

## **About *Words Can Work* and Jeanne Blake**

“Jeanne Blake is a passionate expert and does an outstanding job on the issues that she deals with. She understands the sensitivity of these issues to people and workplaces. We are so lucky to deliver the programming that she does; it's quite different than any other health and wellness program in the marketplace.”

**Peter Mongeau, Second Vice President, Benefits & Human Resource Services  
John Hancock Financial Services**

“Our employees value their kids and spouses more than anything – sometimes more than themselves. While they may ignore prevention messages directed toward them, they are willing to listen and learn if it will help their families. Following the *Alcohol: True Stories* workshop for the entire Boston Fire Department and the distribution of the booklets *Words Can Work: When Talking About Alcohol* there was a significant increase of alcohol and drug-related referrals of spouses and young people to the BFD/EAP.”

**Lt. William J. Ostiguy LADC/1, CADAC, CAS, CCS, CEAP  
EAP/Stress Coordinator  
Boston Fire Department/Local 718  
City of Boston**

“Parents are increasingly juggling the demands of work and their families. Our goal is to give them tools and resources to help them raise healthy families. We’ve used Blake Works workshops and materials with great success. Parents say they give them basic skills they can use to communicate with their children on important issues. These workshops at 3M are popular and get great reviews every time.”

**Carol Ley, M.D., Director, Occupational Medicine  
3M**

“You did such a great job capturing the audience with a wealth of information. I'm hopeful that I am able to keep the lines of communications open with my daughters, one of which just entered the middle school, to keep them safe.”

**Response to Keynote speech,  
*Helping Kids Make Healthy Choices***

“Your remarks were perfect moving, succinct and relevant to our mission. Countless women who attended the event commented on how wonderful you were.”

**The Kenneth B. Schwartz Center  
*A Celebration of Women in Health Care***

“Blake’s films and workshops explore sensitive issues in an open and honest way. They provide parents with important tools to help their children build self-esteem and learn to respect themselves and others.”

**Jane Hamel  
Hewlett Packard Corporation**

“In Blake’s books and workshops, her spiritual/community ethos comes through in a beautiful way.”

**Brian Johnson, M.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry  
Harvard Medical School**

**Emails from coaches, teachers, policy makers and health officials  
about the *Words Can Work* Forum at Fenway Park featuring  
*Steroids: True Stories: Hosted by Curt Schilling.***

“I would like to thank you and all others that put on the great conference at Fenway Park. Very professional. I had my sports night last night and opened up the evening showing the DVD [*Steroids: True Stories Hosted by Curt Schilling*] to about 250 people, students and parents. Again thank you.”

**John Donato, Athletic Director  
Minuteman Regional High School**

“The forum was superb and the panel excellent and the DVD outstanding. (the venue was pretty exciting, too!) It was one of the best conferences I've been to: the information, the people, the materials- thank you, thank you!”

“Thank You, This was one of the best presentations I have been to!”

“I enjoyed today's forum and congratulate Jeanne Blake, you and the others for putting together such an enlightening event. Thank you for making a world of difference in the lives of our children and parents and providing the tools for educators, health providers and stakeholders in our efforts to educate, inform and prevent the use of steroids.”

“Terrific job at the event today. What a great turn-out and a moving set of speeches. Bravo.”

“Congratulations again on a fabulous event! You really hit one outa' the park.”

“I really appreciated the conference, Craig's honesty, and his determination. I would appreciate the opportunity to schedule a forum with him at our school, one which not just athletes but also the entire student body could attend.”

“Job well done, my staff enjoyed the format and love the materials. We had 27 of our Athletic Directors, Youth Workers and Program Managers attend. You are doing some great things as it pertains to health issues and health care disparity.”

“I have to thank you for the amazing event. Craig's speech brought me to tears, especially when he brought his son to the podium. I really enjoyed the panel discussion. It was a great mix of people covering different angles of the issue. The crowd was so great. There was so much energy in that room. It really was a perfect day.”

“My hat goes off to you. Feel good about how many people you have inspired and how many lives you will save.”

“I want to thank you for the opportunity to attend the seminar. It was such a worthwhile experience, and I feel fortunate to have been a part of it.”

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**Responses to Jeanne Blake's Keynote presentation**  
***Supporting Parents in the Workplace***  
**The International Association of Fire Fighters**  
**Redmond Symposium - Honolulu, Hawaii**

"Excellent presentation. Family issues definitely can affect job performance. This has happened to me."

"Outstanding! This is the next big issue for the fire service."

"This is going to be part of the backbone in the fire service so members can function in their jobs and make it to retirement."

"We need to have a larger impact on the citizens we serve. This presentation says it all."

"I work with 700 fire fighters. No one talks about this stuff. We need to."

"Very inspiring speaker."

"Ms. Blake's resources will be of great value as we build our programs."

"Super idea to have her [Jeanne Blake] speak to us. We sometimes forget that our families are in this with us."

"Very eye-opening."

"Family problems affect members' ability to work. It's very important to address this issue."