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The Texas Child Support Calculator

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The Texas Child Support Calculator

Accurate calculation of a child support obligation is not easy. You have to be sure that you have considered all the factors – and it's easy to make a mistake, especially if you are not doing the calculations every day.

The **Texas Child Support Calculator** can make your life simpler. It will help you get back to practicing law and stop trying to follow complex instructions.

The Bradley Advantage

Accuracy is our chief concern, coupled with ease-of-use.

The **Texas Child Support Calculator** takes the form of a structured interview, asking questions in plain English, and providing guidance to make sure your client's interests are best met.

Accurate and easy to use, that's the **Bradley Advantage.**



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A Program Tour

The **Texas Child Support Calculator**, like all Bradley Software products, can be downloaded as “7-day Free Trial” from our website. Not some “crippled” demo, these programs are the full-featured working versions. Our “free trial” concept provides a way for you to see how the program works before purchasing.

To give you a little preview, however, the following pages will illustrate how easy the program is to run and yet how flexible it is.

The following pages can also be retained as a “users guide,” so that after you have downloaded the “7-day Free Trial” you’ll be ready to create an accurate child support calculation in no time – and the program will automatically create an exhibit showing the calculation details for attachment to your application for support.



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Texas Child Support Calculator

File View Print Preferences Help

TX << TEXAS CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET 2006 >>

COURT & PARTIES

Courtname (Required) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Court location Civil Court Department

Judicial district Division 99

Caption style In the Matter of

Petitioner name Mary Doe

Respondent name Jane Doe

Case no. 99 C 9999

Worksheet to be filed by Mother

Worksheet prepared by Attorneys for Petitioner

Effective date for reports Use Today

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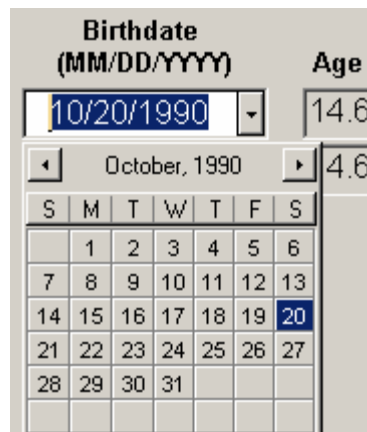
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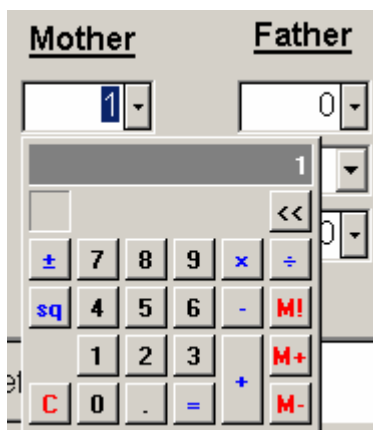
Ease of Use Features

The Calendar tool

Any date can be entered simply by typing the date in mm/dd/yyyy format. You can also enter the date by clicking on the arrow to the right of the date window to pull down a calendar which you can scroll to the correct date.



The Calculator Tool



Any number can be entered simply by typing the number in the field. However, sometimes you need to calculate what the number should be. You can use the drop-down calculator by clicking on the arrow to the right of the amount window to pull down a calculator where you use all the functions to calculate the entry.

