

# Supreme Court of Florida

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No. SC10-2344

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## **IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS.**

[March 15, 2012]

PER CURIAM.

In our opinion in this case issued April 7, 2011, the Court adopted six new Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms: form 12.970(a) (Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family); form 12.970(b) (Petition for Concurrent Custody by Extended Family); form 12.970(c) (Waiver of Service of Process and Consent for Temporary Custody by Extended Family); form 12.970(d) (Waiver of Service of Process and Consent for Concurrent Custody by Extended Family); form 12.970(e) (Order Granting Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family); and form 12.970(f) (Order Granting Petition for Concurrent Custody by Extended Family). See In re Amendments to the Fla. Supreme Court Approved

Family Law Forms, 60 So. 3d 979 (Fla. 2011).<sup>1</sup> The six forms were developed in response to recent legislative changes made by chapter 2010-30, Laws of Florida, which was passed by the Florida Legislature and took effect July 1, 2010. See ch. 2010-30, § 9, Laws of Fla. The Court’s opinion invited interested persons to provide comments on the new forms within sixty days. The Court received one comment from the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR), addressing forms 12.970(e) and 12.970(f).<sup>2</sup>

Forms 12.970(e) and 12.970(f) are orders granting petitions for temporary custody by an extended family member and concurrent custody by an extended family member, respectively. The comment from DOR urges the Court to revise the sections in each form pertaining to “Method of Payment” in order to make a number of clarifying changes.<sup>3</sup> Upon consideration of DOR’s comment, and with input from the Advisory Workgroup on the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms, we amend forms 12.970(e) and 12.970(f) as reflected in the appendix to this opinion. The forms are fully engrossed and ready for use. The

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1. Pursuant to our opinion in Amendments to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure & Family Law Forms, 810 So. 2d 1, 13-14 (Fla. 2000), this Court internally reviews and maintains the Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms.

2. We have jurisdiction. See art. V, § 2(a), Fla. Const.

3. In form 12.970(e), section V addresses “Method of Payment.” In form 12.970(f), section IV addresses “Method of Payment.”

forms may also be accessed and downloaded from the Florida State Court's website at [www.flcourts.org/gen\\_public/family/forms\\_rules/index.shtml](http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/forms_rules/index.shtml). By adoption of these forms, we express no opinion as to their correctness or applicability. The amendments shall become effective immediately upon release of this opinion.

It is so ordered.

CANADY, C.J., and PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, POLSTON, LABARGA, and PERRY, JJ., concur.

**THE FILING OF A MOTION FOR REHEARING SHALL NOT ALTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE AMENDMENTS.**

Original Proceeding – The Florida Supreme Court Family Law Forms

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**APPENDIX**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent/Mother

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent/Father.

**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR  
TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY**

This case came before this Court for a hearing on a Petition for Temporary Custody by Extended Family. The Court, having reviewed the file and heard the testimony, makes these findings of fact and reaches these conclusions of law:

**SECTION I. FINDINGS:**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.

2. The minor child(ren) at issue in this matter are:

Name

Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Petitioner, *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ is the *{extended family relationship}* \_\_\_\_\_ of the child(ren).

4. The Mother *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ of the child(ren):

(Choose **one** only)

- Filed a Waiver and Consent
- Was served with the petition and failed to file an Answer
- Is deceased as evidenced by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Objected to the petition. Based upon clear and convincing evidence, the Court finds that the Mother is unfit to provide for the care and control of the child(ren). Specifically, the Mother has abused, abandoned, or neglected the child(ren) as defined in Chapter 39, Florida Statutes. It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Petitioner have temporary custody because: *{facts in support of finding}* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5. The Father *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ of the child(ren):

(Choose **one** only)

- Filed a Waiver and Consent
- Was served with the petition and failed to file an Answer
- Is deceased as evidenced by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Objected to the petition. Based upon clear and convincing evidence, the Court finds that the Father is unfit to provide for the care and control of the child(ren). Specifically, the Father has abused, abandoned, or neglected the child(ren) as defined in Chapter 39, Florida Statutes. It is in the best interest of the child(ren) that the Petitioner have temporary custody because: *{facts in support of finding}* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6. It is in the best interest of the child(ren) for the Petitioner to have temporary custody.

