

Michael McConnell

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Hometown: Gainesville, GA

Resides In: Johns Creek, GA.

Children: 9 year old son

Education: - B.A. degree in Computer Science from North Georgia College and State University

Languages: English and some Spanish

Mike is a passionate proponent of education in general and a fervent believer in language immersion particularly in the context of early education when the ability to obtain, retain, and compartmentalize languages is significantly enhanced. In a world that is shrinking rapidly, enhanced language skills will provide a clear advantage for both the individual engaged in a language program and for the growth of the local economy.

Mike has 20 years of Information Technology experience in multiple industries including education, manufacturing, and most recently financial services. Mike is currently the Head of Managed Data Center Operations for 5Q Partners. Previously, Mike was the Director of IT Services for Piedmont Office Realty Trust where he was responsible for the IT needs of the company. Additionally, Mike worked for Abbott Labs\Hospira in the pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing sector supporting IT infrastructure and applications in Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico, North Carolina, Kansas, and New York. Initially, Mike began his IT career with North Georgia College and State University supporting the IT infrastructure for the university.

Mike has also volunteered at various times with United Way, Special Olympics, Canine Assistants and Relay for Life. Activities with these organizations has ranged from general participation, program audits, organizing events, fostering dogs and raising funds.