

P3 Early Learning Systems

Challenges & Opportunities



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What are P3 Systems?



Preschool to 3rd grade systems include early care and education programs and services for children from birth to 8 years old.

- coordinates and aligns within and between **early childhood (B-5) and early elementary grades (K-3)**.
- includes **comprehensive programs and services** that support child health, school readiness, and early achievement
- recognizes that **school readiness is a multidimensional** construct
- promotes **smooth transitions by linking systems** horizontally (e.g., teacher to parent) and vertically (e.g., Pre-K teacher to kindergarten teacher)
- promotes a holistic response to the needs of **vulnerable young learners** (who often require support from multiple agencies to ensure healthy beginnings)
- ensures **equitable opportunity** for school readiness and achievement

Why P3 Systems?



Our collective challenge:
ALL children enter school ready to learn and ready to succeed.

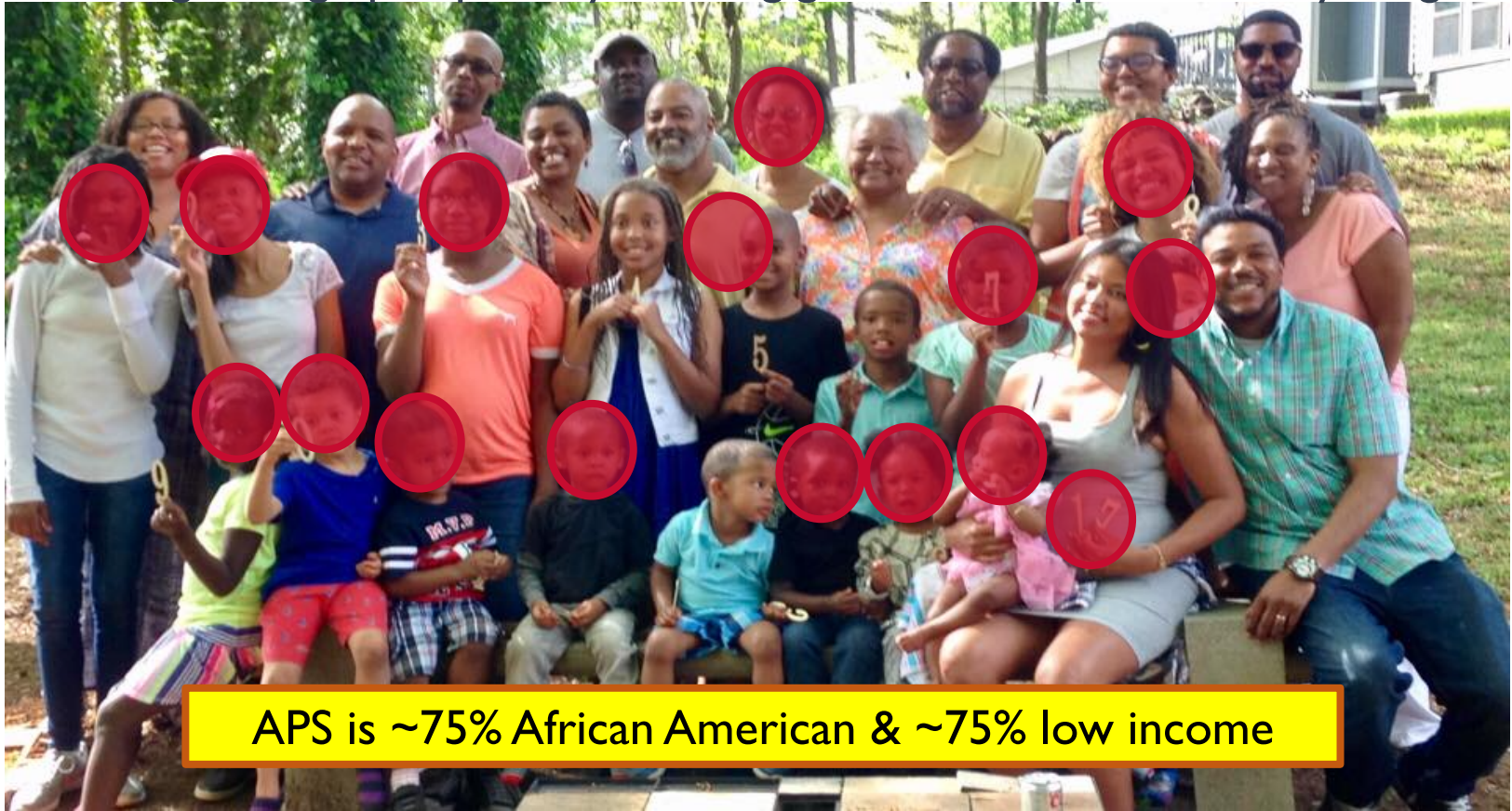


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Our collective problem:

