

# NO COST KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM FOR YOUR SCHOOL/DISTRICT

Families in your school district are eligible to participate in a no-cost Kindergarten Readiness program. This unique opportunity for South Dakota families allows for participation in the Waterford UPSTART program to support home-based kindergarten readiness delivered via technology. When parents are given the tools and knowledge to support their children, everyone wins. Every parent is empowered as their child's first teacher right in the home.

**FREE to both families and school districts**, this program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education called Education, Research, and Innovation (EIR).

## **WHAT FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE**

- Research-based, efficacious, award-winning reading and math/science instruction delivered to each child for 15-20 minutes daily
- Weekly family support through a family education liaison to encourage the family through literacy knowledge, preparation for supporting a school-age child, and usage tracking. This personalized support is available in over 20 languages.
- All necessary hardware, software, and infrastructure for each family (including a laptop computer for each family, software, and internet when needed).
- Software licenses for all children in the home, including those who are not participating in the program directly, but may require additional reading, math, and science support.
- Pre/Post Assessment and efficacy research.

## **HOW TO GET YOUR FAMILIES INVOLVED**

- Families can register for Waterford UPSTART directly by completing the pre-registration form online at [www.waterfordupstart.org](http://www.waterfordupstart.org) or by calling 1-888-982-9898.
- You may [download and share this document](#) with families. Waterford will provide you with printed copies if you request them.
- To be eligible, children must have a birth date that falls between: 09/16/2015 - 09/15/2016.
- For more information or questions, please contact Sarah Walsh, our Waterford South Dakota Representative, at [sarahwalsh@waterford.org](mailto:sarahwalsh@waterford.org).

This grant is focused on providing services to 250 children in the 2020-2021 school year.

Kind Regards, Dr. Julie Mathiesen