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Your submission for this review:

We took on the journey of OOHC 4 days before Christmas, with little to no funding at the time we had 3 children with health issues and basically the clothes on their backs. We had to immediately address one childs severe skin condition. Fast forward 2 weeks skin specialists we had to pay several hundred dollars and wait to see if this was approved by our agency! Children that come into care most often require O.T, Speech Therapy, Assessments for everything from ASD to ADHD all of which require immediate payments of sometimes thousands of dollars that we are told to claim on our health funds or we wait while either DCJ or an agency decide whether they will fund these items. We had speech therapy and OT eventually contributed to but not the full amount, which we had to cover once our health care maxed out. All assessments and assistance we are advised to pay for or try to access free. We had one car seat supplied in addition to our allowance. These children are high needs and all health expenses put a huge strain on the funds that we received. These are just the basic things they need to function successfully in society. This doesnt even begin to address severe health condition's that require expert medical care, or the general costs of caring for children visits to multiple family members in different locations, time off work to care and support them. There has been absolutely no chance of me maintaining a full-time job of any kind as appointments and school visits have been a weekly if not daily thing sometimes.