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Your submission for this review:

Our three children have experienced early childhood education that we have had to pay for ourselves and also now free early childhood. Our children have significantly benefited from this system as we have been able to prioritise paying for this. Despite my daughter being in childcare from age 11 months it was not until she commenced early childhood education that we have picked up her ADHD diagnosis due to the skill set of our early childhood teachers. During this time we were paying up to \$60 per day for our son to attend 3 year old preschool and approximately \$37 for our daughter in 4 yr old preschool. It cost us more than sending our children to childcare. The benefits of this were clear from the beginning. Early childhood education should be free just like our schools to give children like ours every opportunity to be supported to achieve the best they can, rather than waiting until they are school age, meaning they need to have a diagnosis to easily access services, rather than via the early intervention programs.