

# Michael Burke

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## Biography

Michael Burke is Vice President of the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, which invests in public education where America is most under-invested: the first five years of life and learning. The Omaha-based foundation is committed to leveling the playing field for vulnerable babies, toddlers and preschoolers as they enter Kindergarten, a goal that should be a given in a society that values equal opportunity.

Mike has more than 30 years of experience in politics, public relations and philanthropy. He helps the foundation execute its pan-philanthropic strategy to invest in early childhood practice, policy and science, in Nebraska and throughout the United States. In part, the foundation works to: (1) create and sustain a nationwide network of well-implemented, well-evaluated Educare schools; (2) better inform state and federal public policy decision-making through the Alliance for Early Success and the First Five Years Fund; and (3) deepen society's knowledge and understanding of the science of early childhood.

Mike spends most of his time working with local partners to create new Educare schools and serving on the advisory boards guiding Educare Milwaukee, Educare Tulsa, Educare Oklahoma City, Educare Central Maine, Educare Miami-Dade, and Educare West DuPage. He also serves on the Executive Policy Council advising the First Five Years Fund, which is based in Washington, DC.

Before joining the Buffett Early Childhood Fund in January 2007, Mike oversaw public affairs and communications for several children's organizations, including: Ounce of Prevention Fund, Voices for Illinois Children, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He also managed media relations for two political campaigns in rural Illinois.

To learn more about the foundation's work in Nebraska and across America, please visit:  
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