



INCLUSION IN ACTION

Community Connections



We help enrich local communities by facilitating vital links between our families who are experiencing vulnerability and community support services and organisations.

We aim to build our centres as assets in every local community. We help our centre directors and educators to be confident in identifying referral pathways, reaching out to their local communities and collaborating with local services for the benefit of children and families. As a result, centres:

- Bring children and families together
- Act as an open door to local services for children and families
- Can support children and families over the long term through strong relationships
- Can act as a meeting place for the community
- Contribute to a sense of community and connectedness within a community.

Goodstart Early Learning

We exist for social purpose. Australia's largest early learning and care provider.



Case study: Centre director, NSW

By investing time getting to know our local community, our centre was able to step back and identify that children were arriving early in the morning hungry and devouring everything in their lunch boxes throughout the morning.

The centre mapped out local support agencies in the area and garnered community support to introduce a breakfast club with the supply of bread, milk and cereal. Working with a local church, supplies are given to our centre each week and kept on a table in the foyer for families to help themselves.

Beyond addressing a basic need, children's play, concentration and general behaviours have remarkably improved by giving them a good nutritional start to the day.

Working inclusively ensures children belong. When children belong, they thrive.

We invest in enhanced programs and service models to ensure vulnerable children have opportunities to maximise their learning, development and wellbeing.

Learn more at goodstart.org.au/about-us/inclusion.

Our Vision

is for Australia's children to have the best possible start in life.

Our Purpose

is to ensure children have the learning, development and wellbeing outcomes they need for school and life.



To see how we bring our plan to life, you can view our animation here: <https://vimeo.com/goodstartel/strategic>