**SECTION II: TEMPORARY CUSTODY**

1. The Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, is granted temporary custody of the minor child(ren).
2. The Petitioner shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a legal parent.
3. The Petitioner is authorized to make all reasonable and necessary decisions for the minor child(ren), including but not limited to:

- a) Consent to all necessary and reasonable medical and dental care for the child(ren), including nonemergency surgery and psychiatric care;
  - b) Secure copies of the child(ren)'s records, held by third parties, that are necessary for the care of the child(ren), including, but not limited to:
    - i. Medical, Dental, and psychiatric records;
    - ii. Birth certificates and other records; and
    - iii. Educational records.
4. Enroll the child(ren) in school and grant or withhold consent for the child(ren) to be tested or placed in special school programs, including exceptional education; and
5. Do all other things necessary for the care of the child(ren).

**SECTION III. TEMPORARY TIME-SHARING WITH MINOR CHILD(REN)**

The parent(s) shall have: (Choose **one** only)

1. \_\_\_ **reasonable** time-sharing with the minor child(ren) as agreed to by the parties, subject to the following limitations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_ the following **specified time-sharing schedule**: *{specify days and times}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mother's Temporary Time-Sharing Schedule.**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Father's Temporary Time-Sharing Schedule.**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_ Time-Sharing in accordance with the temporary **Parenting Plan** attached as Exhibit \_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_ ( ) Mother ( ) Father shall have **No Contact** with the minor child(ren) until further order of the Court, due to existing conditions that are detrimental to the welfare of the minor child(ren): *{explain}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT**

1. The Petitioner \_\_\_ did \_\_\_ did not request the establishment of child support.

2. \_\_\_ **If child support is requested**, the parents have received personal or substituted service of process, the petition requests an order for support of the child(ren), and there is evidence of the parents' ability to pay the support ordered. The ( ) Mother ( ) Father has the present ability to pay child support.

(Choose **one** only)

\_\_\_ The amounts in the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e) filed by the ( ) Mother ( ) Father are correct;

**OR**

\_\_\_ The Court makes the following findings: The Mother's net monthly income is \$\_\_\_\_\_, (Child Support Guidelines \_\_\_%). The Father's net monthly income is \$\_\_\_\_\_, (Child Support Guidelines \_\_\_%) Monthly child care costs are \$\_\_\_\_\_. Monthly health/dental insurance costs are \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

\_\_\_ The ( ) Mother ( ) Father is currently ordered to pay child support to the other parent in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ as established in the case of *{style of case and number}* \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) All of the child support or ( ) a portion of the child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ shall be **redirected** to the Petitioner.

3. **Amount**

a) **Father's Obligation**

The Father shall be obligated to pay child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the\_\_\_\_\_ children *{total number of parties' minor or dependent children}* commencing \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}* and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}*.

Upon the termination of the obligation of child support for one of the parties' children, child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the remaining\_\_\_\_\_ children *{total number of remaining children}* shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}* and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}*.

***{Insert paragraph for the child support obligation, including the amount, commencement, and termination dates, for the remaining minor or dependent children, which shall be payable as the obligation for each child ceases.}***

The Father shall pay child support until all minor or dependent children: reach the age of 18; become emancipated, marry, join the armed services, die, or become self-supporting; or until further order of the court or agreement of the parties. The child support obligation shall continue beyond the age of 18 and until high school graduation for any child who is dependent in fact, between the ages of 18 and 19,

and is still in high school, performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

If the child support ordered deviates from the guidelines more than 5%, the factual findings which support that deviation are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Child support shall be payable ( ) at least once a month and in accordance with Father's employer's payroll cycle, or ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**b) Mother's Obligation**

The Mother shall be obligated to pay child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of parties' minor or dependent children} commencing \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year}.

