

Below is the language used in Arizona in their child support guidelines to discuss how to handle joint physical custody child support calculations. Their calculation is similar to ours and this method is essentially one of the options we have discussed adopting. This is very straight forward and perhaps can be a starting point for us to consider language for our comments.

12. EQUAL CUSTODY

If the time spent with each parent is essentially equal, the expenses for the children are equally shared and adjusted gross incomes of the parents also are essentially equal, no child support shall be paid. If the parents' incomes are not equal, the total child support amount shall be divided equally between the two households and the parent owing the greater amount shall be ordered to pay what is necessary to achieve that equal share in the other parent's household.

EXAMPLE: After making all applicable adjustments under Sections 9 and 13, the remaining child support obligation is \$1,500. The parents' proportionate shares of the
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obligation are \$1,000 and \$500. To equalize the child support available in both households, deduct the lower amount from the higher amount ($\$1,000 - \$500 = \$500$), then divide the balance in half ($\$500 \div 2 = \250). The resulting amount, \$250, is paid to the parent with the lower obligation.