Persistent achievement gaps in US schools, with only ~1 in 5 children of color and children growing up in poverty meeting grade level expectations by 4th grade

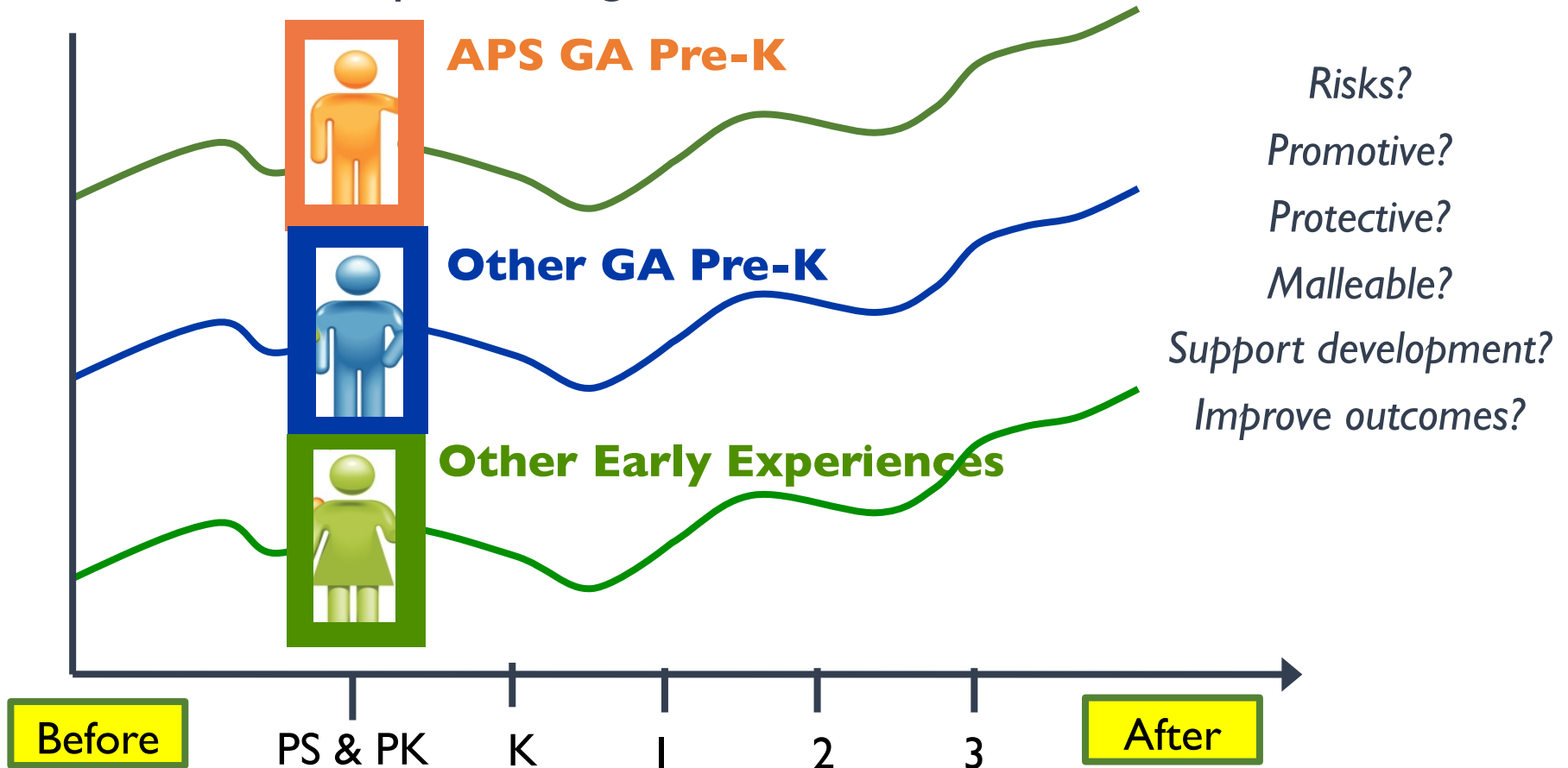


APS is ~75% African American & ~75% low income