Upon the termination of the obligation of child support for one of the parties' children, child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the remaining \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of remaining children} shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year}.

***{Insert paragraph for the child support obligation, including the amount, commencement, and termination dates, for the remaining minor or dependent children which shall be payable as the obligation for each child ceases.}***

The Mother shall pay child support until all of the minor or dependent children: reach the age of 18; become emancipated, marry, join the armed services, die, or become self-supporting; or until further order of the court or agreement of the parties. The child support obligation shall continue beyond the age of 18 and until high school graduation for any child who is dependent in fact, between the ages of 18 and 19, and is still in high school, performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

If the child support ordered deviates from the guidelines more than 5%, the factual findings which support that deviation are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Child support shall be payable ( ) at least once a month and in accordance with the Mother's employer's payroll cycle, or ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Arrearages/Retroactive Child Support**

a) The ( ) Mother ( ) Father owes child support arrearages in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as of {date} \_\_\_\_\_ to the other parent. The child support arrearages shall be repaid in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable ( ) in accordance with the employer's payroll cycle, and in any event at least once per month ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_ commencing {date} \_\_\_\_\_, until paid in full including statutory interest.

b) The ( ) Mother ( ) Father owes retroactive child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as of {date} \_\_\_\_\_ to the Petitioner. The retroactive child support shall be repaid in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable ( ) in accordance with the employer's payroll cycle, and in any event at least once per month ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_ commencing {date} \_\_\_\_\_, until paid in full including statutory interest.

**5. Insurance**

(Choose **all** that apply)

a) ( ) Mother ( ) Father shall be required to maintain ( ) health and/or ( ) dental insurance for the parties' minor child(ren), so long as reasonable in cost and accessible to the child(ren). The party providing insurance shall be required to convey insurance cards demonstrating said coverage to the Petitioner and other parent.

**OR**

( ) health and/or ( ) dental insurance is either not reasonable in cost or accessible to the child(ren) at this time.

b) \_\_\_ Reasonable and necessary uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug costs for the minor child(ren) shall be assessed as follows:  
( ) Shared equally by both parents.  
( ) Prorated according to the child support guidelines percentages.  
( ) Other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_

As to these uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug expenses, the party who incurs the expense shall submit a request for reimbursement to the parent or parents within 30 days, and the parent or parents, within 30 days of receipt, shall submit the applicable reimbursement for that expense.

**SECTION V. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The parent(s) shall pay court-ordered child support and arrearages, if any, as follows:

**1. Place of Payment**

a) \_\_\_ Parent(s) shall pay court-ordered support directly to either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository, as required by statute, along with any fee required by statute.

**OR**

b) \_\_\_ The Petitioner and the Parent(s) have requested and the Court finds that it is in the best interest of the child(ren) that support payments need not be directed through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository at this time; however, any party may subsequently apply, pursuant to section 61.13(1)(d)(3), Florida Statutes, to require payment through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository.

**2. Income Deduction  
(If applicable)**

a) \_\_\_ **Immediate.** ( ) Mother ( ) Father, hereinafter, Obligor(s), shall pay through income deduction, pursuant to a separate Income Deduction Order which shall be effective immediately. Obligor is individually responsible for paying this support obligation until all of said support is deducted from his/her income. Until support payments are deducted, the Obligor is responsible for making timely payments directly to the State Disbursement Unit or the Petitioner as previously set forth in this Order.

b) \_\_\_ **Deferred.** Income deduction is ordered this day, but it shall not be effective until a delinquency of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or, if not specified, an amount equal to one month's obligation occurs. Income deduction is not being implemented immediately based on the following findings: Income deduction is **not** in the best interests of the child(ren) because: *{explain}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**AND**

There is proof of timely payment of a previously ordered obligation without an Income Deduction Order,

**AND**

( ) there is an agreement by the Obligor(s) to advise the State Disbursement Unit of any change in Payor and/or health insurance OR ( ) there is a signed, written agreement providing an alternative arrangement between the Petitioner and the Obligor(s).

