

Recent Trends in Education Philanthropy

Member Education Program

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Celine Coggins, Ph.D., Executive Director

For more than two decades, she has been in the education field, including roles as a middle school teacher in Massachusetts and a leader in education policy. She went on to become a special assistant to the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education, working on a set of initiatives to improve the quality of the state's teaching force. She currently holds an appointment as a lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Dr. Celine Coggins founded Teach Plus in 2007 to create policy and practice leadership paths for excellent teachers. During her 10 years at the helm of Teach Plus, Celine set the national agenda for the organization that speaks to both teacher needs and policy opportunities. Under Celine's leadership, Teach Plus has built a network of over 30,000 teachers spanning twelve states. Coggins' vision and support made it possible for thousands of teachers to become influential in changing the policies that affect their classrooms, from local contracts to state law to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

Her 2017 book, [How to be Heard: Ten Lessons Teachers Need to Advocate for their Students and Profession](#), has become the playbook for successful educator activism. A nationally-recognized expert on teacher leadership, education policy standards and accountability, and union politics, Celine has addressed audiences at the Philanthropy Roundtable, the Askwith Forum at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and on NBC's Education Nation. She has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Time*, *The Washington Post*, and *US News & World Report*.

Celine earned a BA in psychology from the College of Holy Cross, an MA in educational research and measurement from Boston College, and a PhD in education policy analysis from Stanford University. She resides in the Boston area with her husband and three daughters.