

## **New policies in support of active fatherhood**

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New policy recommendations have been proposed in favour of fathers participating in childcare more actively.

The recommendations include a number of measures such as extending paternity leave and reducing the stigma that stay-at-home fathers (SAHFs) face.

Much information about this issue has been gathered from a study that interviewed 21 SAHFs and nine spouses.

The study was conducted by the Institute of Policy Studies. The findings were released yesterday. The study revealed two important reasons behind respondents' decisions to become SAHFs.

Economic reasons were one of them. A desire to raise their own children without external support was the second reason, according to the study's author Ms Yvonne Arivalagan.

The research was funded by the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

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Economic factors play a major role in fathers' decision to care for their children at home.

The study proposes that policies be put in place to reflect this.