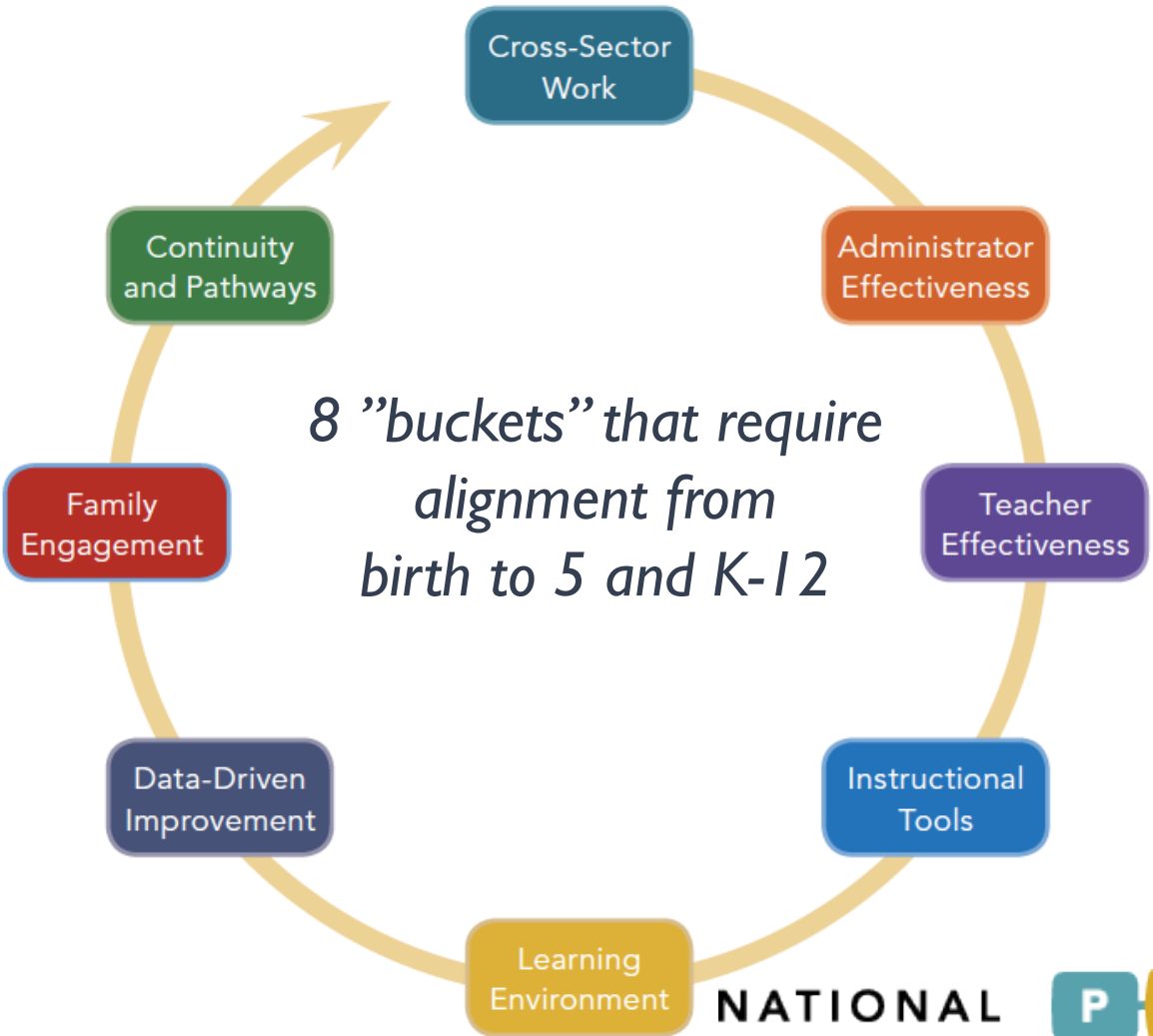
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3 groups of APS students, multiple trajectories for school readiness and achievement, multiple driving forces.



How to build successful P3 Systems?



