



# Evidence Checklist

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In North Carolina, a 50/50 custody schedule (182.5 overnights) **does not mean child support automatically drops to zero**. If you believe your child needs more financial support to maintain their standard of living across both households — or if the other parent is unreasonably claiming they owe nothing — use this checklist to gather the evidence required for an accurate Worksheet B calculation or a deviation request.

## 1 PROOF OF TRUE GROSS INCOME (BOTH PARENTS)

- ☐ **W-2s and Pay Stubs** — The last 3–6 months of pay stubs and prior year W-2s to establish base salary.
- ☐ **Variable Income Documentation** — Proof of bonuses, commissions, or overtime (requires a 12- to 24-month historical average).
- ☐ **Self-Employment / 1099 Records** — Business bank statements, P&L statements, and tax returns (K-1s, Schedule C) to uncover hidden cash flow or personal expenses run through the business.
- ☐ **Unearned Income** — Statements showing rental income, dividends, trust payouts, or VA/disability benefits.

## 2 VERIFICATION OF ACTUAL OVERNIGHTS

- ☐ **Custody Order / Separation Agreement** — The legal document outlining the theoretical 50/50 schedule.
- ☐ **Actual Execution Calendar** — A tracked calendar (e.g., OurFamilyWizard or documented notes) proving how many nights the other parent actually exercised.

*Remember: a late evening visit or dinner is not a midnight overnight.*

## 3 MANDATORY "ADD-ON" EXPENSES

- ☐ **Child's Health Insurance Premium** — Documentation from HR or the insurance provider showing the exact cost difference between employee-only coverage and employee+child coverage.

## 4 EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES (FOR INCLUSION OR DEVIATION)

- ☐ **Work-Related Childcare** — Invoices, receipts, and canceled checks from daycares, after-school programs, or summer camps necessary for you to work or attend school.
- ☐ **Specialized Medical / Dental** — Receipts for ongoing unreimbursed expenses (orthodontics, physical therapy, counseling) exceeding \$250/year.
- ☐ **Educational Needs** — Private school tuition invoices, especially if historically agreed upon or required for a child's specific learning needs.
- ☐ **Extracurriculars & Travel Sports** — Ledgers for high-level activities (e.g., travel cheerleading, club soccer) including coaching fees, uniforms, and travel costs (gas, hotels, airfare).
- ☐ **Visitation Travel** — Receipts for long-distance travel expenses directly related to facilitating custody exchanges.

### Ready for a formal evaluation of your case?

Contact Cape Fear Family Law to discuss your Worksheet B calculation or deviation request.

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