

Custody Tip #5 – Graduate from the School of Savings

Okay, our last Custody Tip was about saving a little money with vacation time. Well, vacation time's over and it's time to go back to Custody X Change school – where you or your client could potentially save some child support money.

As we already pointed out, one of the major things child support is based on is the amount of visitation time you have with your children. When you increase that time, you not only get to spend more time with your kids – you also change child support payments in your favor (if you're the Custodial Parent, you should get more - if you're the Non-Custodial Parent, you should pay less).

Now, let's talk about a big chunk of time where **neither parent is taking care of the kids** – when they're **in school**.

Who should benefit from that? It's worth thinking about if you want to make a fair custody schedule that leads to fair child support payments.

Let's say you're the Non-Custodial Parent who only has the kids for weekends. You should also be credited for time with the kids on Monday. Because:

- You got the kids up in the morning.
- You fed them breakfast and got them ready.
- You made sure their homework was done.
- You took them to school.

Obviously, the school day should be scheduled to you. Child support is about taking care of the children. You fed them, got them ready and got them to school. Makes sense that you were the parent for that time, since it was your job to prep them for it.

Being precise with time-share percentages and adjusting child support accordingly isn't unfair to the kids – and it's not about conning the ex. It's actually about what's real and fair in your custody situation.

So how do you figure out what you're entitled to? You came to the right place –and **Custody X Change is the exact right program.**

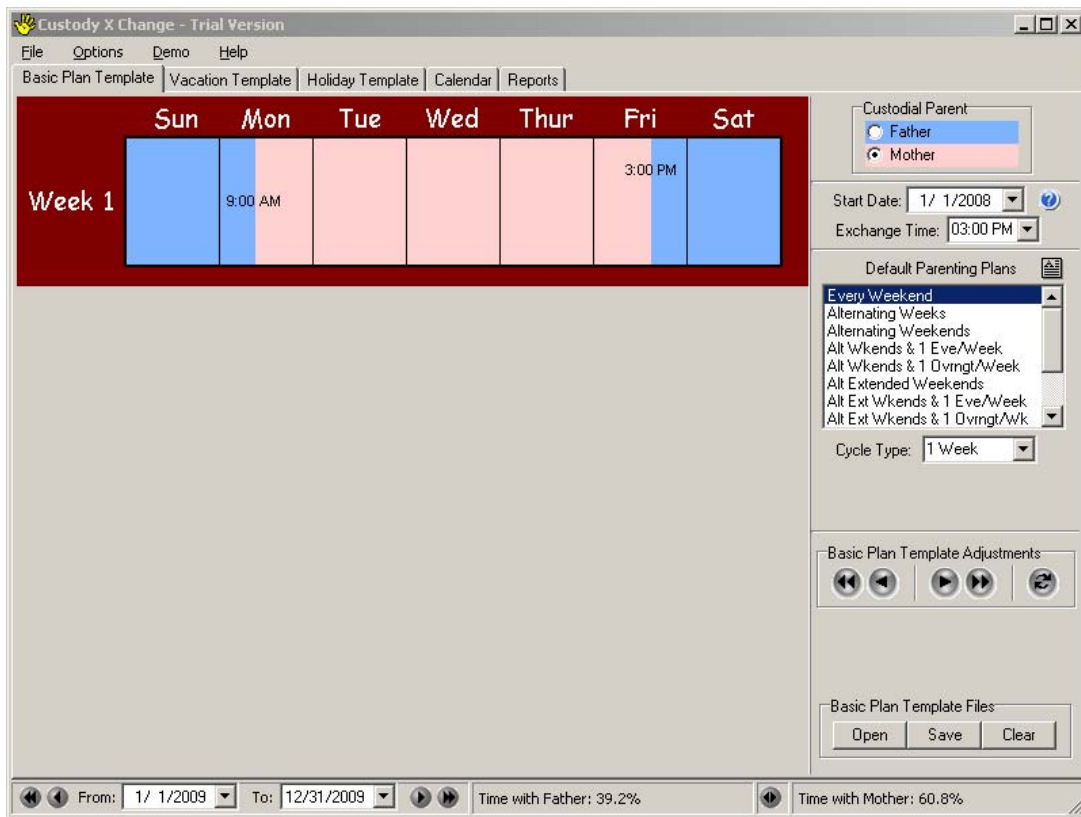


Figure 1: This CP-NCP visitation plan has the NCP getting the kids every weekend – picking up from school Friday, taking back to school Monday.

Take a look at Figure 1. NCP has the kids weekends and only gets credit for dropping the kids off at school Monday morning. This gives him 39% of the time-share, as you can see in the bottom bar of the screenshot.

As we've already said, that's not exactly fair. The NCP should get credit for the **whole school day**. So let's make that happen and see how that changes things up.

