



Try, Test and Learn Fund

Data-driven job opportunities for young carers

Using insights from the Priority Investment Approach, the \$96.1 million Try, Test and Learn Fund is trialling new and innovative approaches to assist groups of people at risk of long-term welfare dependence.

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 is *Data-driven job opportunities for young carers*?

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

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

What are we trying to achieve?

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

How is 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.

How will this initiative be evaluated?

This initiative will be tracked using a range of evaluation methods, such as surveys, participant interviews and actuarial analysis.

Fast facts

- **Priority group:** Young carers
- **Recipient numbers:** 65
- **Location:** Perth
- **Trial period:** 18 months
- **Total funding:** \$2.1 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, Curtin University and University of Queensland)
- **Potential future saving:** \$2.3 million in total future lifetime welfare costs