



# Try, Test and Learn Fund

## *Data-driven job opportunities for young carers*

Using insights from the Priority Investment Approach, the Try, Test and Learn Fund will deliver evidence-based policies that improve peoples' lives.

The Try, Test and Learn Fund will help achieve the objectives of welfare reform — that is, to develop a modern welfare system that increases the capacity of individuals, reduces the risk of welfare dependency and maintains a strong welfare safety net.

### What does the evidence tell us?

- More than 60 per cent of young carers have not studied beyond high school.
- On average, current young carers are expected to be on income support in 43 years over their lifetime. If nothing changes, almost 1,800 current young carers will remain on income support for the rest of their lives.

### What was *Data-driven job opportunities for young carers*?

An online platform was developed to use data analytics and augmented intelligence to match guaranteed job opportunities and training with young carers.

Young carers were also to receive six months of post job-placement support, such as help with settling in and mentoring and mediation.

### What were we trying to achieve?

We were trying to better match young carers with job and training opportunities. The better the match; the better their prospects of long-term employment.

### How was this initiative new and innovative?

Augmented machine intelligence has never before been used to profile young carers, and match them with job opportunities and training.

### Fast facts

**Note: This project has ended.**

**Priority group:** Young carers

**Target participant number:** 65  
(Actual number: 56)

**Location:** Perth

**Trial period:** 27 months

**Total funding:** \$1.75 million

**Co-designers:** Chandler Macleod, IBM, the Institute of Social Science Research University of Queensland, Curtin University, Key Assets, Mater Research Institute, and Carers NSW

**Service providers:** Chandler Macleod (sub-contracting IBM)

**Potential future saving:** The purpose of these initiatives is to test whether an intervention works to reduce long-term reliance on welfare. If 36 per cent (20) of participants move off income support because of this project, the savings to the welfare system are likely to outweigh the costs of the project.

**Note:** Due to changes in circumstances, adjustments were made to target participant numbers and total funding.