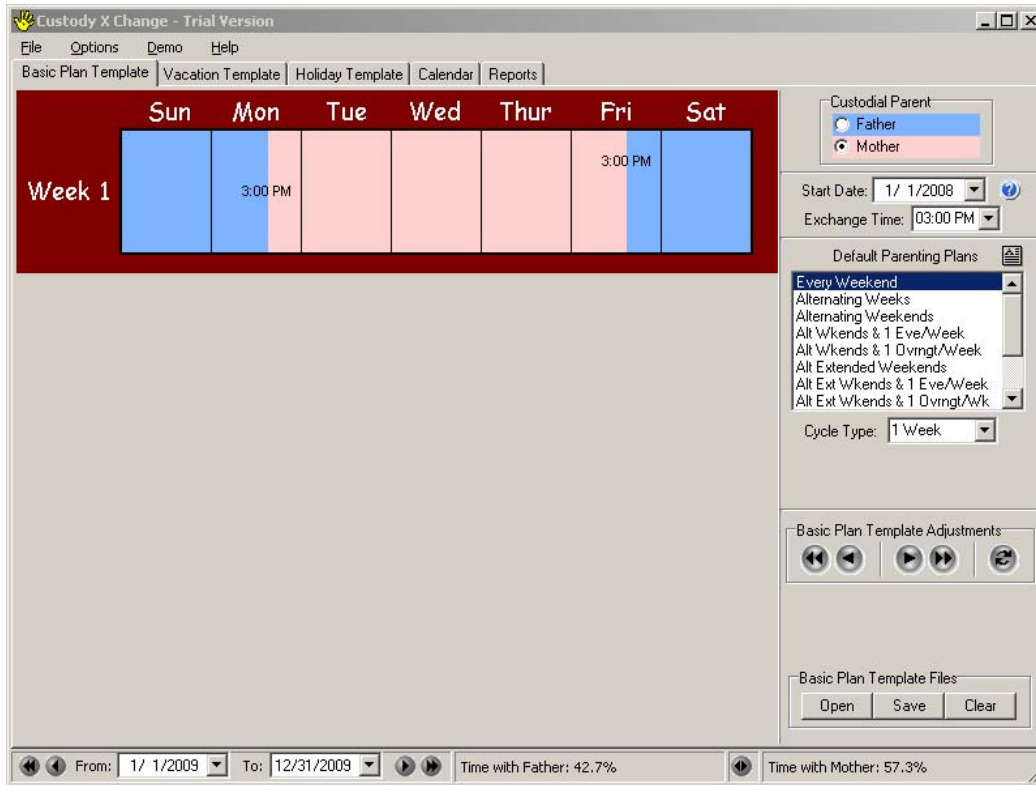


Figure 2: Our NCP now gets credit for the whole school day on Mondays.

Check out Figure 2. The Non-Custodial Parent now gets credit for the entire school day on Monday. Which now gives the NCP an **over-three point boost** in the time-share percentage.

Okay. Now let's get really creative. Let's go back to our original theory – school time should be split in half, since neither parent is really taking hands-on care of the child. Again, simple to do with **Custody X Change**...

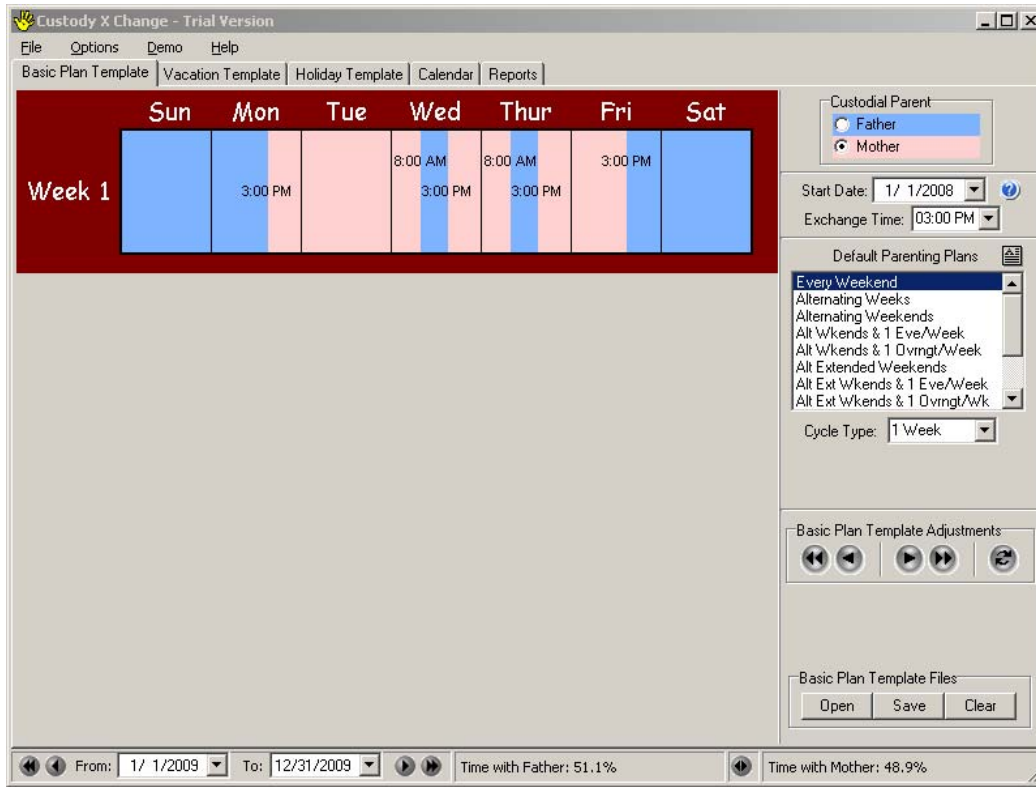


Figure 3: NCP has graduated with honors - getting credit for half the school days of the week.

Figure 3 shows you the scary truth. The NCP now gets credit for **over half** the time-share time. Which means the CP should be paying child support, not the other way around!

That's a pretty dramatic difference.

That's what Custody X Change is all about – it's amazingly easy to change up the hours, the days and the weeks and see how it can help you or your client realize the maximum potential from a typical visitation schedule. Also be sure and check out the free online child support calculators – and estimate in actual dollars and cents what this could mean to your pocketbook.

Let's move on to Custody Tip #6.