Framework for Planning, Implementing, & Evaluating P-3 Approaches
(Kauerz & Coffman, 2013)

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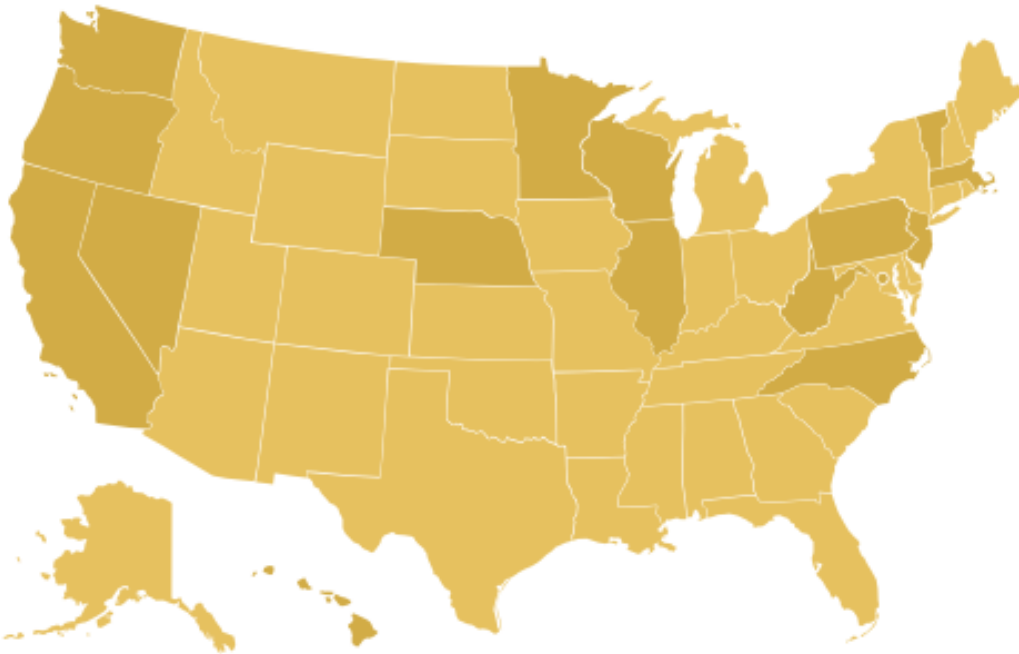


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[National P3 Map](https://depts.washington.edu/pthru3/approaches/map)

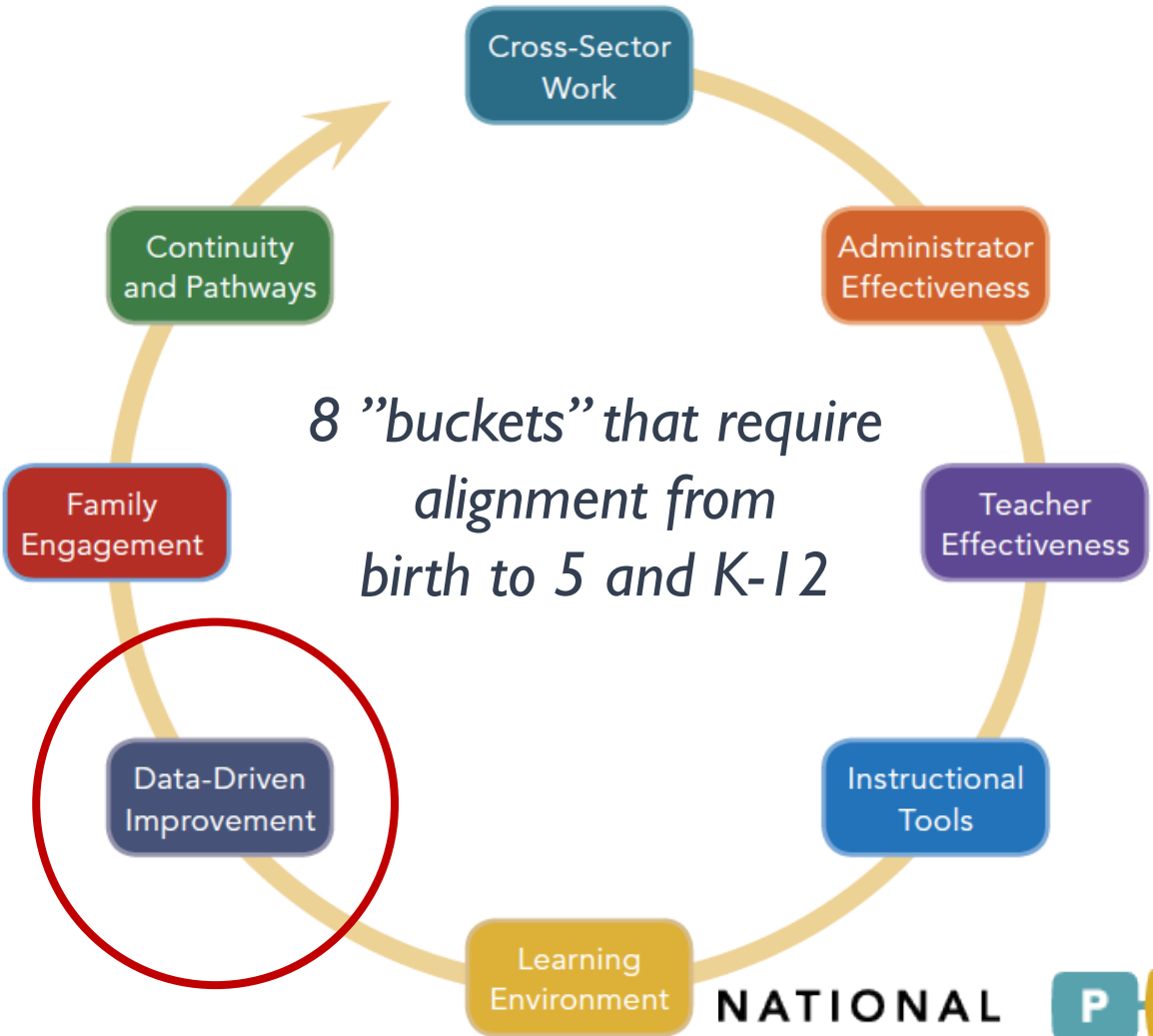
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Take a look at:

