

Donna Rice Hughes

Social Entrepreneur, Internet Safety Expert, Advocate, Author, Speaker, Media Commentator, Filmmaker



Employment- CEO and President, Enough Is Enough[®] (EIE), a national non-partisan, secular, non-profit organization whose mission is to make the Internet safer for children and families.

Works- In 1994, she introduced the issue of Internet safety and emerged as the national voice for the prevention of Internet-initiated sexual exploitation of children. She led EIE's development of a three-pronged strategy of the public, the technology industry and legal community sharing the responsibility to protect children online from pornography, child pornography and sexual predators. This strategy was adopted by industry and governments worldwide. She led the proposal and advocacy of key bi-partisan [legislation](#) in the nineties to protect children from Internet pornography, sexual predators and other dangers. (Communications Decency Act, Child Online Protection Act, Children's Internet Protection Act, Child Pornography Prevention Act); Donna served on the Executive Committee of the first Children's Internet Safety Summit in 1997 and led the adoption of the Internet industry's "ZERO Tolerance" policy against child pornography, endorsed by the White House and DOJ; Executive Producer and Host of EIE's *Internet Safety 101*[®] DVD series (3 Telly Awards), Creator/Author /Producer of EIE's *Internet Safety 101*[®] Multimedia

Program (DVD series/Workbook & Resource Guide/ Rules 'N Tools[®] booklet) in partnership with U.S. Department of Justice. The 101 Program was the first comprehensive Internet safety curriculum designed for parents and caregivers to educate, equip, and empower parents, educators and caregivers to protect youth from pornography, sexual predators and cyber bullies, and to keep them safe on social networking sites, gaming and mobile devices; Author, *Kids Online*, *Protecting Your Children In Cyberspace* (Baker Books,1998); Story co-writer, *Touched By an Angel* TV Series (2000 Season Finale) which brought the message of online sexual predators and Internet safety to primetime television and won Neilson ratings in its time slot during May sweeps. Creator of www.enough.org, www.internetsafety101.org, www.friendlywifi.org.

Recent Awards- Founders Award (2015), National Center on Sexual Exploitation; The Professional Women in Advocacy 2014 Excellence In Advocacy Award for "Veteran Practitioner"; The Women in Technology (WIT) 2013 Leadership Award for "Social Impact"; Emmy Award as Executive Producer/Producer of The PBS/EIE *Internet Safety 101*[®] Television Series (2012); Emmy nomination in the Program Host/Moderator category;

Special Mention- Since 1994, Donna has given over 4,500 media interviews on Internet harms to children promoted Internet safety regarding pornography, sexual predators, online gaming, cyberbullying, sexting, social media and other dangers. Major news outlets featuring Donna include *The Today Show*, *FOX News Shows*, *CNN*, *Headline News*, *The O'Reilly Factor*, *Oprah*, *20/20*, *Dateline*, *BBC*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The San Jose Mercury News*, *People Magazine*, *McCalls*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Today's Christian Woman*, *World Magazine*, and *Parenting Magazine*. Author of numerous commentaries in major news publications including *USA Today*, *LA Times*, *Washington Times*, *Foxnews.com* and *Miami Herald*. Enough Is Enough Board of Directors (2002-Present) (Board Chairman 2003-2010), MySpace Advisory Board (2006-2009), Internet Safety Technical Task Force in cooperation with the U.S. Attorneys General (2008), Virginia Attorney General's Youth Internet Safety Task Force (2006); National House of Hope Board of Directors (1998-99); Child Online Protection Act Commissioner (1998), Testified numerous times before various committees of the United States House of Representatives and Senate. Professional speaker to family, education, industry, and faith based groups.

Education- B.S. Biology (Pre-med) with a minor focus in Business Administration. *Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, Outstanding Senior Award*, University of South Carolina (USC), 1980. USC Varsity cheerleader captain 1978-80.

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Professional Endorsements

“By continuing to speak out and partner with the rest of the Internet, Donna Rice Hughes is helping all of us build a medium we can be proud of.”— *Steve Case, former Chairman, American Online, Inc.*

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“Donna Rice Hughes has been warning about the dangers for years. *Dateline* first spoke with her 11 years ago. But now, she says the problem has grown with the Internet giving predators accessibility, affordability, and the anonymity to feed their criminal acts.” — *Dateline NBC*

“We feel strongly that the *Internet Safety 101* program is a tailored-made response to the Internet child safety crisis facing our state and the nation” — *President, Virginia PTA*

“Donna Rice Hughes is a strong and effective advocate for children’s online safety.”

— *John Ashcroft, U.S. Attorney General (2001-2005)*

“As parents, we have the responsibility to monitor our children’s use of the Internet. Ms. Hughes has presented us with a resource to ensure that our children’s experience using the Internet is a safe one.”

— *The Honorable Senator John McCain (AZ)*

“Through years of work empowering parents nationwide, EIE has developed highly effective resources and techniques for educating, motivating, and empowering parents to be the first line of defense in their children’s online lives. EIE, headed by

Donna Rice Hughes, has been a leading force in raising national recognition of the critically serious problem of Internet child pornography and sexual predation." — *Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief, U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, C.E.O.S.*

"The Enough Is Enough curriculum for parents, teachers, and caring adults is the most thorough information and training of its type available to those who want to protect their families from predators and pornographers."

— *Robert J. Flores, Esq., Former Administrator of the O.J.D.D.P, D.O.J.*

"Enough Is EnoughSM (EIE) has developed a unique approach to reach parents and adult childcare providers with the best resources and information on Internet safety, and we are aligned with EIE through our partnership for the *Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents* program, which will ensure that parents receive the best information available about Internet safety concerns, resources and information." — *Brent M. Olson, Assistant Vice President, Regulatory Policy, AT&T*

"Through the foresight and leadership of EIE, Internet Safety 101SM has established itself as the benchmark for all other Internet safety programs." — *Steve F. Clementi, Director, Verizon External Affairs*