



Waterford | UPSTART

Kindergarten Readiness at Home



Today's Objectives:

- Provide a brief overview of the Waterford Upstart program;
- Demonstrate some of past Arizona partnerships; and
- Review results of the Waterford Upstart program.

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Waterford.org

Founded in 1976, Waterford.org is a nonprofit organization which seeks to blend the best aspects of

- learning science,
- mentoring relationships, and
- innovative technologies

to form community, school, and home programs that deliver excellence and equity for all learners.



Barriers to Early Learning



Equity and Access

- Culturally responsive curriculum
- Support materials fully available in English and Spanish; translator and interpreter services provided to support in additional languages
- Free devices and broadband to those who need it

Family Empowerment

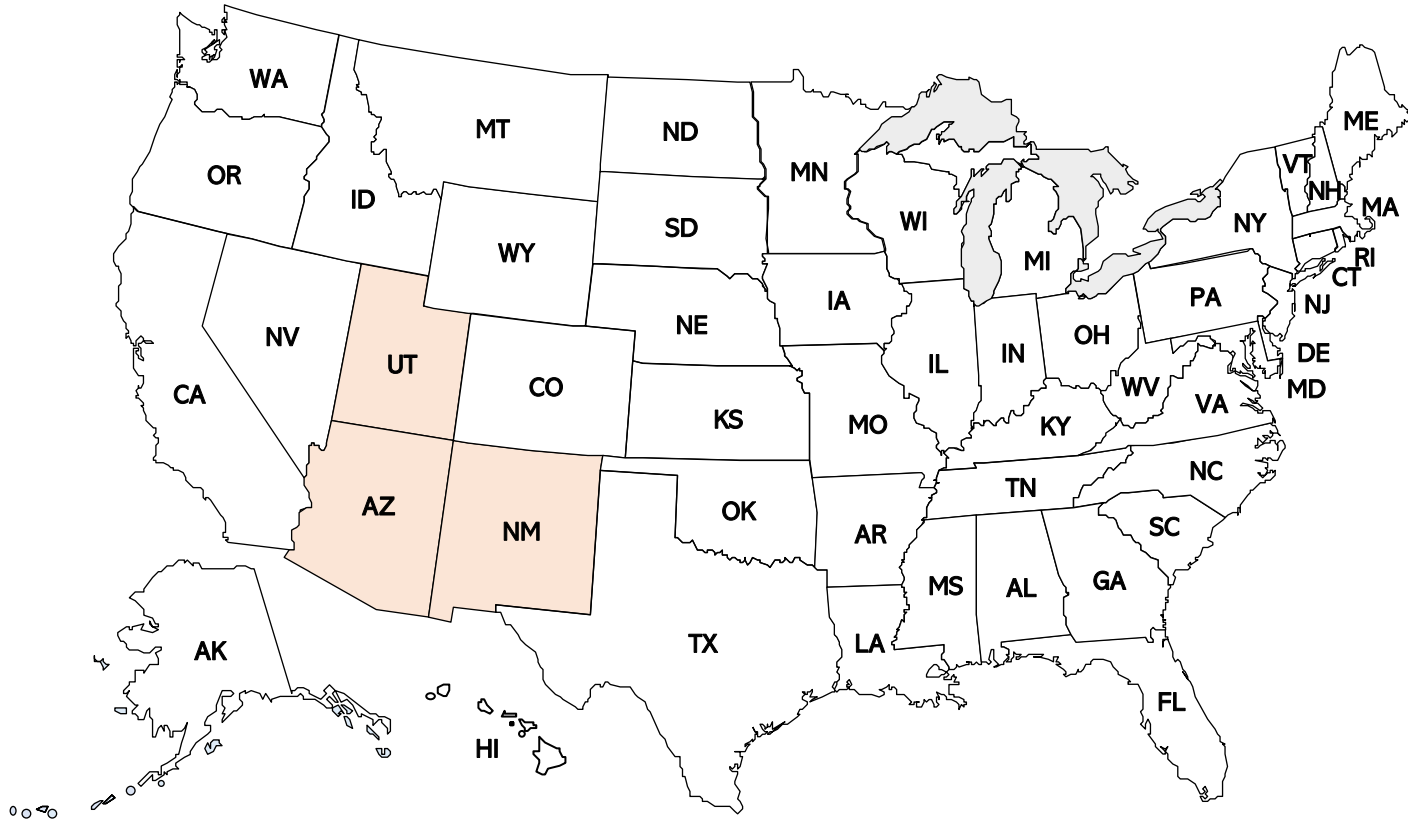
- Family and caregiver training
- Online and offline coaching support, including status updates during weekly calls and available online and on our app
- Technological support

