As part of the Utah State Legislature’s passage of SB 166 during its most recent session, Waterford UPSTART is available to private pre-school providers to serve enrolled children the year just before they enter kindergarten.

With this new option, Waterford UPSTART is now available in two ways:

1. Traditional, in-home delivery

Waterford.org works directly with parents to implement Waterford UPSTART in the home. Parents are trained and responsible for meeting usage requirements of 15 minutes a day of the reading sequence, five days a week. This is a great way to get your parents more involved in their children’s education early!

To optimize traditional participation, we have refined our registration process, and parents can register online at waterfordupstart.org/register/.

If you would like flyers or postcards to distribute to your families, please contact Rich Stowell: richstowell@waterford.org, 801.449.0588.

2. New, pre-school-based delivery

Waterford.org puts the Waterford UPSTART software within private preschool programs, trains and supports the pre-school staff, and holds programs responsible for meeting the state’s usage requirements for all children.

For the pre-school-based model, providers must agree to participate in the project as described in the legislation and in the Waterford.org contract with the Utah State Board of Education. Programs would enter into an MOU with Waterford.org and be responsible for hardware, internet, and time allotted for children to use the software 15 minutes each day, among other requirements.

If you have questions, please reach out to Rich Stowell, our Senior Marketing Manager over Waterford UPSTART Outreach and Registration: richstowell@waterford.org, 801.449.0588.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to working with many Utah pre-school providers to help every child enter kindergarten ready.

The Waterford UPSTART Team
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