

## **Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D., Chairperson**



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In 1961, Commissioner Carey-Shuler received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech from Florida A&M University. She also holds master's degrees in Communications and Speech from Ohio State University, 1962, and an in Guidance from the University of Miami, 1969. In 1978, Commissioner Carey-Shuler received a Doctorate in Education from the University of Florida.

Throughout her career, Chairwoman Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. has been recognized for outstanding service to the community. She has received major appointments to prestigious boards, committees and task forces by U.S. presidents and state governors as well as hundreds of honors and recognition for her services and contributions.

Recently, she was honored by the International Committee of Artists for Peace, a coalition supporting the United Nations International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, and by the Dean of the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College in Atlanta for her work in promoting peace and non-violence.