3. **Bonus/one-time payments.**

[Choose **one** only]

( ) All ( ) \_\_\_\_\_% ( ) No income paid in the form of a bonus or other similar one-time payment, up to the amount of any arrearage or the remaining balance thereof owed pursuant to this order, shall be forwarded to the Petitioner pursuant to the payment method prescribed above.

4. **Other provisions relating to method of payment:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION VI. ATTORNEY FEES, COSTS, AND SUIT MONEY**

(Choose **one** only)

1. \_\_\_ ( ) Petitioner's ( ) Respondents' request(s) for attorney fees, costs, and suit money is (are) denied because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_ The Court finds there is a need for and ability to pay attorney fees, costs, and suit money. ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent(s) is (are) ordered to pay the other party \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in attorney fees, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in costs. The Court further finds that the attorney fees are awarded based on the reasonable rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour and \_\_\_\_\_ reasonable hours. Other provisions relating to attorney fees, costs, and suit money are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION VII. OTHER PROVISIONS**

1. **Other Provisions** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Court reserves jurisdiction to modify and enforce this Order for Temporary Custody.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in \_\_\_\_\_, Florida on *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

A copy of this Order for Temporary Custody was: [Choose **one** only]  
( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) hand delivered to the parties listed below on  
*{date}* \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ *{clerk of court or designee}*.

Petitioner (or his or her attorney)  
Respondents (or his or her attorney)  
State Disbursement Unit  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent/Father

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent/Mother.

**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR  
CONCURRENT CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY**

This case came before this Court for a hearing on a Petition for Concurrent Custody by Extended Family. The Court, having reviewed the file and heard the testimony, makes these findings of fact and reaches these conclusions of law:

**SECTION I. FINDINGS:**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.

2. The minor child(ren) at issue in this matter are:

Name

Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The Petitioner, *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ is the *{extended family relationship}* \_\_\_\_\_ of the child(ren).

4. The Petitioner currently has physical custody of the child(ren) and has had physical custody of the child(ren) for at least 10 days in any 30-day period within the last 12 months.

5. The Petitioner does not have signed, written documentation from the parent(s) which is sufficient to enable the custodian to do all the things necessary to care for the child(ren) which are available to custodians who have an order for temporary custody by extended family.
  
6. The Mother *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ of the child(ren):  
 (choose **one** only)  
 Filed a Waiver and Consent  
 Was served with the petition and failed to file an Answer  
 Is deceased as evidenced by: \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. The Father *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ of the child(ren):  
 (choose **one** only)  
 Filed a Waiver and Consent  
 Was served with the petition and failed to file an Answer  
 Is deceased as evidenced by: \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. It is in the best interest of the child(ren) for the Petitioner to have concurrent custody.

**SECTION II: CONCURRENT CUSTODY**

1. The Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, is granted concurrent custody of the minor child(ren).
  
2. The Petitioner shall have all the concurrent rights and responsibilities of a legal parent.
  
3. The Petitioner is authorized to make all reasonable and necessary decisions for the minor child(ren), including but not limited to:
  - a) Consent to all necessary and reasonable medical and dental care for the child(ren), including nonemergency surgery and psychiatric care;
  - b) Secure copies of the child(ren)'s records, held by third parties, that are necessary for the care of the child(ren), including, but not limited to:
    - i. Medical, Dental, and psychiatric records;
    - ii. Birth certificates and other records; and
    - iii. Educational records.
  
