

# Iowa Support Master Beginners and Calculating Child Support in Iowa

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- I. Zoom Instructions
  - a. In the upper right corner of your screen, the Zoom screen, you will see a small icon and “View”. Click on “View”
  - b. Select “Fullscreen”
  - c. Click “Reactions” at the bottom of the screen to raise your hand.
  - d. Unmute your mic and ask a question.
  
- II. Introductions
  - a. Mike Alft 610-368-5749 (Math – Taxes – Tech Support)
  - b. Pat Wilson 515-822-0203 (Guidelines – Sales)
  
- III. Update Program
  - a. [lowasupportmaster.com](http://lowasupportmaster.com) – Download.
  - b. Download/Reg code always available – share email to office.
  
- IV. Support Master Help
  - a. Help Files
  - b. Guidelines Link
  
- V. Preparing to Prepare a Form 1 – Garbage In, Garbage Out
  - a. Info Gathering – Guidelines Button.
  - b. Know the Guidelines and Rules.
  - c. Can you explain your results?
  - d. Confidence. Bull\$\*#! your way or know your way.
  - e. Read the “Iowa Child Support Guidelines Review Committee Report” – link.
    - i. Page 20 – Prior Medical Support for Other Children
    - ii. Page 24 – Variance for Child Care Expenses
    - iii. Page 28 – Split vs Equally Shared. Explained.
    - iv. Page 29 – New Financial Gathering Information Form (Page 62).
  
- VI. Conduct Polls
  - a. Have you ever prepared a Form 1 by hand?
  - b. The most difficult issues of preparing a Form 1?
  - c. Numbers Never Match

## VII. Comparing Numbers – Forms

- a. Are they using Support Master?
  - i. Bottom of Form 1 – copyright.
  - ii. About.
- b. Child Support Recovery Worksheets
- c. Head of House Value 2021 \$18,000
- d. Head of House Value 2022 \$19,400
- e. Single 2021 \$12,550
- f. Single 2022 \$12,950
- g. Lines A and C on page 3, Form 1 – Check the Tables

## VIII. Example Cases

- a. Sample 2 – 3 kids
  - i. QAD vs. Pays Support
  - ii. Health Insurance - \$12,000
    - 1. Unreasonable
    - 2. Pushes Through
    - 3. Form 1
  - iii. Analysis – Who best benefits?
  - iv. Special Ops
- b. Sample 3 – Spousal Support – 2 kids
  - i. Enter All First – Screen by Screen
  - ii. Spousal Support Feature
    - 1. Click – More Spousal Support Options
    - 2. Enter Numbers - Click
  - iii. Google “Illinois Spousal Support 2021”
  - iv. <https://www.equitablemediation.com/blog/illinois-alimony>
- c. Sample 4 - 3 kids – Child Care – Health Insurance – Step Downs
  - i. Variance Rules PDF - Link
  - ii. Variance Guide PDF - Link
  - iii. Tax Info – Claiming Kids
    - 1. Step down.
  - iv. Child Care - \$500 Mo. – 1 Child
    - 1. Variance?
    - 2. Step down.
  - v. Medical
    - 1. Simple Calculator
    - 2. \$12,000 Family - \$6,000 Single

3. How many covered?
4. Cost of Health Insurance
5. Guides - Guidelines
- vi. Number of Children – Step Downs
- vii. Add a QAD – Health Insurance

**d. Sample 5 – 2 kids – IPERS and Pre-Tax Income**

- i. NCP operates his own business. Self-Employed
    1. Cash Medical – No Insurance
    2. Medical – 252E.1A(b) or (c).
  - ii. CP is a teacher – IPERS – \$62,000 - Other Income
- e. Sample 6 – High Income
- f. Sample 7 – Blended
- g. New Guidelines.
- h. Miscellaneous Features