

Biographical Sketch - Dr. Terry L. Nelson

Dr. Nelson formerly served as founding President and Chief Executive Officer for Next Generation Education Solutions, a company dedicated to improving teaching and learning. He works with teachers and administrators implementing research based interventions to increase student achievement, with a specific focus on minority students and low performing schools. Dr. Nelson presents information on variety of topics including educational policy, teacher quality, data analysis, performance-based assessment, instructional strategies, diversity management, school improvement/reform, student engagement, and effective parenting.

Dr. Nelson has been a member of numerous task forces and committees, including serving as a member of Envision Prince George's County, a member of District Heights Closing the Achievement Gap Community Conversation, a peer reviewer for the United States Department of Education Investing in Innovation (i3) grant, a member of the Maryland State Department of Education's Committee of Practitioners, a board member for the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, a member of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission Task Force, a member of the Georgia Department of Education Committee on Quality Teaching, a member of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners, and a member of the Association for Educational Service Agencies governing board, serving as Chairperson and coordinating all governmental relations. Dr. Nelson also served as education committee chairperson for a metropolitan area Chamber of Commerce and a local county Chamber of Commerce, where he developed and implemented workforce development programs and articulation agreements between PK-12 schools and postsecondary institutions.

Dr. Nelson served as Director of Federal Programs for Prince George's County Public Schools, responsible for implementing and monitoring intervention programs for underachieving students and providing support for low performing schools. He served as Executive Director and Educational Consultant for a state education agency providing statewide leadership and consultative services to school districts in several states. Through his leadership and collaborative efforts schools in several states have achieved national distinguished Title I status and achievement gaps have been closed. Dr. Nelson has been a senior administrator in several postsecondary institutions, a teacher, and is currently adjunct professor at Cambridge College teaching advanced graduate courses, preparing future educational leaders.

Dr. Nelson was recognized by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia for successful development and implementation of programs to increase minority student recruitment, retention, academic success, and graduation rates. He was appointed by the President of Paine College as liaison to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), providing programming and policy expertise on strategies to increase student achievement for diverse populations. Dr. Nelson was the recipient of the Isaiah Reid Distinguished Leadership Award by South Carolina State University for outstanding leadership and services to improve public schools in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Dr. Nelson received his doctorate and educational specialist degrees in education administration from South Carolina State University, his master's degree in higher education administration from Southern Illinois University, and his bachelor's degree in health education from Mississippi Valley State University. Dr. Nelson currently resides in Upper Marlboro, MD. His interests include spending time with family, reading, attending church and sporting events, and being actively involved in his community.