

Thelma Burns, MEd

Thelma Callender Burns has been an educator, organizer and activist in the Boston area for over 40 years. A native of Cambridge, MA, she began her professional career as a licensed practical nurse, only to return to school to pursue her calling to be an educator. By the time she completed her Master's degree in Education from Harvard University, Mrs. Burns was well on her way to creating opportunities for young people.

In 1966, she co-founded and directed the Store Front Learning Center in Boston, one of the first after school programs in the area. Mrs. Burns is also a retired METCO director. For over 28 years, she worked with Boston youth and their families to ensure that children received the highest quality and most meaningful education.

Mrs. Burns continues to be a strong advocate in her community, serving on several boards and advisory committees including the Mayor's Advisory Council for Area Agency on Aging and ABCD.