

# SNAPSHOT 2021

 <p><b>Orphan's Benefit (OB)</b>  <b>270</b> caregivers          (Any mention: 52% Māori, 11% Pacific, 54% Other)<sup>1</sup></p>	 <p><b>Unsupported Child's Benefit (UCB)</b>  <b>11,250</b> caregivers          (Any mention: 52% Māori, 10% Pacific, 61% Other)<sup>2</sup></p>
<p><b>Children</b></p>  <p><b>Declines in children's activities since 2019</b></p> <p>For <b>UCB children</b>, lower participation in te kōhanga reo/pre-school, church, and music</p> <p>For <b>OB children</b>, lower participation in community activities</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted participation opportunities, particularly in Auckland</p>	<p><b>Caregiver support needs</b></p>  <p><b>Child's emotional health and wellbeing</b></p> <p>For <b>UCB caregivers</b>, 46% needed support for the child's mental and emotional wellbeing (up seven points since 2019)</p>  <p><b>Support needs <u>not</u> met</b></p> <p><b>39%</b> of <b>OB caregivers</b> and <b>43%</b> of <b>UCB caregivers</b> did not have their support needs met</p>
<p><b>Adequacy of financial support</b></p>  <p><b>Income enough / more than enough to meet everyday needs</b>          Increased among <b>UCB caregivers</b> receiving a main benefit (up seven points to 52%)</p>  <p><b>OB payment enough / more than enough to cover costs</b>          Increased among <b>OB caregivers</b> (up 13 points to 58%).</p>  <p><b>More caregivers have asked MSD for extra help in the last six months</b>          (36% of <b>UCB caregivers</b>, up seven points since 2019)</p>	<p><b>Awareness of payments</b></p>  <p><b>Declines in awareness</b>          Extraordinary Care Fund (68% of <b>OB caregivers</b>, down 12 points since 2019)</p> <p>School and Year Start-Up Payment (86% of <b>OB caregivers</b> and 88% of <b>UCB caregivers</b>, down nine and two points respectively since 2019)</p> <p>Low awareness of Permanent Caregiver Support Service among <b>UCB caregivers</b> (37%) who were eligible</p>

<sup>1</sup> OB Caregivers were able to choose multiple answers in relation to their ethnicity

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