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Your submission for this review:

The cost of raising our foster child is higher than it would be if we lived in an area with a well resourced public school. The local school was unable to meet his needs and requested he attend a school with a special needs unit. I home schooled him until a disability unit was found. After less than 12 months the school was not able to meet his needs and the school councillor suggested he leave as the stress of the over crowded classroom was causing him distress. We now pay for a private school which is for students with mild intellectual disability. The school is located in another suburb and requires a long bus ride. Home schooling disrupted my employment and caused a lack of income. Paying school fees puts pressure on our family financially. Foster children often have high needs because of the circumstances for which they were removed. FASD causes brain damage which then requires early intervention for speech, occupational therapy, genetic testing ect. Although NDIS has paid for some of these the time, petrol and distance to access these is not considered.