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Divorced fathers are pressing for equal time as court rulings catch up with changing roles



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Jeff Robinson spends time with his son, Kyle, 12, at a neighborhood baseball field on June 7.

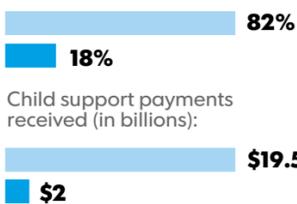
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MEASURING CHILD SUPPORT

Mothers Fathers

Gender and financial details of custodial parents:



1 - The custodial parent is the parent with whom the child(ren) lived during the survey interview when their other parent(s) lived outside the household.

Source: Census report Custodial Mothers and Fathers and Their Child Support: 2011, released October 2013

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coming insistent that their role be respected in family court and that the traditional stereotypes have to go," says Joe Cordell, co-founder of a St. Louis-based law firm whose website notes its "dedication to leveling the playing field for men in family law cases."

Jeff Robinson, an IT manager

in Allen, Texas, hired a men's firm when his 27-year marriage broke up. His two daughters, Amanda and Jessica, are 24 and 21. But son Kyle, 12, is a minor.

"My fear was to be kicked out of my home, and she's going to try to keep my son away, and (I) have to fight for any visitation," says Robinson, 52, whose divorce became final last June.

At Seattle-based firm Goldberg Jones (with offices in Portland, Ore., and San Diego), co-founder Rick Jones says clients "know they've only got one shot. Clients come to us with the security of knowing that's the mind-set we come in with already."

Custody laws vary so much across the USA that "shared custody" in one state doesn't necessarily carry the same provisions in another, family law attorneys say. Cordell & Cordell's lawyers say some states have changed the language of their statutes from "sole custody" and "joint custody" to terminology such as "parenting time" or "legal decision-making."

And though some states — including Arizona, Colorado, Dela-

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"Guys are living in a world where there are equal rights in the workplace. They live in families where their wives' pay is as much as theirs. Now, they're becoming insistent that their role be respected in family court and that the traditional stereotypes have to go."

Joe Cordell, co-founder of a St. Louis-based law firm

Pregnant women urged to eat fish

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New guidelines focus on the benefits of low-mercury fish.

Federal officials for the first time are recommending that young children and pregnant or breastfeeding women eat a minimum of two to three servings a week of fish that is low in mercury in order to give them important health benefits.

Current guidelines, released a decade ago, focused on limiting the amount of fish consumed by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, due to concerns about contamination from methylmercury, which can cause brain damage, especially to developing brains, said Elizabeth Southerland of the Environmental Protection Agency, which released the new guidelines along with the Food and Drug Administration.

That advice apparently scared

a lot of women into avoiding fish altogether. Research has shown that 21% of pregnant women ate no fish at all in the past month, said Stephen Ostroff, acting chief scientist at the FDA. Even among women who consumed fish, half ate fewer than 2 ounces a week.

But fish contain heart-healthy oils, such as omega-3 fatty acids, said Edward R.B. McCabe, medical director of the March of

Dimes Foundation. There's also limited evidence that fish oils may promote a baby's brain development.

"There are so many women who are missing out on the benefits," Southerland said.

So now, instead of telling these women to eat no more than two servings of fish a week, officials advise them to eat at least two servings and up to three servings a week of fish that's low in mercury. Officials continue to advise women to avoid four fish with higher mercury levels: shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish from the Gulf of Mexico. Those four fish make up less than 2% of fish sold in the USA, Ostroff said.

Fish that are lower in mercury include shrimp, pollock, salmon, canned light tuna, tilapia, catfish and cod, he said.

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Obama  
on Iraq:  
U.S. to 'do  
our part'

But no American troops will be sent into combat there

Tom Vanden Brook  
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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON President Obama vowed again Friday to help Iraq's government fight insurgents who are closing in on Baghdad, while a senior defense official told USA TODAY that American air power options are limited.

"The United States will do our part, but understand that ultimately, it's up to the Iraqis, as a sovereign nation, to solve their problems," Obama told reporters at the White House.

The president added: "We will not be sending U.S. troops back into combat in Iraq."

A senior defense official said U.S. air power options in Iraq are limited because the closest aircraft that could wage a bombing campaign against Islamist militants who have captured several of the nation's largest cities are at least 800 miles away.

The insurgents — the Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL), an al-Qaeda splinter group — started their offensive Monday. They are trying to create an Islamic territory that includes Iraq and Syria. They have taken Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, and Tikrit, the birthplace of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.



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President Obama says Iraq must solve its own problems.

Iraqi cleric issues a call to arms

Urges citizens to resist extremists who are eyeing Baghdad. 2B

To be effective, airstrikes would require the Iraqi army to engage insurgent forces on the ground, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because details of potential air power options are not authorized to be released publicly. U.S. warplanes are not close enough to conduct such a campaign, he said. "We have basically left Iraq," the official said.

Airstrikes in Iraq without an objective would be meaningless, the official said. If the objective is to roll back the gains of ISIL, then a determined ground offensive would be required, something the White House has ruled out. Warplanes could help accomplish that objective but not complete it.

Obama said the planning for any type of American action "is going to take several days."

The insurgents are about 100 miles from the Iraqi capital of Baghdad. The Iraqi military has been unable to stop them.

At the White House, Obama said the ISIL "poses a danger to Iraq and its people, and, given the nature of these terrorists, it could pose a threat eventually to American interests, as well."