

## **Dr. Terry Brooks Bio**

Terry Brooks spent most of his career as an educator. He served for more than three decades as a public school administrator in Jefferson, Hardin and Oldham Counties and at the Anchorage Independent School District in Kentucky. Brooks also worked as a lead qualitative researcher for the Governor's Center of Excellence for the Advancement of Teaching, sharing that joint faculty appointment at the Universities of Louisville and Kentucky. After earning his doctorate, Brooks served as the lead senior associate for education at the Boston-based think tank, the Community Training and Assistance Center, leading change efforts with mayors and governors in communities such as Albuquerque, Denver, Salt Lake City, Newark and Cleveland. Brooks has also served as an adjunct professor at Harvard, Vanderbilt and Bellarmine Universities.

In 2005, Dr. Brooks took over the reins at Kentucky Youth Advocates, which is the seminal nonprofit watchdog for Kentucky's kids. KYA carries a multi-policy portfolio, leading work in economic well-being, health, child welfare, education, early childhood and juvenile justice with a focus on policy change on behalf of children in Washington and Frankfort.

Brooks' work has been cited in a number of publications, including "Moral Leadership" (Sergiovanni), "Horace's Hope" (Sizer), "Successful Schools for Early Adolescents" (Lipsitz) and "Allies in Reform" (Kohli). Brooks himself is an author with works including "Innovation and Commitment," published by Columbia University Press.

Brooks and his wife Judy share common passions for the Louisville Cardinals, great local restaurants and their eight grandkids!