

DIANE S. PROVO

CURRICULUM VITAE



WORK EXPERIENCE

1985 – Present Provo & Associates

Principal of a consulting firm based in Marin County, California which deals with all child based issues. dianeprovo.com

1970-1985 Educator

Taught Special Education classes in both public and private schools in Illinois and California. Coordinated special education programs for the **Head Start**, San Francisco, California. Consulted to **the Institute for Learning Difficulties** and taught graduate school at **Dominican University** both in San Rafael, California.

AFFILIATIONS

Advisor and Investor to Co-Pilot Systems. A company which develops planning and organizational skills to keep high school and college students on track. Headquartered in California. CoPilotsystems.com

Advisor and Partner to ALL (Animated Language Learning). Headquartered in Ireland. AnimatedLanguageLearning.com

Advisor to Sweetwater Spectrum. An innovative housing solution for adults with Autism. SweetwaterSpectrum.org

ORGANIZATIONS

Member of CHADD – Child and Adults with Attention Deficit

Member of NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children

Marin County Child Care Commission – Original Member

CERTIFICATIONS

State of California Teaching Credentials for Multiple Subject and Special Instruction in Special Education

Scientific Learning Corporation – Certified to administer a computerized Language Development Curriculum called FastForWord.

Samoas Sound Therapy – Certified to administer their Auditory Integration Program.

Vital Links – A Certified Therapeutic Listening Practitioner

SPEAKING & MEDIA

For almost fifteen years Diane was a regular personality on **KRON TV's Weekend News Show** where she delivered a live parenting segment. She also made frequent appearances on **KQED Radio's Family Talk** as well as **Bay TV** and **TechTV Cable stations**.

Speaking engagements have included keynotes for such organizations as **Levi-Strauss, Gymboree, Children's Hospital of Toledo**, and the **Commonwealth Club of San Francisco**. In 2003, Diane spoke before 6,000 attendees at the fifth San Francisco Summit for Women along with a very distinguished group of speakers. Sponsored by **Fidelity Investments** to tour the western United States speaking to **Morgan Stanley's** high net worth clients with children as a perk.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-founded **Starting Blocks Publications**. Co-authored the following books:

- *Starting Blocks... A Way of Understanding and Appreciating Children*
- *Kids are Great... When you know how they Work*
- *The Starting Blocks Readiness Inventory: A skills assessment program for Preschools to use in determining a child's school readiness.*

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, University of Hartford

Master of Science Degree in Special Education, Northern Illinois University

PERSONAL

Born and raised in New York City. Lived in Connecticut, Illinois and California. Married since 1969 and have one child.

INTERESTS

Enjoys cooking, exercise, yoga and anything having to do with the brain.