Universal Literacy

- Individualized instruction in reading (and optional in math and science)
- Standards aligned, developmentally appropriate, and endorsed for special education
- Proven with independent analysis



Waterford Upstart in Navajo Nation

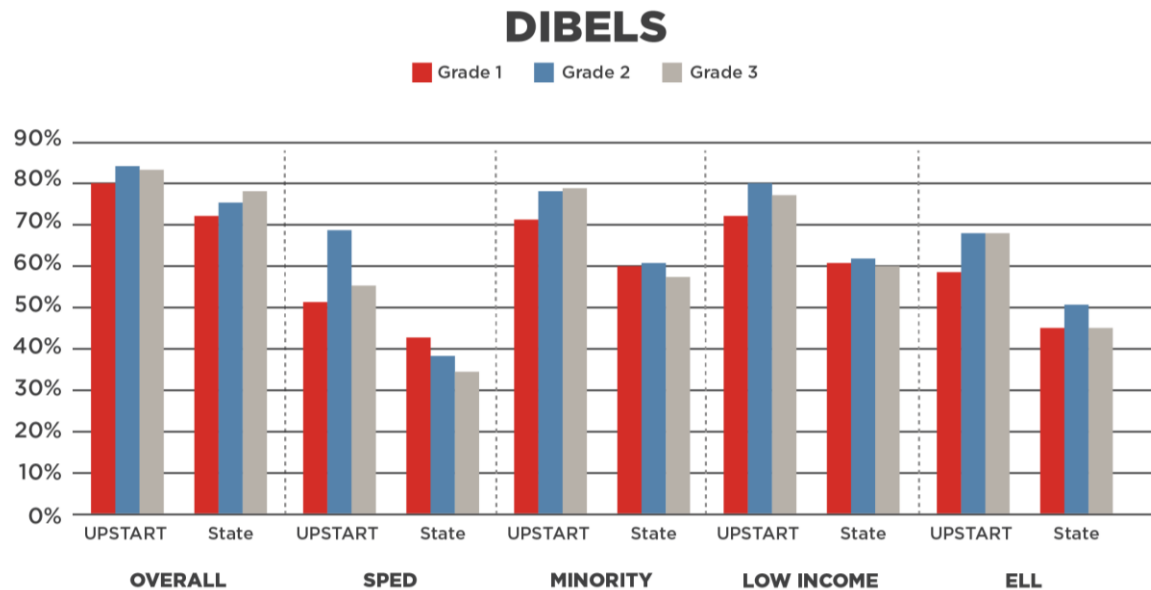


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Longitudinal Results

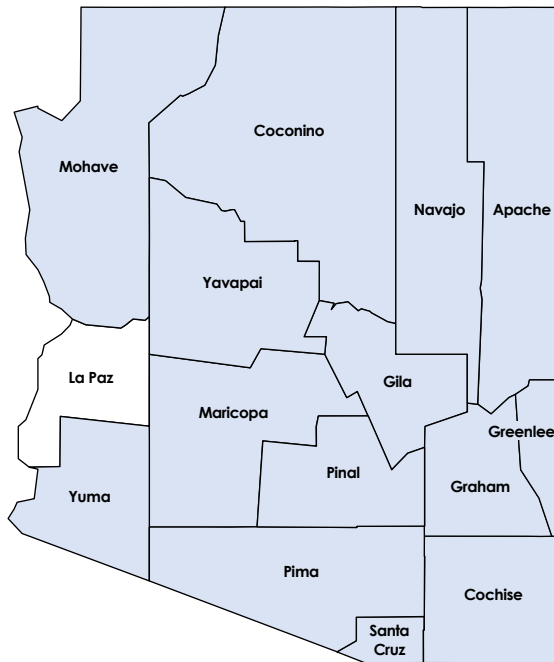
In 2016, the **Utah State Board of Education** conducted a longitudinal evaluation of Waterford Upstart outcomes in Utah that noted:

- Waterford Upstart students continually outperform state averages compared to control group on state standardized tests in grades first through fourth (the highest-grade participants had achieved at the time of the study).
- Significantly, these gains were consistent across all subgroups, including special education, minority, low-income, and English learner populations.



2020 Results

- **676 children** from **76 municipalities** across **14 counties** registered for the Waterford Upstart Summer Learning Path Program in Arizona in 2020.
- **Children’s outcomes averaged at the “Kindergarten Intermediate” level** (with an average final WACS score of 2664), where most children score mid-point during the Kindergarten year.
- **89% of children scored at “Kindergarten Beginning” or above**, demonstrating strong school readiness outcomes.
- **Children from low-income families** (under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level) **demonstrated similar point gains compared to their more affluent peers.**



 Summer Learning Path Counties

| Measured Skill | Final WACS Score | Grade Equivalent of Final WACS Score |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Letter Recognition | 1998 | Preschool Advanced* |
| Letter Sound | 2445 | Kindergarten Intermediate |
| Initial Sound | 2545 | Kindergarten Intermediate |
| Blending | 2596 | Kindergarten Intermediate |
| Listening Comprehension | 2569 | Kindergarten Intermediate |
| Non Words | 3062 | First Grade Beginning |
| Sight Words | 3096 | First Grade Beginning |
| Real Words | 3303 | First Grade Beginning |
| Reading Comprehension | 3352 | First Grade Intermediate |
| Vocabulary | 3196 | First Grade Beginning |

How can you help?

Distribute our flyer

Waterford | **UPSTART**

Amazing At-Home Learning Opportunity!

Waterford Upstart is an online PreK learning program that teaches preschool-aged children basic skills they need in reading, math, and science.

Be confident that your child is ready for kindergarten with Waterford Upstart!



97% of parents would recommend Waterford Upstart!

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¡Una increíble oportunidad de aprendizaje hecho en casa!

Waterford Upstart es un programa en línea de aprendizaje de Pre K que les enseña a los niños en edad preescolar las habilidades básicas que necesitan en lectura, matemáticas y ciencias.

¡Esté confiado en que su hijo estará preparado para el Kinder con Waterford Upstart!



¡El **97%** de los padres recomendarían Waterford Upstart!

What Do You Get?



Award-winning software your child uses at home less than **30 minutes each day**



Independent online activities and resources for off-line practice



Family-focused guidance and tools to help you support your child's learning

¿Qué obtiene usted?



Un **software galardonado** que su hijo usa en casa menos de **30 minutos al día**



Actividades **independientes** en línea y **recursos** para prácticas fuera de línea



Guía y herramientas para ayudar a apoyar el aprendizaje de su hijo

Why Should You Sign Up?



Waterford Upstart works!

On average, graduates enter kindergarten reading at almost a first-grade level



Your child will learn!

The program builds academic skills and routines so your child is ready to be confident and successful at school



It costs you nothing!

Thanks to generous support from our partners, we provide everything you need to complete the program
*Computer and Internet provided to qualifying families

¿Por qué debe inscribirse?



¡Waterford Upstart funciona!

En promedio, los graduados entran al Kinder leyendo a casi al nivel de primer año



¡Su hijo aprenderá!

El programa desarrolla las habilidades y rutinas académicas para que su hijo esté listo para sentir confianza en sí mismo y ser exitoso en la escuela



¡A usted no le cuesta nada!

Gracias al apoyo generoso de nuestros socios, nosotros le proveemos todo lo que necesita para completar el programa
*Computadora e Internet se le proporciona a las familias elegibles



Get started today!

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Or scan this QR code

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Waterford Upstart is now enrolling indigenous and rural 4- and 5-year-olds for at-home learning to prepare kids for kindergarten. Share with anyone you know who could benefit from the free program, and click to learn more!

<https://www.waterford.org/upstart/>

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Check it out here:

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