

Change Action Network Member Handbook 2023



On behalf of the 600,000+ students in Metro Atlanta, thank you!

Your dedication of time and talent to our region's education will move the needle on:

- **Kindergarten Readiness**
- **3th Grade Reading**
- **8th Grade Math**
- **High School Graduation Rate**
- **Post-Secondary Enrollment**
- **Post-Secondary Completion**

Learn4Life's mission is to ensure that every child in our region becomes a thriving citizen who achieves success in school, career, and life.

Our Vision

- Amplify bright spots
- Create shared understanding of data
- Engage partners in an environment of sustained trust, learning, and momentum

This handbook will help clarify what Learn4Life does and your role as a Change Action Network member.

We stand ready to work alongside you in this most noble endeavor. Together, we can do this. These are our kids. They are our tomorrow.

Thank you!
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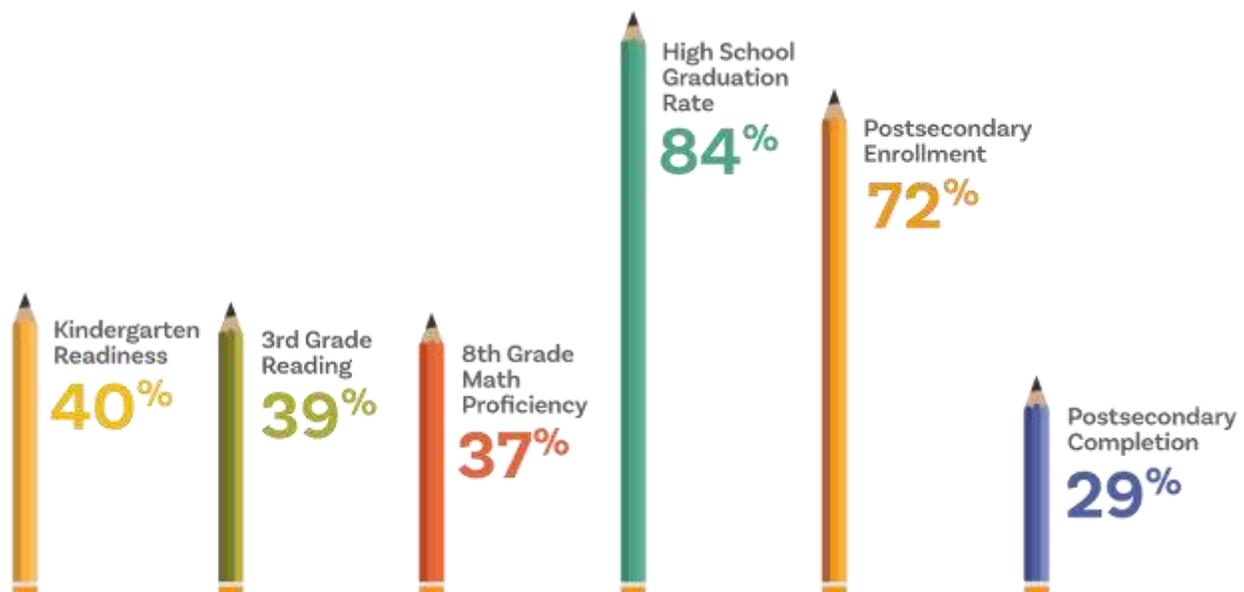
Orientation to Learn4Life

Learn4Life (L4L) is the Metro Atlanta Regional Education Partnership, a collaborative effort that brings together school systems, local communities, business and non-profits to improve education outcomes based on common goals and shared benchmarks. Our overall goal is to improve workforce readiness and student achievement using a data-driven, collective impact approach.

Learn4Life assembles change action networks that focus on improving specific outcomes and key metric indicators. These networks work together to leverage existing resources including local communities to engage in collective action around a very specific outcome goal. These teams use data to communicate progress and hold each other accountable, direct action in specific areas of need, and highlight areas of achievement on a wide, metropolitan scale.

