

Dr. Eric Hall has more than two decades of experience serving in executive leadership, with significant expertise in the fields of education, youth development, and juvenile justice. Most recently in November 2021, he was appointed Secretary for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice by Governor Ron DeSantis.

In March 2019, he returned home to Florida and became the state's first Senior Chancellor at the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). In his role at FDOE, he served as a chief advisor to the Commissioner of Education and was instrumental in developing and implementing the state's top education priorities. He led the Department's efforts on Governor Ron DeSantis' education-related executive orders, which are centered around having the best instructional standards, the safest schools and #1 workforce education in the nation. FDOE put forth an aggressive agenda to ensure that all Floridians have access to the world-class education they deserve, and Eric made substantial contributions to transform these student-focused goals into reality.

Prior to his work at FDOE, he led renowned education initiatives in a number of positions in North Carolina, including as Deputy State Superintendent, where he oversaw multiple divisions and initiatives within the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Eric was also the state's founding Superintendent of North Carolina's Innovative School District and, before that, the President and CEO of Communities In Schools of North Carolina (CISNC). In all of these positions, he built strong partnerships with state and local education leaders, as well as the business community, to support and sustain services aimed at improving educational opportunities for students across the state.

Preceding his move to North Carolina, Eric served as the National Director of Educational Services for AMIkids, Inc., a nonprofit organization providing intervention services to youth in juvenile justice programs and non-traditional schools across nine states.

Eric's additional career experience includes successful board and community development; strategic planning; education innovation; educator and school leader development; and significant experience building and fostering partnerships across agencies and organizations to support common missions and visions. He began his career as a teacher, then later transitioned into school leadership, and soon after was promoted to lead the implementation of education and juvenile justice reforms in Florida and other states across the nation.

Eric holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Science Education, a master's degree in Educational Leadership, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of South Florida. He is the son of two public school teachers, and his wife is a school social worker. Eric, his wife, and their two children live in Tallahassee.