

Minutes

Child Support Schedule Workgroup

Subcommittee: Self-Support Reserve

Friday, March 24th, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Teams Webinar | [Miro Board](#)

Attendance

Members Appearing:

Raymond Allen	Amy Roark	Jennifer Turner
Joy Moore	Kaha Arte	<i>Facilitator: Rachelle Jennings</i>
Tami Chavez	Terry Price	<i>Note taker: Lucas Camacho</i>

Public Attendees: None

Agenda Details

1. Welcome and Introduction

- a. Agenda Review
- b. Ice Breaker – what does success for this subcommittee look like for you?
 - Through diligent research, provide input and make a recommendation to the larger group and arrive at consensus
 - Create a Self-Support Reserve amount that creates a safe, stable environment for parents and is in the best interest of the children
 - Contribute to more realistic child support orders.
- c. Agreements
 - Same as the larger group's

Agreements

- Raise hand to speak - speak in turn, don't interrupt
- Positive vibes and respect - be the energy you want back
- Respect everybody's different values and perspectives
- Encourage alternate views
- Be open minded
- Honesty
- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- Courtesy
- Be on time and timely
- Ask clarifying questions to ensure you understand the speaker
- Active listening and feedback
- Be curious
- Assume good intent
- Try not to take things personally
- Be mindful
- Do not judge
- Be present

2. Subcommittee Logistics

- a. Timeline

- Subcommittees meet twice per month until June, when the final report is due.
- b. Roles and Responsibilities
 - Lead (Ray) will provide progress updates, reports, and recommendations to the larger group as well as produce the final report that summarizes the subcommittee’s research.
 - Members provide input, attend meetings, complete assigned tasks, research outside of scheduled time, and forward source materials to supportschedule@dshs.wa.gov to be posted to webpage.
 - Facilitator will set up Teams meetings, send invitations
 - Note takers take notes during meetings, post minutes, and incorporate additional feedback to finalize said minutes.
- c. Charter
 - Mission/Purpose
 1. Provide underlying research to explain and support subcommittee recommendations.
 2. Evaluate the current Self-Support Reserve and determine if it’s enough to support a single-person household
 3. Add reasonable worksheet deductions. What is a reasonable deduction?
 - In Scope
 1. Exploring possible alternative Self-Support Reserve models
 2. Finding the new current cost of raising a child in WA
 3. Including a formula for low-income parents that accounts for all children
 - Out of Scope
 1. Sanctions/penalties
 2. Anything not directly involving the Self-Support Reserve
 - Impact
 1. All parents
 2. Low income families
 3. Courts and attorneys
 4. DCS staff

3. Focus

- a. What is the area of focus?
 - Self-Support Reserve
 - Incomes and situations
 - Including a formula for low-income parents that accounts for all children
 1. Invite Janelle Wilson to next meeting to elaborate on this idea?
 - Adding deductions
 1. Deductions for treatment program costs?
 - Different SSR based on location/county
 - Research other state’s SSRs and see which ones work vs which ones don’t.
- b. What is this group most interested in?
- c. Research Discussion
 - What does “basic needs” mean? What factors determine it?
 - If other states are doing county-based SSR or doing annual reviews to get an adjustment
 - History of the workgroup and what happened when SSR has been addressed before

4. Decisions, Tasks, and Next Steps

- a. Homework

- Research history of SSR in the Child Support Schedule Workgroup
- Research other states doing county-based SSR or auto-adjustments
- Research what factors determine what basic needs are
- Due at next meeting.
- Outside collaboration can be done via the subcommittee's Dropbox:

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/2023%20Child%20Support%20Schedule%20Workgroup>

b. Talking Points

- Gained an overall understanding of process and scope
- Great teamwork
- Look more into the foundation ideas like automatic deductions and if there are county specific SSRs

5. Next Meeting

- a. Friday, April 14th at 3:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm