

William R. Dyson

Mr. Dyson has a long and distinguished record of public service, having served in the Connecticut House of Representatives for thirty-two years, including a long tenure as House Chair of the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Dyson is currently working at Central Connecticut State University as the holder of the Governor William A. O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics, housed in the Center for Public Policy and Social Research.

Awarded his BA from Morris College, and a Masters in Urban Studies and a Sixth Year degree from Southern Connecticut State University, Mr. Dyson is a life-long public school teacher and administrator, having served in the New Haven Public School System for 36 years.

Currently the chair of the Racial Profiling Prohibition Project Advisory Board and the Connecticut Commission on National and Community Service, Mr. Dyson also is active in LEAP (Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership), and is an appointee to the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission.

Mr. Dyson continues to fight for social justice in part by giving a voice to underrepresented communities. His work focuses on issues that face children of incarcerated parent's, as well as formerly incarcerated individuals.

In his role as holder of the O'Neill Endowed Chair, Mr. Dyson works to provide learning opportunities for students that would not otherwise be readily available. It is his intent that his efforts will help to foster a life-long commitment to public and community service.