



## Biography Dr. Steven W. Edwards

A leader nationally recognized by USA Today for his innovative approach to education, Dr. Edwards successfully implemented numerous programs to improve student performance during his sixteen year tenure as a school administrator. One such program, the Student Assistance Center, was one of only seven national winners of grass roots programs. The Center combined school and community to solve educational issues. Dr. Edwards also has been instrumental in helping countless school districts tailor similar programs with positive, far-reaching results. In addition, Dr. Edwards is a nationally recognized keynote speaker, facilitator and trainer regularly featured as a content expert on television and radio with appearances on CNN on topics such as school safety, school climate and reform and strategic planning. As a planner Dr. Edwards has worked locally, nationally and internationally with both for-profit and non-profit organizations, such as schools, churches, corporations and cities. Clients include The World Bank and The United Nations. As a planner he has assisted groups and individuals in identifying and achieving individual and organizational goals. Throughout his twenty-eight year professional career, Dr. Edwards has published numerous articles on school reform, and has authored a book, which outlines the implementation of the Student Assistance Center. He has also served as an adjunct professor for the University of Connecticut, teaching prospective administrators in the Graduate School of Education. In addition, Dr. Steven Edwards has served as the Vice President for the Children, Communities, and Youth Division of the National Crime Prevention Council in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw initiatives that focus on delivering a crime prevention message to America's youth. His efforts in this area involved working with schools, youth service agencies, community leaders and policy makers across the country and internationally. He also served as a Professor in the Graduate School of Educational Leadership at The George Washington University, teaching courses in planning and organizational change. Currently, Dr. Edwards is President and CEO of Edwards Educational Services, where he oversees educational initiatives both nationally and internationally. His most recent publication is a dropout prevention monograph outlining seven effective strategies principals can implement to reduce the dropout rates in their schools.