4. Enroll the child(ren) in school and grant or withhold consent for the child(ren) to be tested or placed in special school programs, including exceptional education; and
  
5. Do all other things necessary for the care of the child(ren).

**SECTION III. CHILD SUPPORT**

1. The Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ did \_\_\_\_\_ did not request the establishment of child support.
2. **\_\_\_ If child support is requested,** the parents have received personal or substituted service of process, the petition requests an order for support of the child(ren), and there is evidence of the parents' ability to pay the support ordered. The ( ) Mother ( ) Father has the present ability to pay child support

(Choose **one** only)

\_\_\_ The amounts in the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e) filed by the ( ) Mother ( ) Father are correct;

**OR**

\_\_\_ The Court makes the following findings: The Mother's net monthly income is \$\_\_\_\_\_, (Child Support Guidelines \_\_\_%). The Father's net monthly income is \$\_\_\_\_\_, (Child Support Guidelines \_\_\_%) Monthly child care costs are \$\_\_\_\_\_. Monthly health/dental insurance costs are \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

\_\_\_ The ( ) Mother ( ) Father is currently ordered to pay child support to the other parent in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ as established in the case of *(style of case and number)* \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) All of the child support or ( ) a portion of the child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ shall be **redirected** to the Petitioner.

3. **Amount**

**a) Father's Obligation**

The Father shall be obligated to pay child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ children *{total number of parties' minor or dependent children}* commencing \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}* and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}*.

Upon the termination of child support for one of the parties' children, child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the remaining \_\_\_\_\_ children *{total number of remaining children}* shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}* and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ *{month, day, year}*.

***{Insert paragraph for the child support obligation, including the amount, commencement, and termination dates, for the remaining minor or dependent children, which shall be payable as the obligation for each child ceases.}***

The Father shall pay child support until all of the minor or dependent children: reach the age of 18, become emancipated, marry, join the armed services, die, or become self-supporting; or until further order of the court or agreement of the parties. The child support obligation shall continue beyond the age of 18 and until high school graduation for any child who is dependent in fact, between the ages of 18 and 19, and is still in high school, performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

If the child support ordered deviates from the guidelines more than 5%, the factual findings which support that deviation are: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Child support shall be payable ( ) at least once a month and in accordance with the Father's employer's payroll cycle, or ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**b) Mother's Obligation**

The Mother shall be obligated to pay child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of parties' minor or dependent children} commencing {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year}.

Upon the termination of the obligation of child support for one of the parties' children, child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the remaining \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of remaining children} shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ month, day, year}.

***{Insert paragraph for the child support obligation, including the amount, commencement, and termination dates, for the remaining minor or dependent children, which shall be payable as the obligation for each child ceases.}***

The Mother shall pay child support until all of the minor or dependent children: reach the age of 18; become emancipated, marry, join the armed services, die, or become self-supporting; or until further order of the court or agreement of the parties. The child support obligation shall continue beyond the age of 18 and until high school graduation for any child who is dependent in fact, between the ages of 18 and 19, and is still in high school, performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.



If the child support ordered deviates from the guidelines more than 5%, the factual findings which support that deviation are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Child support shall be payable ( ) at least once a month and in accordance with the Mother's employer's payroll cycle, or ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Arrearages/Retroactive Child Support**

a) The ( ) Mother ( ) Father owes child support arrearages in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as of {date} \_\_\_\_\_ to the other parent. The child support arrearages shall be repaid in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable ( ) in accordance with the employer's payroll cycle, and in any event at least once per month ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ commencing {date} \_\_\_\_\_, until paid in full including statutory interest.

b) The ( ) Mother ( ) Father owes retroactive child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as of {date} \_\_\_\_\_ to the Petitioner. The retroactive child support shall be repaid in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable ( ) in accordance with the employer's payroll cycle, and in any event at least once per month ( ) other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ commencing {date} \_\_\_\_\_, until paid in full including statutory interest.

**5. Insurance**

(Choose **all** that apply)

a) ( ) Mother ( ) Father shall be required to maintain ( ) health and/or ( ) dental insurance for the parties' minor child(ren), so long as reasonable in cost and accessible to the child(ren). The party providing insurance shall be required to convey insurance cards demonstrating said coverage to the Petitioner and other parent.

