

Kent Ryan, M.Ed.

Kent Ryan brings more than thirty years experience as teacher, reading consultant, and administrator to his role as a trainer for McGrath Training Solutions. Kent spent the first nine years of his career in Des Moines, Iowa, teaching Head Start, 1st and 2nd grade, and Reading Recovery/Title 1, before accepting a role as a reading consultant with the Iowa Department of Education.



It was in his role as a reading consultant that he learned about the importance of and developed a passion for educational leadership. Understanding that he could have a greater impact on student learning and well-being as a principal, Kent left the Department of Education after eight years and began a fifteen year journey as an elementary principal and district administrator that took him from Davenport, Iowa, to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Kent retired from full-time work in 2022.

While working as the Director of Culture/Climate Transformation in Cedar Rapids, Kent oversaw the district's social-emotional learning efforts and was part of the team that brought a new instructional approach to teaching SEL across the district. He also oversaw the district's bullying/harassment and Title IX investigation work and, in that capacity, he became acquainted with McGrath Training Solutions. He became a certified instructor then teamed with Stacia Walker (now McGrath's Senior Trainer and Implementation Manager) to train all district administrators in the McGrath Response System.

Kent has worked as an adjunct instructor at Iowa State University and Viterbo University and maintains his passion around educational leadership. Kent's career mission is to support principals and other district administrators in strengthening their skills to lead others and his work with McGrath is one expression of that mission.