



ANGELA OLIGE

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As an Assistant Commissioner for the Texas Department of Agriculture, Angela Olige is part of Commissioner Miller's executive team. She oversees the Food and Nutrition Division and has administrative oversight for the operations, policy development, strategic planning and financial management of 12 federal nutrition programs with an annual budget of about \$2.5 billion in Texas. These programs have an impact on the state's public, private-nonprofit and charter schools as well as numerous residential child care institutions, food banks, and other community and faith-based organizations. This position affords Angela the opportunity to engage in the endeavors she finds most rewarding — instituting and managing the kinds of effective change and transitions that not only help those in need but also lead people to discover their hidden talents, abilities and skills.

Angela received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Angela first ventured into the public sector at the local level in 1984. She honed her accounting and managerial skills in the accounting offices of Texas school districts in La Marque and Houston and added food and nutrition to the mix while working in Las Vegas, Nevada for the Clark County School District. Angela started her state service in 2005 with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Angela ensures Texas interests and concerns are addressed in national settings. She has served for more than 12 years as the Southwest Regional Representative for the School Nutrition Association. Angela also has served many national workgroups with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The last workgroup was convened by Secretary Purdue to streamline administration of federal programs. She has facilitated national USDA State Agency conferences that seek to strengthen the partnerships between state agencies and USDA. Angela is a fierce advocate of collaboration and cooperation to achieve progress and work toward resolutions. She partnered with Andrea Denning of the Ohio Department of Education to develop and host in Texas the very first meeting of Child Nutrition State Directors. This effort resulted in 37 of the 50 states convening for the first time in history and established an annual event for state directors to come together to maintain synergy, identify solutions to common concerns and issues, and effectively partner with the federal government as they lead their respective states.

Angela was selected to attend the Harvard School of Business for a weeklong leadership training. This event was filled with leaders in government from more than 30 countries. Angela found this time to be the most intense, challenging and rewarding time of any training she has taken thus far. She was pleased to successfully complete the class and acquire skills she employs to this day.

Angela resides in Georgetown, Texas. She is the proud wife of Rick Olige, a distinguished army veteran and ministering elder and has been blessed to mother three daughters and two sons. She is an extremely proud grandmother of five grandsons and five granddaughters. Angela finds joy in children's laughter, the chime of a grandfather clock, martial arts movies, and a good book. She utilizes available time on the things she values most — treasuring her husband, mentoring women, inspiring others, caring for her grandchildren, spending time with her extended family, and serving as ministering elder at Celebration Church.