



# Introducing Rona Renner, RN



*I am passionate about providing radio shows that offer parents the opportunity to hear different points of view about what children need to grow up healthy and happy. A weekly radio show helps to decrease parental blame, guilt, and isolation. Parents need support, community resources, and information.*

*Childhood Matters reaches parents with different cultural backgrounds, lifestyles, resources, and education. Although we are all different, there is a golden thread that connects us: the love of children. I hope that our differences will encourage stimulating conversations, and that the needs of young children will be embraced by all.*

Rona Renner, RN, is the Executive Director of Interactive Parenting Media, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, which produces the Childhood Matters radio show and the Spanish-language radio show Nuestros Niños. The radio shows provide serious, accessible parent education for a broad, interactive radio audience. Rona is the host of Childhood Matters, making weekly contact with thousands of listeners in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

With the help of her husband, Mick, her family, friends, and other professionals, Childhood Matters was launched in November, 2002. A year later, Nuestros Niños began broadcasting. Both shows offer access to the deep wisdom of parents, the informed views of parenting experts, and the give-and-take of responsible discussion.

Rona is an accomplished parent educator and experienced advocate for parents in a variety of media. She's been a radio host and guest expert for ten years and has appeared on national television segments on CNN (temperament program) and 20/20 (managing anger). She is also a regular guest on ABC 7's The View from the Bay

Rona has been a registered nurse for over 40 years, with a wide range of experience in health care, administration, and patient education in New York, California, Zaire, and India. She has four children, ages 20 to 38, and two grandchildren. She continues to learn from them on a daily basis.

In 1991 she was trained by Kaiser Permanente to be a Temperament Specialist, helping parents better understand their child's behavioral style. She has consulted with parents on a wide variety of issues, helping them adjust their approach to parenting in light of their children's individual temperaments. She co-authored and developed a parent education training manual based on temperament principles.

For many years she was the coordinator of the Temperament program and the Reach Out and Read program at Kaiser Permanente, Richmond Medical Center. She served on the Kaiser Permanente, Northern California Region ADHD Best Practices Committee, and co-edited their newsletter, *ADHD Forum*.

She regularly offers assistance to parents regarding their rights (and their children's rights) in school issues and health care access. She has provided training for unwed teen mothers at Richmond High School. She offered free parenting classes through the YMCA, and has given trainings for local nursery school staff, public school faculty, and many community-based organizations.

Some of her favorite topics to teach are classes on temperament, discipline, ADHD, and regaining friendly relations with your partner. Her work is dedicated to the vision that all children must be treated with love and respect.



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