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Q1: When joint physical custody has been ordered, do you have a specific formula or method that you generally utilize to determine the correct amount of child support for each parent to pay?

No,

If YES, what is the formula or method that you generally utilize?
 I make that decision on a case by case basis.

Q2: If the answer to Question Number 1 is NO, how do you determine the amount of child support that each parent should pay?

As I stated above, I make that decision on a case by case basis. I try to evaluate the earning ability of each parent in order to determine what, under those specific circumstances seems fair.

Q3: Please add any comments related to Question Number 1 that you think would be helpful to the Committee.

None

Q4: When joint physical custody has been ordered, do you utilize a different formula or method for determining the amount of child support that each parent should pay for Title IV-D cases than you do for non-Title IV-D cases?

No

Q5: If the answer to Question Number 4 is NO, please explain what formula or method you generally use.

In all circumstances, I review CS-41 and 42 forms to help create a base line for me. I then make my decision, as I described above, on a case by case basis.

Q6: Please add any comments related to Question Number 4 that you think would be helpful to the Committee.

None

Q7: Are there any special factors that should be considered when determining the amount of child support that each parent should pay when joint physical custody has been awarded?

I consider the earnings of each parent and the potential earning ability of each parent. Frankly, I also take into consideration the life style that the children have become accustomed to.

Q8: Do you have criteria for approving settlement agreements when the parties have agreed on joint physical custody and on a child support amount?

Yes,

If YES, what are the criteria?
 I wouldn't necessarily call for special criteria as much as I simply review the agreements to see if I believe that they are fair and workable. That causes me to ask myself certain questions. How far apart do the parents live? How will the decision enhance the wellbeing of the children? What is least disruptive for the children? I guess this again brings me back to my view that these things are decided on a case by case basis.

Q9: Please include any additional comments that you feel would be helpful to the Committee regarding child support when joint physical custody has been awarded.

None

Q10: In what percent of your cases is joint physical custody awarded?

11-20%