

# Junior Guardian Angels

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keeping schools safe

***Education Team***

The Junior Guardian Angels, our early prevention program for children from 7 to 11, teaches values and instills a sense of purpose.

With so much peer pressure to choose violence as a means of resolving disputes, this program exerts a strong, positive influence on the child's development. It teaches each child how to make "correct" choices, and helps them to recognize that they have talents and interests that are of value.

The program uses a variety of teaching tools—from art projects and puppets to workshops with community leaders, police and fire departments—all of which foster an appreciation and respect for each child's neighborhood.

The youngsters develop self-esteem through role-playing, verbal defense skills, and community projects that give them a sense of purpose.

Children participate through Junior Guardian Angels After-School Club Programs, including those administered through the YMCA of Greater New York. Recent grants by the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development have furthered delivering these life-shaping programs to today's youth.

