Beacon App (2019-2021)

Aim

The app aims to improve the digital future for Australian children by building parents' and carers' skills to help their children to use digital technology in a positive way and to minimise potential harms.

Methods

The App:
- Uses a dual, intergenerational approach that focuses on strengthening the quality of parents', carers' and children's digital technology use.
- Supports family digital technology needs and goals by providing highly personalised ideas, strategies, information, and support to build parents' confidence and capacity.
- Responds to children's individual and changing needs, to build on their digital strengths and support their digital knowledge, attitudes and skill development.

Who was involved?

Chief investigator: Professor Donna Cross

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External partners: Common Sense Media, Microsoft, eSafety Commissioner

Funder of the project: Bankwest

External collaborators: City of Wanneroo, Town of Cambridge, City of Cockburn, Cisco, Surf Online Safe, ThinkUknow, WA Child Safety Services, ySafe