- MA: district (Boston) & state
- WA: district (West Valley) & state
- CA: district (San Fran) & state
- DC: district

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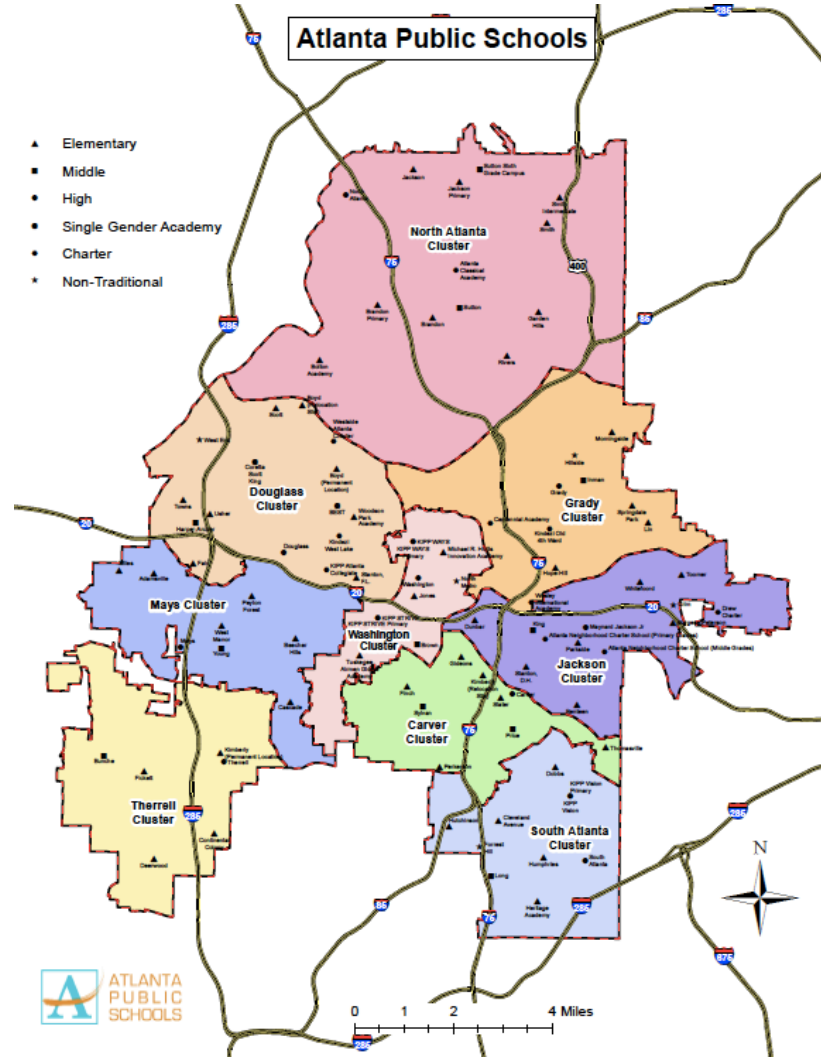
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Where & who is in the P3 System?



Example: Synergy for Robust P3 Data in Atlanta

1. DECAL Cross Agency Data System
2. GEEARS Readiness Radar
3. UWGA THRIVE Initiative & Child Well Being Index
4. Zeist Foundation Early Learning Playbook
- 5. Atlanta 323**



When is now!



Alliance
Theatre at the Woodruff



Children's Museum of Atlanta



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