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Ros Baxter is Goodstart Early Learning's Chief Executive Officer. Goodstart is Australia's largest Early Learning Provider with 665 centres across the country, employing over 15,500 educators and supporting over 17,000 children.

Ros has spent the last 25 years working and partnering around the idea that early intervention and education are the keys to addressing intergenerational disadvantage. Gains won in early childhood accumulate, disadvantage compounds. Since starting her career as a frontline social worker in child protection, she has worked across government and with partners in the community and research sectors to maximise understanding, investment and effective interventions for children and families.

She is a passionate public policy professional who believes in partnering closely with the families, educators, and services who know and understand children the best. With four children of her own, she believes that every person is different and differently capable, and that everyone has the right to a great start in life.

Ros holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Law) from the University of Sydney, a Bachelor of Laws – 1st Class Honours (UQ), a Bachelor of Social Work – 1st Class Honours (UQ), and a Bachelor of Arts – Government major (UQ).