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Anyone considering a relaunch of their career after time away faces complex considerations, but you don't need to go it alone.

I'm **Annette Rippert, Senior Managing Director at Accenture Technology North America**, and I'm a "re-launcher" myself.

In 2004, I stepped away from Accenture to be a full-time mom to my five boys and get the full parent experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Still, the idea of returning to work remained an open door in the back of my mind. I stayed in touch with colleagues and kept an eye on where technology was going.

When my youngest went off to school, I knew I had more to give as a technology professional. But, like anyone, I had doubts: Are my skills still relevant? Can I perform at the same level as before? How will my family adjust?

I decided to forge ahead and, in 2012, returned to Accenture. And I'm so glad I did.

I'm fortunate to work for a company that not only believes in finding untapped potential, but helping people nurture and build skills to succeed. Now, we're furthering those efforts with our **Return to Work program for executive women**.

It's a 16-week program to help people who have been out of the work place for more than 18 months to "skill up," network and learn.

We're partnering with iRelaunch, an organization that helps tech-savvy women gain the tools, confidence and connections to return to the workforce.

My return to work was really "like riding a bike," even after eight years away. If you're considering a return to work, I strongly encourage you to apply.

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