

HB1382: Presumption of Shared Parenting & HB1647: Calculation of Child Support

As our elected policy makers who have the greatest ability to reform outdated statutes to better protect New Hampshire Children and Families, we are respectfully requesting your support on two very important bills.

More than 40 years of scientific research provides overwhelming evidence that, when parents are living apart, children generally do best when the parents share in the day-to-day care of their children. In part because of this benefit to children, and in part because of the changing patterns of family life, separated parents are increasingly choosing shared parenting instead of the outdated "sole-custody/visitation" model of separated parenting.

It is indisputable that children need financial resources in order to flourish. But child support is for the children; it should follow the children; it should support them in both of their homes when they have homes with both of their parents.



National Parents Organization

2022 Report Card for New Hampshire, on Child Support and Shared Parenting.

These Reports were implemented, not to address what the Courts are doing, but to address what is being legislated and passed to protect children. **New Hampshire received an "F". NH is one of 9 States that do not have parenting time adjustments.** To see the full report on the importance of Equal Shared Parenting with both fit parents and appropriate Child Support Orders.

Log onto: www.sharedparenting.org

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, children raised in one parent homes contribute to the ills facing America today

More likely to face abuse or neglect

More likely to have substance abuse issues

7x More likely to become pregnant as a teenager

4x Greater risk of poverty

2x More likely to drop out of high school

More likely to have behavioral problems

More likely to get divorced

2019 NPO REPORT CARD NH RECEIVED A "C" ON STATUTES
Grading Legislators on the statutes they have passed on shared parenting.

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2022 NH LEGISLATORS WERE GRADED ON PARENTING TIME ADJUSTMENT
how they divide the combined income between the two households.

2

NH 2022 "F" NO PARENTING TIME ADJUSTMENT AT ALL
combined obligation between mom and dad 100% of that obligation goes to the custodial parent no matter how much parenting time the non-custodial parent (obligor) has.

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**Child Protections:
The most under addressed issue in New Hampshire!**

This is noted in the local and national news media almost daily. The New Hampshire family courts, DCYF, the Sununu Center (YDC), are lacking child protections. This must be addressed immediately. **Let's start with accountability for judges, attorney's, guardian ad litem, court-ordered therapists, mediators, DCYF employees, as well as the committees and boards that oversee them, i.e. JCC, GAL Board, Mental Health Board and Bureau of Child Support Services.** We need oversight, not peer-on peer-reviews. An independent, outside study is essential to address the shortcomings for children in these areas. Oversight is vital to ensure laws that are legislated are being enforced. New Hampshire is falling short in these areas and our **Children are the ones suffering.**



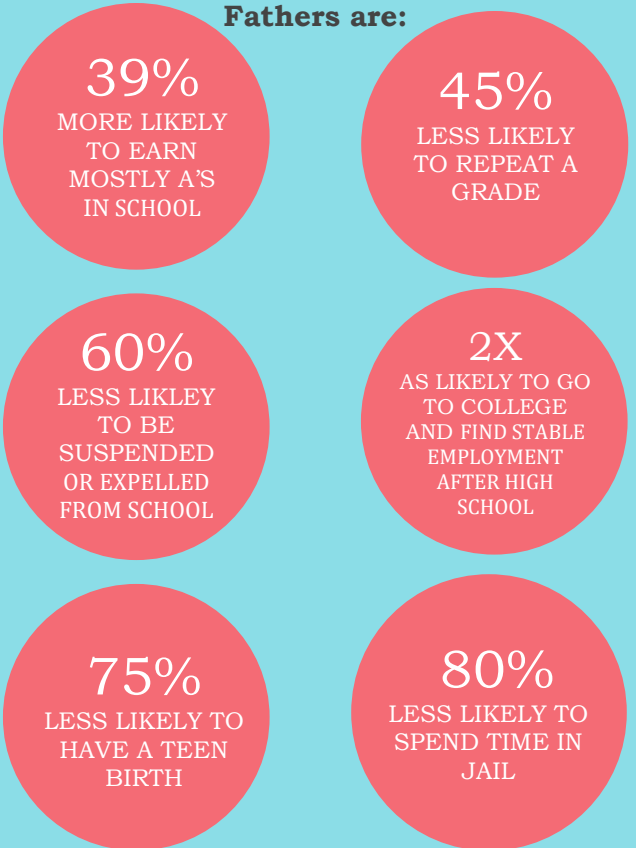
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
Research and Statistics
Family Court Cases Filed by Case Category
07/14/2016 - 07/14/2019 Statement

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Domestic Violence	16,317	16,069	15,624
Grand Total	16,317	16,069	15,624

Kentucky, was the first state to implement Shared Parenting 2017, in temporary orders and 2018 in final orders, domestic violence reporting has declined each year!

Statistically 85% of the time fathers become the non-custodial parent. In the United States, 23.9 million children live absent of their biological fathers.

Children who grow up with INVOLVED Fathers are:



CHILDREN & FAMILY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Do you support New Hampshire Children having equal access to both fit, able and willing parent after separation or divorce, absent clear and convincing evidence of abuse or neglect? **HB1382 Presumption of 50/50 Shared Parenting, will allow New Hampshire children to have equal access with both parents after separation or divorce and not relegate one parent to the role as a visitor in the lives of their children.**

Do you support parents having more equal parenting plans (including overnights) and a fair support order to accommodate two households? **Passing HB1647 relative to the Calculation of Child Support in Equal Parenting Cases affords both parents the means and ability to contribute to the everyday care of children when in their care.** As the law is written now, it does not matter if the custodial parent makes \$1 or \$1 less than the non-custodial parent even if they share 50/50 residential responsibility. The "Custodial" parent (Obligee) receives the full support obligation leaving the non-custodial parenting (obligor) unable to make ends meet.

Please vote in opposition of SB431-FN as this bill would be detrimental to child welfare and cause a significant financial burden to New Hampshire families.

Support HB1382 Presumption of Shared Parenting & HB1647 Calculation of Child Support

Help NH Legislators Pass these Important Bills!

The Best Interests of New Hampshire Children Must be Protected!