

Starlee Coleman is the President and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Starlee has 25 years of experience turning public policy ideas into laws. Through strategic public affairs and PR campaigns, grassroots engagement, and coalition development, Starlee has contributed to the passage of dozens of bills in state legislatures, Congress, and at the ballot box.

Most recently, Starlee served as the Texas Public Charter Schools Association's (TPCSA) CEO, where she oversaw the daily operations of the organization and helped ensure that TPCSA's policy recommendations cross the finish line, whether the finish line ended at a Governor's desk, city hall, on an election ballot, or in the courtroom.

Prior to TPCSA, Coleman founded SchoolForward LLC, a public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. that advances education reform policies. The firm advised a number of high-profile clients, including the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Starlee's work has earned a Templeton Freedom Award for Best Initiative in Public Relations in 2008 and the Spark Freedom Award for Best PR Campaign.

Starlee has done hundreds of media interviews, including formerly having a weekly appearance on the NBC affiliate in Phoenix, Ariz., where she debated current affairs with a leading elected official. She has appeared on nationally-syndicated radio and TV programs, including CNN, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, FoxNews and Fox Business, Wall Street Journal Live, NPR's 1A, and the Lars Larson Show. Starlee has delivered dozens of speeches on current affairs to civic groups and presented at several conferences on effective communications and marketing strategies and on crisis communications.

Starlee earned her Bachelor of Arts in English at Arizona State University. She lives in Austin, Texas with her family.