**OR**

( ) health and/or ( ) dental insurance is either not reasonable in cost or accessible to the child(ren) at this time.

b) \_\_\_ Reasonable and necessary uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug costs for the minor child(ren) shall be assessed as follows:

- ( ) Shared equally by both parents.
- ( ) Prorated according to the child support guidelines percentages.
- ( ) Other *{explain}* \_\_\_\_\_

As to these uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug expenses, the party who incurs the expense shall submit a request for reimbursement to the parent or parents within 30 days, and the parent or parents, within 30 days of receipt, shall submit the applicable reimbursement for that expense.

**SECTION IV. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

The parent(s) shall pay court-ordered child support and arrearages, if any, as follows:

**1. Place of Payment**

- a) \_\_\_ Parents shall pay court-ordered support directly to either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository, as required by statute, along with any applicable fee required by statute.

**OR**

- b) \_\_\_ The Petitioner and the Parents have requested and the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child(ren) that support payments need not be directed through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository at this time; however, any party may subsequently apply, pursuant to section 61.13(1)(d)(3), Florida Statutes, to require payment through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository.

**2. Income Deduction  
(If applies)**

- a) \_\_\_ **Immediate.** ( ) Mother ( ) Father, hereinafter, Obligor(s), shall pay through income deduction, pursuant to a separate Income Deduction Order which shall be effective immediately. Obligor is individually responsible for paying this support obligation until all of said support is deducted from his/her income. Until support payments are deducted, the Obligor is responsible for making timely payments directly to the State Disbursement Unit or the Petitioner as previously set forth in this Order.
- b) \_\_\_ **Deferred.** Income deduction is ordered this day, but it shall not be effective until a delinquency of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or, if not specified, an amount equal to one month's obligation occurs. Income deduction is not being implemented immediately based on the following findings: Income deduction is **not** in the best interests of the child(ren) because: *{explain}* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**AND**

There is proof of timely payment of a previously ordered obligation without an Income Deduction Order,

**AND**

( ) there is an agreement by the Obligor(s) to advise the State Disbursement Unit of any change in Payor and/or health insurance **OR** ( ) there is a signed, written agreement providing an alternative arrangement between the Petitioner and Obligor(s).

**3. Bonus/one-time payments.**

[Choose **one** only]

( ) All ( ) \_\_\_\_\_% ( ) No income paid in the form of a bonus or other similar one-time payment, up to the amount of any arrearage or the remaining balance thereof owed pursuant to this order, shall be forwarded to the Petitioner pursuant to the payment method prescribed above.

**4. Other provisions relating to method of payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V. ATTORNEY FEES, COSTS, AND SUIT MONEY**

(Choose **one** only)

1. \_\_\_ ( ) Petitioner's ( ) Respondents' request(s) for attorney fees, costs, and suit money is (are) denied because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. \_\_\_ The Court finds there is a need for and ability to pay attorney fees, costs, and suit money. ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent(s) is (are) ordered to pay the other party \$\_\_\_\_\_ in attorney fees, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in costs. The Court further finds that the attorney fees are awarded based on the reasonable rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour and \_\_\_\_\_ reasonable hours. Other provisions relating to attorney fees, costs, and suit money are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION VI. OTHER PROVISIONS**

1. **Other Provisions** \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The Court reserves jurisdiction to modify and enforce this Order for Concurrent Custody.
3. The granting of concurrent custody does not affect the ability of the child(ren)'s parent or parents to obtain physical custody of the child(ren) at any time.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in \_\_\_\_\_, Florida on *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

A copy of this Order for Concurrent Custody was:

[Choose **one** only] (  ) mailed (  ) faxed and mailed (  ) hand delivered to the parties listed below on *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_. *{Clerk of court or designee}*

Petitioner (or his or her attorney)

Respondents (or his or her attorney)

State Disbursement Unit or Central Depository

Other \_\_\_\_\_