

## THE FOUR CHILD SUPPORT CALCULATIONS

These four (4) Child Support calculations are simple mathematical determinations and are summarized below:

### Calculation 1.

Combine (add together) the monthly gross income of both of the parents.

### Calculation 2.

Use the total, combined income figure from Calculation 1 above and, based on the number of children involved, determine the basic support due from the North Carolina [Basic Child Support Obligation Table](#). This amount is then increased by seventy-five percent (75%), or more depending on the circumstances, of work related day care costs and the cost of health insurance premiums for the child(ren).

### Calculation 3.

Determine each parent's percentage of child support by dividing the mother's and the father's monthly income by the combined monthly income. This result is the pro-rata, or percentage share of the total child support obligations paid by each parent.

### Calculation 4.

Allocate the child support obligation between the parents based on the percentages determined in Calculation 3 above and adjust for costs and expenses paid directly by each parent.

You can see a working example of these calculations in an example that immediately follows this point in the text or you may simply [click here to skip ahead to the working example](#).