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Your submission for this review:

I'm a kinship carer for 2 children. The allowance I receive is totally inadequate. I've had to go into debt to move house to accommodate the 2 children, I've had to finance a car so I'm able to take them to appointments, counselling, school, sports and family time etc I am now in debt after years of no debt! With the cost of living I struggle to cover costs including food, electricity, fuel, sporting equipment etc. It's a constant battle each fortnight. One of the children has to attend court and I don't know if dcj will cover the costs, we have to travel over 500kms each way, stay for approximately a week, buy food and groceries etc how do I afford that?? I am constantly paying for everything and haven't been included to be involved in care plans..so everything comes out of my allowance. As most people are struggling us carers are constantly put under financial strain and stress by not having an adequate allowance to cover the costs for the children