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Your submission for this review:

The amount we get for each child isn't enough. It's a reimbursement for some costs of having a child in your house. We choose to bring our kids up in the Catholic faith; combined school fees are more than \$10k a year. The children are Catholic too; no support to follow their faith! School uniforms are expensive! Each child requires a device for school. Each child needs clothes every season of each year. As they grow, can you pay \$30 for groceries per person? It's ridiculous! What about the biological family time costs? We are expected to drive them (petrol costs not to mention wear and tear on our cars), food at the venue, and most of the time the activity costs money but 5% so \$15 for that. A MacDonald meal is around that! Children need haircuts, what about therapies?!! Most of the time we outlay the costs and wait months to get that reimbursement if the reimbursement. The cost of being a child up is expensive. Looking after someone else's child is more so as you have added costs on top of the normal. Damage to house and household items is expensive too. Many walls punched, furniture thrown and broken. Things of value smashed and sentimental value too (what costs is in that). Many trips to hospital after mental health breakdowns and self-harm episodes. Many carers stop their own careers. I am losing a \$100k a year position to be able to attend the many therapies and family visits. Not to mention no money going into super for my own future.