

Sole Parent Support Intensive Case Management — New Zealand's Employment-First Model for Lone Parents

Gender Equality · Good practice · New Zealand

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

New Zealand's Ministry of Social Development gives sole parents on welfare — over 80% women — dedicated, work-focused case managers. A 2019 evaluation of 2012–2017 found returns of about \$3.40 per \$1 spent, with more durable job outcomes than other jobseekers.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	0/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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