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Since I have been in the early childhood field we have had numerous funding programs for preschools. Every year, preschool directors, committees, families, have to navigate a new funding system. The systems are becoming more complex, more time consuming and more overwhelming each year. If you factor in the other changes that have come to early childhood during the last 20 years, it is a continuing carousel of change and burden that consumes the time of directors and educators. As always we are given very little time to share this complex information with families, and implement the changes in our services. It would be a wonderful change if the funding model was simple, effective, and information shared timely. In particular when a service operates more than one community based service, these ongoing changes become a challenge. At a recent Dept. Road Show I attended the general consensus in the room of directors and teachers was disheartenment with the number of changes again occurring. With many persons suggesting that they would be considering leaving early childhood. We would appreciate respect, consideration and consultation for the important role we do. Not more onerous tasks that take up our precious time both at home and at work.