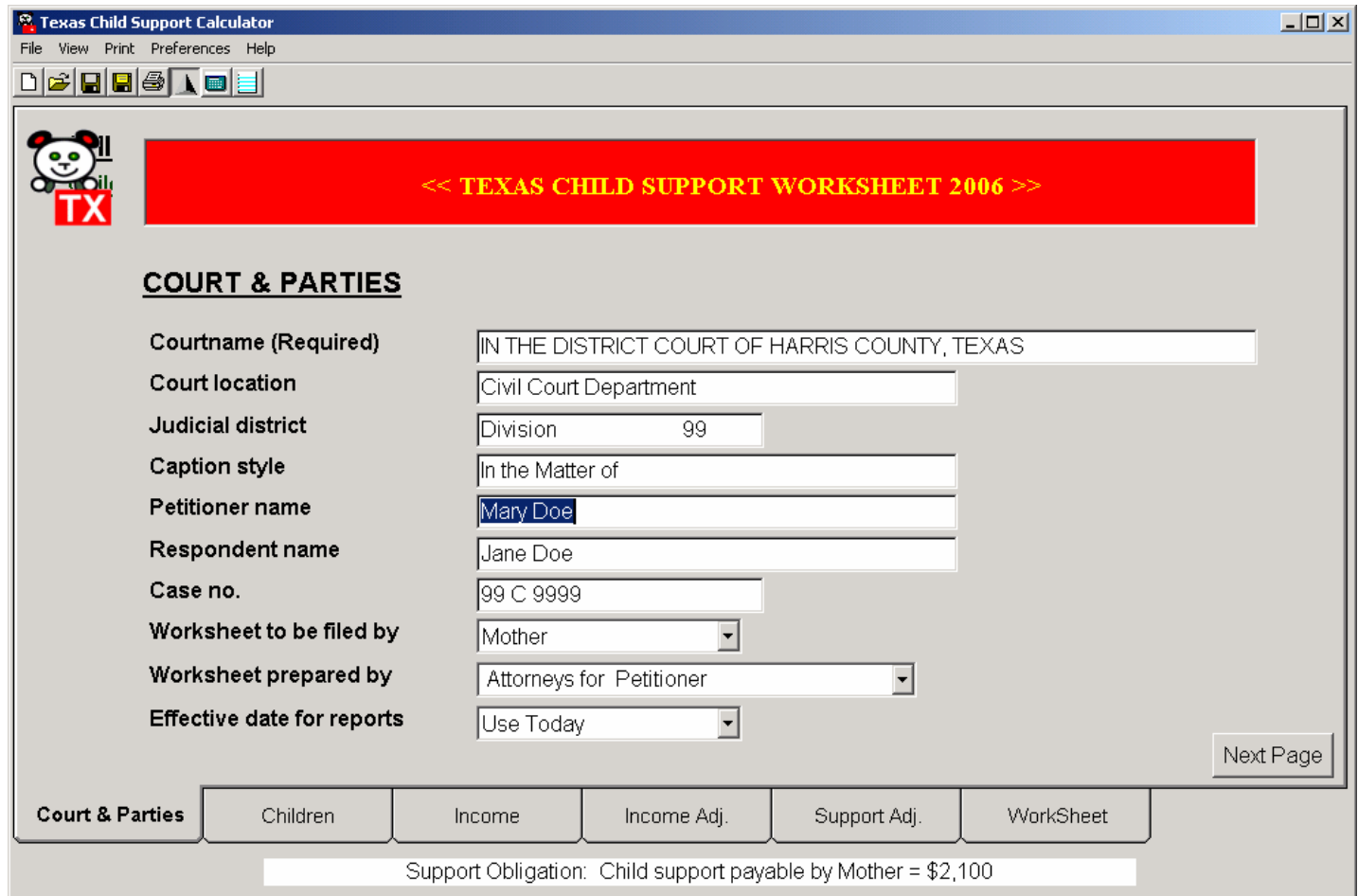
Real-Time Results Display



You will always know what the support obligation is by looking at the real-time results view located below the tabs.

Courts & Parties Page

When the program starts, you'll see the Courts & Parties page for entry of court and case general information.



The screenshot shows the 'Texas Child Support Calculator' application window. The title bar includes 'File View Print Preferences Help' and a toolbar with icons for file operations. A red banner at the top reads '<< TEXAS CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET 2006 >>'. Below this is a panda logo with 'TX' and the heading 'COURT & PARTIES'. The form contains the following fields:

Courtname (Required)	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
Court location	Civil Court Department
Judicial district	Division 99
Caption style	In the Matter of
Petitioner name	Mary Doe
Respondent name	Jane Doe
Case no.	99 C 9999
Worksheet to be filed by	Mother
Worksheet prepared by	Attorneys for Petitioner
Effective date for reports	Use Today

A 'Next Page' button is located at the bottom right of the form area. Below the form is a navigation bar with buttons for 'Court & Parties', 'Children', 'Income', 'Income Adj.', 'Support Adj.', and 'WorkSheet'. At the bottom, a status bar displays 'Support Obligation: Child support payable by Mother = \$2,100'.

