

Delia Arellano-Weddleton

Program Officer

"I'm personally driven by our mission, because I'm part of a traditionally underrepresented group. For me, it's a moral obligation to make education work better for low-income learners in our region. It's exciting to be behind an organization that actually has the resources to make a difference. Let's give students all the tools they need to succeed."

Delia Arellano-Weddleton joined the Nellie Mae Education Foundation in 2008.

Delia, a first-generation American, holds more than 20 years' experience in social services and community outreach, primarily in low-income, immigrant communities. Previously, she worked at the Foundation as a Fellow in the Associated Grant Makers Diversity Fellowship Program. Prior to the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, Delia was the Coordinator of the Newcomers and Neighbors Center in Framingham, Massachusetts, which was created to respond to the needs of the town's large immigrant community. She also previously worked as a Bilingual Family Advocate at the South Middlesex Opportunity Council's Head Start program, supporting English-, Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking families.

Delia holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania.