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## **Non-Profit Organization continuously working nationwide to advocate for legislation and education**

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In May, 2016, a report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine declared that it's time to recognize bullying as a serious public health issue. But zero-tolerance policies aren't going to cut it.

"We need to understand that this is a public health problem faced by a third of our children," said Dr. Frederick Rivara, chairman of the committee compiling the report. "It has a major effect on their academic performance as well as their mental and physical health."

When using the word bullying, we not only speak of children on the playground, but often it is cyber-bullying that has grown in strength as social media use has increased especially among teens.

Department of Justice investigations have determined that bullying has been a contributing factor in over 73% of all school shootings, and research has linked bullying to a host of educational concerns including everything from academic failure to depression, substance abuse, delinquency, gang proliferation, self-harm, and worst of all, suicide.

As the news nationwide is becoming more littered with the horrors of teen suicide being driven by bullying, one bright light is shining on advocacy, legislation and law enforcement. His sole mission is to stand-up for those who do not have the voice to do it themselves. His name is Dr. Claudio Cerullo.

In November 2011, Claudio V. Cerullo, Ph.D., launched Teach Anti Bullying Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit. The organization is dedicated to working with educators and parents, students, law enforcement, and local government nationwide on the bullying crisis in the classroom and our communities.

Over the last 6 years, Teach Anti Bullying has addressed over 80,000 children, parents, and teachers nationwide. Dr. Cerullo has personally saved hundreds of children from committing suicide, and provided families financial resources for ongoing counseling whenever needed.

Dr. Claudio Cerullo has written dozens of articles on bullying prevention and has authored seven children's books, one being an international best seller. His book titled "*My Name is David*" is specifically about an autistic boy and his unfortunate bullying just because he has ASD (autism spectrum disorder.) His book, "*It is Never Right to Fight*" is dedicated to all the families who lost loved ones to senseless forms of violence and half of all the proceeds are donated back to the specific families that lost a child to bullying-related incidents.

He has also authored a book for parents, "*Teaching Anti-Bullying*," which earned special notice from Sears and Team Up to Stop Bullying on their 2012 list of recommended bullying solutions books. He has contributed to educational videos on bullying, including "*Bullying: Children with Special Needs*" and

*“Teaching Anti-Bullying K-8.”* In addition, Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo co-authored with learning expert Pat Wyman, *“Amazing Grades 101 Best Ways to Improve Your Grades Faster.”* Cerullo’s chapter is entitled *“Bullying and How it Affects Academic Achievement.”*

In 2005, Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo was invited to the White House as an expert panel member in the area of school violence prevention. He attended a second time in 2011.

Dr. Cerullo was asked to be the first keynote presenter at the State of Louisiana’s first Anti-Bullying Call to Action Conference in 2012, and was invited back to Baton Rouge in March of 2013 and October of 2013 for their anti-bullying summit. Since 2012, Dr. Cerullo has been asked to be the Keynote Speaker for over six National educational/medical organizations and he is currently scheduled to keynote in Cape May NJ in June, 2017.

In November 2013, Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo was honored by the Philadelphia 76ers with the Heroes Among Us Award. The Sixers’ “Heroes Among Us” awards people in the Greater Philadelphia area who have made exceptional and overwhelming contributions to better the lives of children in the community.

This past fall, Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo collaborated on “TAB 1.0,” a new bullying computer application for school students, parents, and teachers to use in their classrooms.

He is interviewed regularly by many local and national media outlets on the subject of Bullying and School Violence including ABC, NBC, Fox News, CBS, KYW and CNN News, as well as several radio and talk shows.

Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo and West Chester University received the Outstanding Service Award in Urban Education from the School District of Philadelphia Board of Education. As Director of the Delaware Mentoring Council, Dr. Cerullo partnered with Mayor James Baker of the City of Wilmington in establishing a new mentoring proclamation, the Wilmington Mentoring Commission, to help promote youth mentoring and lower the high school dropout rate to all at-risk youth within the City of Wilmington.

Dr. Cerullo is an Associate Member of the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists and a member of the Association for Elementary and Secondary School Principals.

“Once considered something of a rite of passage or just *kids being kids*, bullying is now defined by experts in the fields of education, mental health, and criminology for what it is - an act of abuse and terrorism on our most vulnerable citizens,” says Dr. Cerullo. “That is why it is so important to me that we continue to fight this terrorism on all levels of law and government and I will continue to personally advocate on these issues.”

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