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Your submission for this review:

Our Funding system in NSW for Community Based Services is extremely complex. It changes every year with different rules and requirements. We are not notified of our funding until the end of November early December which is too late for budget setting , staffing accountability and review of service fees. The Affordability Funding whilst it is very welcomed it is very complicated in implementing. Not being able to add this funding in our service budget in 2023 resulted in our fees being raised considerable from \$32 to \$41 for Four year olds for 600 hours and above 600 from \$32.00 to \$60.00 for the additional day above 600 hours for the year 2023. This greatly impacted us. Now in 2024 we have found that our SEIFA Bands are all changing. Many services now have lost base funding per child. This is going to further impact our services. The cost of employing high quality teachers and educators- which are essential is not funded. Community Based Preschools need to be funded for educator wages to maintain staff and also support staffing wage increases. as we are a female work force and our wages our low due this this. Early childhood Preschool Education needs to be under the the NSW State Education Department funding including wages.