at the grass roots level need to work full days & will be unable to work any sort of arrangement with their employer's - except for the very few who may be self employed or be in an organization that this can be arranged - I don't know any:

The issue of new partners in the life of the payer also need to be changed. - at present new partners are not regarded in any form in regards to any financial assessment. They are just not considered.

This consideration would also go a long way to broken family harmony - the partner not of the ~~option~~ ^{opinion} they are just an outsider.

Hope these may help with any outcomes.
REGARDS

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