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People are always surprised when I tell them that I was bullied when I was a kid. After all, I'm Curtis Sliwa, founder of The Guardian Angels, the guy who rode New York's 'Mugger's Express' subway at 4:00 AM, the guy who's walked down a thousand dark alleys and lived to tell about it. But I wasn't always that Curtis Sliwa.

I grew up in Brooklyn, New York where there was never a shortage of tough guys. One in particular used to push me around every chance he got. He enjoyed it, I hated it. Hated myself because I couldn't do anything about it.

If I saw this guy today, I'd walk right up to him, look him in the eyes and thank him for every push, shove, insult and punch. Because it was this bully who sent me off in my life's direction.

Since then, I've learned non-confrontational skills that help me deal with people who use intimidation and violence. I think these skills are so important they should be taught in every school just like science and math. It's one of the essential skills we teach through The Guardian Angels Educational Alliance.

Lately, the bullying that takes place in our schools has been getting a lot of attention from parents, the media, and even the Federal Government through its 'No Child Left Behind' legislative mandates. We're all starting to realize how damaging bullying is to our children's education, to their self-confidence, and even to their physical safety.

Our Anti-Bullying Workshop was developed expressly to address this critical issue. It's an intensive, daylong learning experience that provides educators with the practical, real life skills they need to identify and successfully deal with bullying whether it occurs in the classroom, the play yard or the school bus.

**The Workshop is a fundamental element of our 'Teaching Teachers' Program. Developed and taught by specialized professionals and individuals with real world experience, the workshop emphasizes peer involvement and group responsibility to defuse the aggressive nature of bullying. The Workshop's highly effective methods help keep both students and teachers safe. At the same time, they help educators to deal with the kids who bully to help them understand and control their destructive behavior.**

If you have any questions about this workshop or others offered by The Guardian Angels Educational Alliance, please contact me personally. Like you, I'm interested in making our schools safer places to learn. [curtis@guardianangels.org](mailto:curtis@guardianangels.org) or (212) 545-7676.



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