

On October 7th, 2003, Mr. Halligan lost his 13-year-old son, Ryan, to suicide. It was revealed in greater detail, after Ryan's death, that he was ridiculed and humiliated by his peers at his middle school in Vermont and online.

Just a few months after Ryan's death, Mr. Halligan spearheaded the Vermont Bullying Prevention law in 2004, in honor of his son Ryan. He also led the passing of a law in 2006 which requires education about suicide prevention in public schools.

Mr. Halligan has made it his life's work to spread the need for awareness and prevention of bullying, cyberbullying, and teen suicide- not only in the US, but in Canada and Latin America. He and his wife, Kelly, have appeared on several national TV programs, including Oprah, Primetime with Diane Sawyer, and PBS Frontline. Mr. Halligan has spoken to over 1800 schools spreading his message of hope and kindness. He is here to share Ryan's Story with us today.