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When covid happened and my child's daycare suddenly closed I found myself having to leave work. I take my level 3 autistic child to and from her specialized school which she desperately needs after being removed from grade school. I took her to and from therapy appointments. I take her to doctor and dentist appointments.

I know these are things all parents do but I have to manage her mood and environment to try and keep things safe for everyone. The cost of an aid or specialized daycare is more than I would make working. With the cost of living increases, being paid to watch my child would help my family tremendously.

Thanks,

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