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Michael McKnight is currently an educational specialist for the New Jersey Department of Education working in the Cape May and Atlantic County Office. Michael works closely with the school districts in the counties and is involved with a wide range of school district issues.

Prior to joining the department of education Michael had 23 years experience in schools. He was a special education teacher for 13 years working and learning with emotionally and behaviorally troubled adolescents. Michael also was an administrator at Atlantic County Special Services School District for 10 years and was responsible for the programming for troubled students, ages 5 thru 21 years, removed from the local school district.

Michael has a passion for creating and supporting Reclaiming Environments for “at-risk” children and youth as well as the adults who serve them. Michael is a senior trainer for the Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI) Institute. LSCI is an advanced therapeutic strategy for helping challenging students. He has been involved with program and staff development for over 30 years.

Michael is also the coauthor of the book: ***Unwritten- The Story of A Living System*** about school transformation. His work currently involves the creation of school level “adversity teams” and trauma informed care in our schools and classrooms. Michael is an adjunct professor at Stockton University teaching *Inclusive Learning in Education*.

He views himself, not as an expert, but as a learner and a teacher who has always enjoyed building strength based cultures with others.