The Courts & Parties page is also where the selection is made for the Effective Date for Reports. The Effective Date lets you select a date and see what the results would be as if calculated on that date.

Children Page

The Children page is used to enter information about the children whose support is being calculated. The Child's name is a "free form text" entry, so you can use full names or just first names. The birth date entry automatically calculates the child's age using the Effective Date for reports on the Case Page.

In cases with multiple children, the "Resides With" entry determines whether the case is a Split Custody case. For split custody, two worksheets are **automatically** created, saving you time and ensuring accurate results.

CHILDREN
Children on this worksheet

	First Name	Click X to delete child	Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)	Age	Proven Needs	Tax Deduction to	Support Past 18?	Daycare Paid By:		Resides with
								Mother	Father	
X 1	First	X	10/20/2000	5.7	600	Mother	Yes	65	0	Mother
X 2	First	X	10/20/1999	6.7	500	Father	No	80	0	Father
3		X	/ /		400			0	0	
4										
5										
6										

(X=Counted as a supported child on this worksheet)

Total Daycare Cost: 145.00 0.00

Children NOT on this worksheet

Of how many OTHER children does each parent have: (0-6)

Use Multiple Family Guidelines? Yes

Child support received for obligor's children not on this worksheet 700

Primary Custody: 1 Support Obligation: 3

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Court & Parties Children Income Income Adj. Support Adj. WorkSheet

Support Obligation: Child support payable by Mother = \$2,100

Income Tax Daycare credits are calculated for you automatically. The bottom section on this page collects information about other children whose support or residence may impact the current child support calculation.

Income Page

The Payments and Adjustments page is used to enter all information about income for both parents. Incomes can be entered as annual or monthly amounts.

For parents who are self employed, self employment taxes are automatically calculated. Total income is instantly kept up to date as you key in each entry.

The screenshot displays the 'Texas Child Support Calculator' software interface. The main window is titled 'INCOME' and features a menu bar (File, View, Print, Preferences, Help) and a toolbar. A dropdown menu indicates 'Amounts entered are: Annual'. The interface is divided into two columns for 'MOTHER' and 'FATHER'. Each column lists income categories with corresponding input fields. The 'Total Annual Income' for the Mother is 61,342 and for the Father is 155,292. A section for 'Use additional resources?' is present, with a 'Yes' dropdown selected. At the bottom, a navigation bar includes buttons for 'Court & Parties', 'Children', 'Income', 'Income Adj.', 'Support Adj.', and 'WorkSheet'. A status bar at the very bottom shows 'Support Obligation: Child support payable by Mother = \$2,100'.

	MOTHER	FATHER
1) Wages	60,000	155,000
2) Other income	1,200	0
3) Self-employment Income	0	0
Less:		
A) Reasonable business expenses	0	0
B) One-half self-employment tax	0	0
Total self-employment costs	0	0
Self-employment net income	0	0
4) Dividends & interest	40	40
5) Net rental income	100	250
6) Fringe benefits	1	1
7) Cash flow from business or investments	1	1
Total Annual Income	61,342	155,292

Use additional resources?
Use net resources in excess of \$6,000 per month?

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Court & Parties | Children | **Income** | Income Adj. | Support Adj. | WorkSheet

Support Obligation: Child support payable by Mother = \$2,100

Use of Net Resources in excess of \$6,000 can be selected under "Use additional resources".

Income Adjustments Page

The Income Adjustments page is used to enter information about wage deductions or adjustments to gross income. These adjustments are used to calculate the net resources applicable for child support.

	MOTHER	FATHER
Wage deductions (Annual Amounts)		
1) State income taxes:	0	1
2) Federal income tax (calculated):	9,781	35,484
3) FICA (calculated):	6,607	7,972
Total wage deductions	16,389	43,457
Other adjustments to gross income (Monthly)		
1) Union dues:	1	1
2) Health insurance costs for obligor's child:	0	0
3) Other wage deductions:	1	1
4) Debts (including debt service payments):	0	0
5) Child support paid for obligor's other children:	0	0
6) Maintenance paid (rec'd) in this case:	0	0
7) Maintenance paid (rec'd) in other cases:	0	0
Total income adjustments (monthly)	2	2
Net resources for child support (monthly)	(11,278)	(30,517)

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Court & Parties Children Income **Income Adj.** Support Adj. WorkSheet

Support Obligation: Child support payable by Mother = \$2,100

The program provides automatic, instant updates to subtotals and net resources for child support.

Support Adjustments Page

The Support Adjustments page is used to enter information about adjustments made to the support amount arising out of such factors as post secondary education, uninsured medical expenses, travel costs for parenting, and similar “extra” items.

The screenshot shows the 'Texas Child Support Calculator' window. The title bar includes 'File View Print Preferences Help' and a toolbar with icons for file operations. The main content area is titled 'SUPPORT ADJUSTMENTS' and is divided into two columns for 'MOTHER' and 'FATHER'. At the top, 'Income Percentages' are shown as 26.98% for Mother and 73.02% for Father. Below this, a section titled 'Adjustments to Support Amount' lists five categories of adjustments, each with a dropdown menu for the Mother and a dropdown menu for the Father. The adjustments are: 1) Post secondary education expenses (0 for Mother, 0 for Father), 2) Uninsured medical expenses (80 for Mother, 80 for Father), 3) Parenting access travel costs (0 for Mother, 0 for Father), 4) Special or extraordinary expenses (education, health care, etc.) (0 for Mother, 0 for Father), and 5) Social Security benefits rec'd for child as result of obligor's Social Security claim (1 for Mother, 1 for Father). A 'Total support adjustments (monthly)' row shows 81 for both Mother and Father. Below this, a section titled 'Variation from amount stated in subdivision (4)' contains a text area for 'Reason for variation from guidelines', a text field for 'Judge Name', and a 'Next Page' button. At the bottom, a navigation bar includes buttons for 'Court & Parties', 'Children', 'Income', 'Income Adj.', 'Support Adj.', and 'WorkSheet'. A status bar at the very bottom displays 'Support Obligation: Child support payable by Mother = \$2,100'.

	MOTHER	FATHER
Income Percentages	26.98%	73.02%
1) Post secondary education expenses:	0	0
2) Uninsured medical expenses:	80	80
3) Parenting access travel costs:	0	0
4) Special or extraordinary expenses: (education, health care, etc.)	0	0
5) Social Security benefits rec'd for child as result of obligor's Social Security claim:	1	1
Total support adjustments (monthly)	81	81

Variation from amount stated in subdivision (4)

Reason for variation from guidelines:

Judge Name:

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Court & Parties | Children | Income | Income Adj. | **Support Adj.** | WorkSheet

Support Obligation: Child support payable by Mother = \$2,100

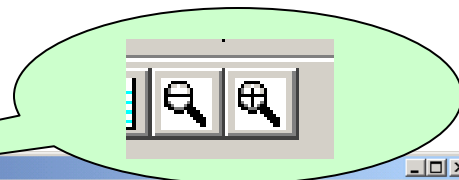
Where a variance from the calculated child support guidelines amount is appropriate, the reasons for the variation can be entered in the bottom section on this page, along with the name of the judge, if desired. The program automatically prepares the child support findings page.

Worksheet Page

Generating a worksheet is as easy as clicking on the Worksheet tab. All information is aggregated from the other tabs and placed in a ready-to-file calculation exhibit, or worksheet. The program also automatically prepares the Child Support Order Findings, Verified Income Statements for both parents, Cover Page and Client Data report.

The reports are WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) and provide exhibits detailing the calculations.

The ZOOM icons are active when on the Worksheet Tab.