When we decide as a community to take action, based on what is shown by data to be impactful and where it is most needed, we begin to be more effective with our plentiful (yet exhaustible) resources.

Learn4Life measures six key indicators (2022)

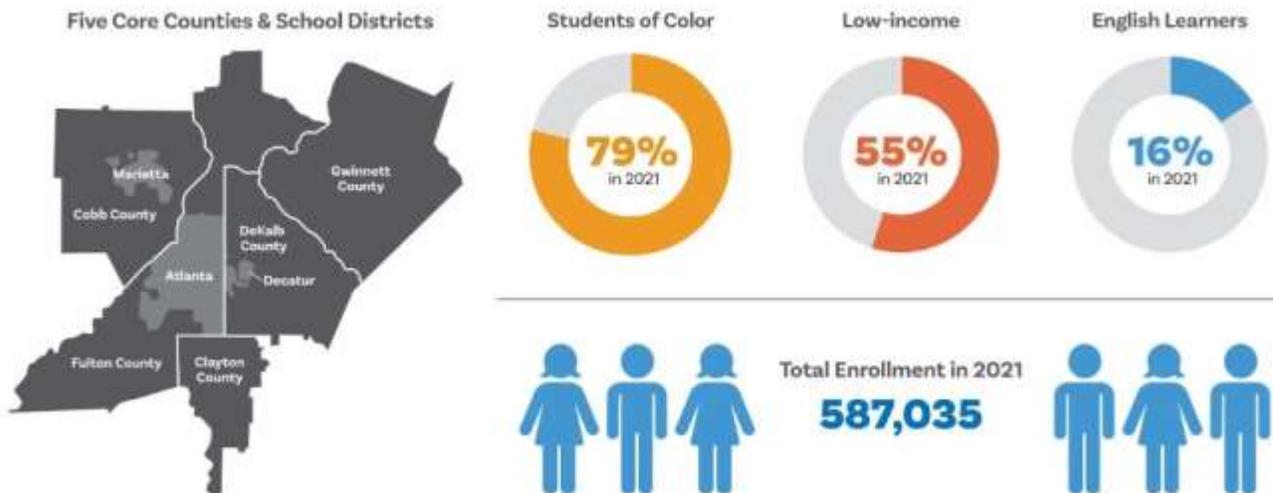


Metro Atlanta

To redefine the status quo in our community, we have to operate in a new way. We must move toward an educational framework marked by a common community agenda, data-driven decision making, and strategic collaboration.

The metro area includes the school districts of:

- Atlanta Public Schools
- Clayton County Schools
- City Schools of Decatur
- Cobb County Schools
- DeKalb County Schools
- Fulton County Schools
- Gwinnett County Schools
- Marietta City Schools



Change Action Network (CAN) Member Orientation

CANs are comprised of community members, school districts, business, nonprofits, philanthropy, government, and higher education actively working in the field to collaboratively scale proven strategies in each indicator. By working together, the network can eliminate duplication of services and unnecessary strain on existing resources while still being able to serve the largest number of students with the best services possible. CANs operate under the guidance of the L4L [Leadership Council](#).

Networks follow this course of action:

1. Convene

Bring together representation from everyone who is invested in these outcomes.

2. Understand local context

Learn who our 600,000 k-12 students and post-secondary students are.

3. Review data

Outcome and leading indicator data disaggregated by subgroups and correlated with other factors.

4. Analyze factors

Review the research on successful strategies, and narrow down to the factors this network can affect and those that will yield strong outcomes.

5. Identify bright spots

Within each factor, there already exist bright spots in our region—practices, schools, or organizations that are doing ‘what works’ to get strong results. We find these strategies with the purpose of scaling them so more students receive their benefits.

6. Develop action plans

Once networks identify bright spots, they build, implement, and monitor scaling plans.

