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I received the 500 dollar annual bonus for childcare workers. As a mother with two kids, even in a double income household, my passion (working with kids) has made it very difficult to afford our bills. We have one vehicle & it's hard figuring out our schedules because we cannot afford another one. We don't go out to eat, we receive government assistance for food, and our power has been shut off because pay is so low & we couldn't afford to pay for it. This bonus is the reason I was able to pay off our power bill to keep it on. If I didn't get this bonus, I don't know what we would have done. My kids are 13 and 6. I know what it is like trying to find good quality child care, and I know what it is like being in child care. I absolutely love my job & believe we provide excellent care. Knowing none of us providers can afford the cost of living almost anywhere makes me understand why it's so hard to find good care. Programs like this with acknowledgement & some financial help is a massive help to use all.