CAUSE NO. 99 C 9999

In the Matter of \$
Mary Doe \$
and \$
Jane Doe \$
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HARRIS COUNTY, TX
Civil Court Department \$
Division 99 \$

And In the Interest of \$
First, and First \$
Minor Children \$
\$

CHILD SUPPORT CALCULATION
(SUBMITTED BY MOTHER)

	Mother (Obligee)	Father (Obligor)
GROSS ANNUAL INCOMES:	(135,337)	(366,202)
A. INCOME COMPOSITION		
Monthly Gross Wages	5,000	12,917
Net Self Employment Income	0	0
Interest, Dividends	3	3
Net Rental Income	8	21
Other Income	100	0
Fringe Benefits	0	0
Cash flow from business investments	0	0
Less: Social Security taxes	(6,607)	(7,972)

Court & Parties Children Income Income Adj. Support Adj. **Worksheet**

Support Obligation Support payable by Father = \$2,100

For Split Custody, two worksheets are automatically created.

Features of the main toolbar

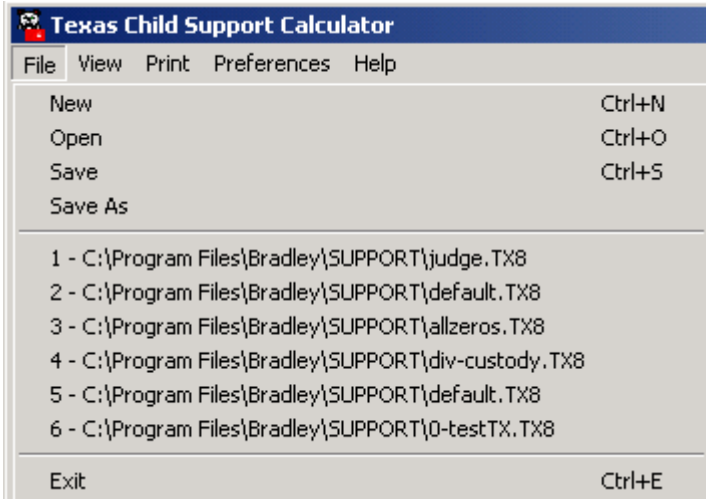


Using the quick-access icons on the toolbar, you can (from left to right):

- Open a new case
- Open an existing case
- Save the current case
- Save the current case under a new name
- Print the calculations exhibits for use in court, mediation, or negotiations
- Turn off the real-time display of support obligations.
- Turn off the calculator drop down feature.
- Edit the report header and footer.
- The two ZOOM buttons (magnifying glass with + or - sign) only appear while on the Worksheet tab.

The pull-down menus

The FILE Menu

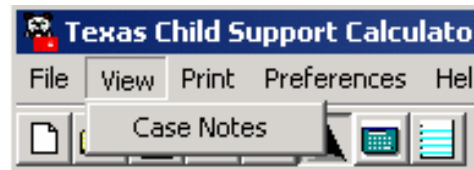


The FILE menu gives you access to features related to managing case files. You can open a new or existing case, save or save as another name.

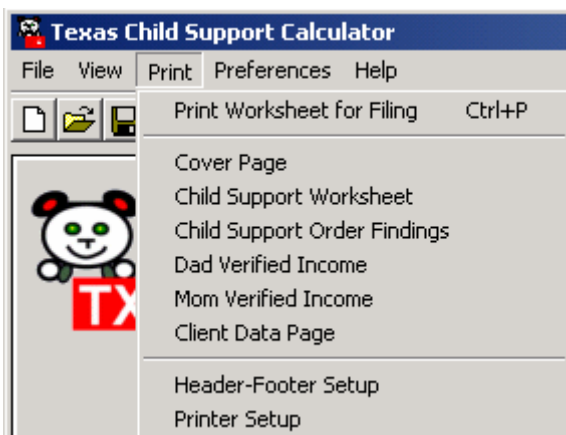
The last 8 worksheets opened are also listed here for quick access.

The VIEW menu generates a case notes memo for this case – a “notepad” where you can document special issues about the case.

