

# Media release



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## National educators register a big step forward in making children safe

The commitment by Federal and State Education Ministers to establish a national educators register today as part of a \$189 million package represents a big step forward in making children safe, according to the nation's largest not for profit childcare provider.

Goodstart Early Learning CEO Dr Ros Baxter, who is responsible for approximately 700 services nationally, said the register would be 'invaluable' in helping employers to validate educators' work history and qualifications.

"It is great to see Ministers committing to have the register up and running in six months and we will do everything we can to support that effort," she said.

"Educators are the key to establishing child safe environments, and it is crucial to have information on who they are, along with mandatory training in child safety and reporting obligations and more regular inspections to ensure that centres are meeting the National Quality Framework.

"Strengthening the National Quality Framework that underpins quality and safety for children in centres across Australia is also critical and the review of roofline staffing rules is the next important step.

"Goodstart already rosters staff above NQF ratios in crucial rooms to help ensure every educator is in line of sight or sound of another educator.

"We have already been trialling CCTV in some of our centres and are keen to explore being part of the proposed national trial on making the best use of technology to enhance safety in a cost effective way.

"Improving reporting to parents on safety is welcome and needs to be developed in close consultation with the sector to ensure it also supports a positive reporting environment as reporting is the more critical tool in our arsenal to keep children safe

"We are also pleased to see State Ministers committing to increased funding of regulatory bodies to ensure more regular visits and assessments of services and workforce child safety training.

"The measures agreed to by Ministers today are a big step forward to making children safe, but that work needs to be ongoing to learn from experience and strive for continuous improvement," she said.



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**Notes for editors:** Goodstart Early Learning is Australia's largest not for profit early learning provider with 653 centres nationwide supporting 61,000 children from 51,000 families. We are committed to improving the lives of Australia's children and their families. Website: [goodstart.org.au](http://goodstart.org.au).

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