

TEAM MEMBER PORTRAIT

MARC ABBATACOLA

Leadership Development Strategist



BIOGRAPHY //

Marc Abbatacola joined the Flippen Group in 2015 as a *Capturing Kids' Hearts®* summer trainer and in 2016, he joined on a full-time basis. Marc is originally from suburban Chicago but has lived in Florida, Washington, Arkansas, New York, Indiana, and North Carolina. He served eight years in the US Air Force and spent 12 years working for American Airlines and United Airlines in various capacities.

Before coming to the Flippen Group, he headed a private school in Elgin, IL for almost eight years. Like many Flippen Group employees, Marc was first a student of their leadership processes, having taken his faculty and staff through *Capturing Kids' Hearts®* and *Leadership Blueprint™*.

Marc holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and a master's degree in business administration from Dowling College in New York. He and his wife, Jennifer, have five children: Justin, Lilli, Paige, Tommy, and Sofie. Their oldest son, Justin (USMA at West Point '08), and his wife, Kerri, reside outside of Dallas with Marc and Jenn's three grandchildren: Quinn, Madden, and Ellery. ■



KEY FACTS

- Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University
- Master's degree from Dowling College in New York
- 20 years in US Air Force and private airlines industry
- 8 years leading a private school in Elgin, IL before joining the Flippen Group in 2015



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