



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 Founder of Interactive Parenting Media, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, which produces the Childhood Matters radio show and the Spanish-language 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, 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 nurse, parent educator, and advocate for parents. She's been a radio host and guest expert since 1999 and has appeared on national television segments on CNN and 20/20. For three years she was a monthly guest on ABC 7's *The View from the Bay*.

Rona has been a registered nurse since 1966, with a wide range of experience in health care, administration, and patient education in New York, California, Zaire, and India. She has four adult children, and two grandchildren. In 1991 she was trained by Kaiser Permanente to be a Temperament Specialist. She consults 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 for Kaiser Permanente Northern California.

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. She taught classes for parents of children with ADHD and assisted in the diagnostic screening groups.

She regularly offers assistance to parents regarding school issues and health care access. She has provided training for unwed teen mothers at Richmond High School, and regularly offers trainings for parents and professionals at childcare centers, public schools, and community based organizations. Rona also provides in depth training to professional staff at agencies such as First 5 Alameda County and Bay Area Community Resources.

Some of her favorite topics to teach are temperament, discipline, ADHD, how to yell less, homework, and regaining friendly relations with your partner. Rona is available for individual temperament assessments and consultations.

Her work is dedicated to the vision that all children be treated with love and respect.



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