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Childcare in my area is incredibly hard to get into yet it is an essential service for families as typically both parents need to work financially. Childcare has increasingly long wait lists and parents are needing to travel to further childcare's as they are forced to accept positions where they can. Childcare workers are incredibly important as research shows the first 5 years of life has significant impact on a child's development but there conditions and wages don't support how vital their role is. Child care fees are also high and often the working parent is barely covering the fees with their wage. Childcare workers should be supported with ratios, training, appropriate wage. The government should be subsidising child care fees while also investing into supporting childcare workers.

Early learning support workers aren't given the pay, respect or recognition they deserve in the role they play in shaping our children's responses, emotions, connections and learning.

Also children with disability's aren't accommodated for, so many children with Asd, odd, adhd as well as countless other disabilities aren't given the extra support, resources or staff that they desperately need.

Some families would benefit more from Nanny's or carers for a variety of reasons like early or late times, or children that don't cope well in groups and these options should be financially subsidised by the government.