The VIEW Menu



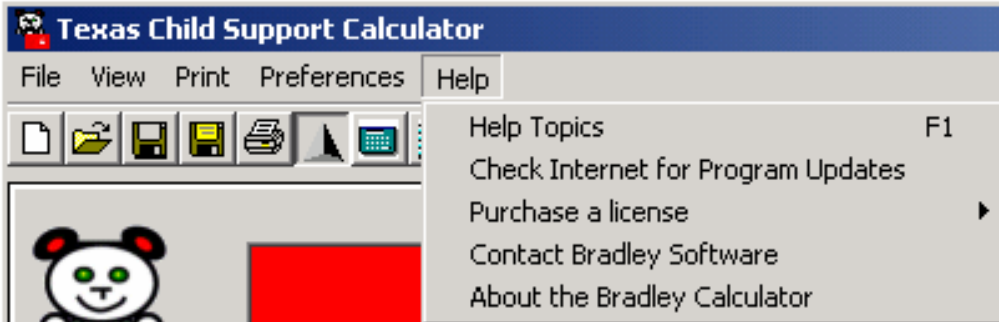
The Print Menu



The PRINT menu allows you to print the worksheet(s) or change the contents of the header or footer. You can also change printer settings here.

The pull-down menus (cont'd.)

The HELP Menu



The HELP menu allows you to:

- Get HELP - full context sensitive help for the program (including a searchable, full text of the Family Code Child Support Guidelines).
- Check Internet for Program Updates - our website always has the most current updates - free.
- Register, transfer, or purchase a license here.
- Contact Bradley Software or get version information.
- Check on the version currently installed.

Note: The program includes an auto-update feature that automatically checks our website for updates every 30 days so your program is always up to date!

Preferences

Customize the program to fit your practice and office organization by using the PREFERENCES screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Texas Child Support Calculator 2006' Preferences dialog box. It has a menu bar with 'SaveExit', 'Exit', and 'Help'. The dialog is divided into several sections:

- Values for ALL Worksheets:** Contains a 'Default File Location' text box with the path 'C:\Program Files\BRADLEY\SUPPORT\' and a 'Change' button below it.
- Values for Current Worksheet Only:** Contains text boxes for 'Attorney Name', 'Name of Firm', 'Street Address', 'Address Line 2', 'City, State, Zip', and 'Telephone'. The telephone box is pre-filled with '(999) 999-1111'.
- Prepare For:** A group box containing four radio buttons: 'Mother', 'Trustee', 'Father', and 'Court'. 'Trustee' is selected.
- Party Labels:** Two dropdown menus. The first is labeled 'For Mother' and has 'Mother' selected. The second is labeled 'For Father' and has 'Father' selected.
- Other Settings:** Contains two checkboxes: 'Show Splash Screen at Startup' (unchecked) and 'Apply settings to previous worksheets when opened' (unchecked). Below this is a status bar that says 'AutoSave is OFF'.
- At the bottom right are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Values for Current or All Worksheets:

- Control the attorney information displayed on the worksheet.
- Control the default location of your case files.

The Other Settings area is used to :

- Control the display of the splash screen upon program start-up
- Control whether to apply your preferences to worksheets that you did not generate.
- AutoSave settings

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The Top 5 Reasons

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-- D.L., Denton, TX

"This is terrific software - and its easy to use!"

-- M.C., Jefferson City, MO

"Your program is great. It has really made my life easier. Why I didn't get it before I did is beyond me!!!! "

-- D.D., Neodesha, KS

"Love the program. Saves me tons of time in my practice and as a case manager."

-- J.R., Newton, KS

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Program Requirements

The Bradley Texas Child Support Calculator will run on any computer with:

- Pentium processor 300mhz or equivalent
- 20mb free hard disk space
- 128mb RAM (more is always better)
- display monitor capable of 800 x 600 (SVGA)
- Microsoft Windows 98SE, Me, 2000, XP Home, XP Professional or Windows NT4.0 (SP6a only). Be sure that all available "service packs" have been installed.
- Internet Explorer version 5.5 or greater.

The program is available in both standalone and networked versions.



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