2023 Change Action Networks Calendar

During the pandemic, all meetings are held from **1-2pm on Zoom**. Please RSVP to calendar invites to receive the Zoom link and any pre-reading. Second half of 2023 meetings will be scheduled in the coming months.

Early Literacy Network Dates

- Tuesday, February 8
- Tuesday, March 2
- Tuesday, April 25
- Tuesday, June 6

8th Grade Math Network Dates

- Tuesday, January 24
- Tuesday, March 7
- Tuesday, April 18
- Tuesday, May 23

Post-Secondary Success Network Dates

- Tuesday, January 10
- Tuesday, February 14
- Tuesday, March 28
- Tuesday, May 9
- Tuesday, June 20

Collective Impact in Other Regions

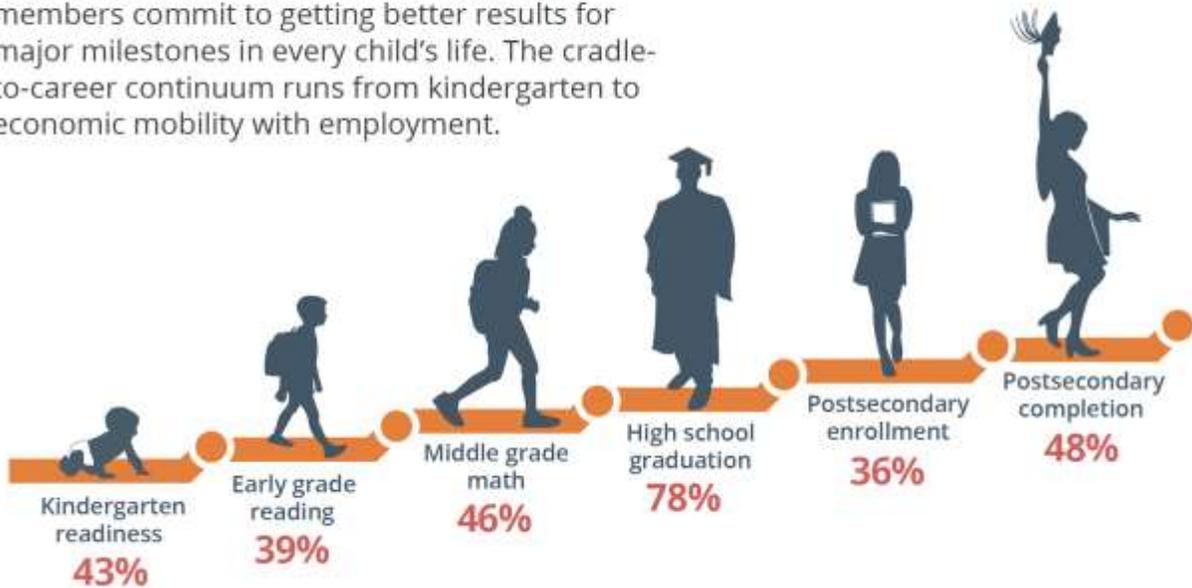
Learn4Life is one of 70+ collective impact communities within the national StriveTogether Partnership.

The StriveTogether Partnership began in 2005 to serve Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, bringing together public and private school districts, higher education institutions, foundations, and corporations. Since its formation, StriveTogether has made significant strides in raising academic performance. During its first five years in Greater Cincinnati, StriveTogether noted positive improvements in 40 of the 53 educational outcomes it measured. Following success in Cincinnati, the StriveTogether

Partnership was created to replicate its model of collective impact. Since the StriveTogether Partnership's formation in 2005, it has made significant strides in raising academic performance, as illustrated by the following numbers:

Percent of Partnerships with Outcomes Improving Across the Country

StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network members commit to getting better results for major milestones in every child's life. The cradle-to-career continuum runs from kindergarten to economic mobility with employment.



To read more about the StriveTogether Partnership and collective impact, visit www.strivenetwork.org