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## Linda Lantieri – Short Bio.

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With over 40 years of experience in education as a teacher and director of a middle school in East Harlem and faculty member at Hunter College in New York City, **Linda Lantieri** has shown a lifetime of commitment to enriching the daily lives of adults and children alike. Although she has worn many hats in the field of education, her occupation and vocation have always coincided – her professional life has also been her calling.

Linda is co-founder of the Resolving Conflict Creatively Program (RCCP), a research-based K-8 social and emotional learning program that has been implemented in over 400 schools nationwide. Currently she serves as the Director of The Inner Resilience Program whose mission is to cultivate the inner lives of students, teachers and schools by integrating social and emotional learning with contemplative practice. Linda is also one of the founding board members of the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL).

She is the coauthor of *Waging Peace in Our Schools* (Beacon Press, 1996) editor of *Schools with Spirit: Nurturing the Inner Lives of Children and Teachers* (Beacon Press, 2001), and author of *Building Emotional Intelligence: Techniques to Cultivate Inner Strength in Children* (Sounds True, 2008). She has received numerous awards including *Educational Innovator* by the National Education Association; the *Richard R. Green Distinguished Educator Award*; the *Spirit of Crazy Horse Award* for “creating courage in discouraged youth” and the International Education and Resource Network (iEARN) 2001 *Making a Difference Award*.