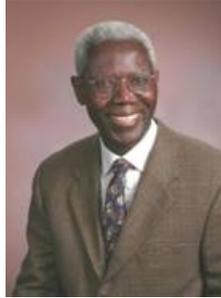


GEORGE A. COLEMAN
Connecticut State Department of Education



Biography

Deputy State Education Commissioner George A. Coleman of Sandy Hook has been named Acting Commissioner of Education, effective January 6, 2011, by vote of the Connecticut State Board of Education.

Mr. Coleman was named Deputy Commissioner of Education by the State Board of Education on May 2, 2007; after having served as Interim Commissioner of Education from August 14, 2006, through April 13, 2007.

Mr. Coleman, who had previously served as associate commissioner of the Division of Teaching and Learning Programs and Services since 1998, joined the State Department of Education in 1987 as an education consultant in kindergarten and the primary grades. He served as chief of the Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction and of the Bureau of Early Childhood Education and Social Services before becoming associate commissioner.

Mr. Coleman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in history from Tuskegee Institute. He also earned graduate degrees in both early childhood education and curriculum and instruction from Teacher's College at Columbia University. He has taught courses in early childhood education and history at Tufts University, Western Connecticut State University and the University of New Haven.

He has authored a number of publications including, *A Guide to Program Development for Kindergarten, Parts I and II*; *The Teacher's Ongoing Role in Creating a Developmentally Appropriate Early Childhood Program: A Self-Study Process for Teachers of Children Ages 5-8*; *A Guide to Curriculum Development: Health and Safety*; and *The Preschool Difference and Opening the Kindergarten Door*.

Mr. Coleman serves on many professional and community boards and councils, including the state and local United Way, the Connecticut State Birth-to-Three Council, Connecticut Commission on Children and Junior Achievement. He also chairs the Board of Directors of The Hord Foundation, based in Danbury.

Mr. Coleman and his wife, Carrie, reside in the Sandy Hook section of Newtown. They are the parents of one daughter, Olga Coleman Williams, and have four grandsons.