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## Good Morning

I would like to express my disappointment on behalf of my 20 Early Childhood Educators in relation to the Quality Fund. Our service is rated Exceeding the National Standard however is not eligible for the grant as we are not on an EBA. Our services pays educators according to the Childrens Services Award.

It is disheartening to hear that the majority of Early Childhood Educators in Australia will not be eligible for this funding. Educators have been required to raise the standard of care and education in Early Childhood through the NQF, NQS and the changes in qualifications required however the wage for Educators does not meet the professionalism and high standard which is now required in the Early Years.

An increase to Educators pay should be available to all educator in particular educators who work in services who are meeting or exceeding the national standards. Educators who are not employed under an EBA or who do not have opportunity to move to an EBA to access the funds should not be disadvantaged.

Kind Regards

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