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**Jeanne Blake Receives Mental Health Humanitarian Award from  
Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology**

**Journalist and *Words Can Work*® creator is outstanding advocate for children's health**

West Roxbury, MA—Jeanne Blake, a resident of Gloucester, Massachusetts and New York City, is the 2010 recipient of the Mental Health Humanitarian Award from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology (MSPP) for her tireless efforts to increase awareness of children's health issues and needs.

Each year, MSPP presents its humanitarian award to a person who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the needs of the community. "Jeanne exemplifies the spirit of this award through her commitment to children's mental health," says MSPP President, Dr. Nicholas Covino.

Blake is a medical reporter, author, and affiliated faculty member of the Division on Addictions at Harvard Medical School. She also is a trustee of McLean Hospital, Harvard's largest psychiatric facility.

In 1984 Blake created the medical beat for WBZ-TV, the Boston NBC affiliate. In 1991, she founded Blake Works Inc. (certified as a Woman Owned Business) and Family Health Productions, which produce, publish, and distribute the *Words Can Work*® series of DVDs, booklets and Online programs, to support young people, families, and communities in talking about the public and mental health challenges kids face growing up.

Blake provides consulting services in the field of parent/child communication and speaks nationally to parents, and health care professionals in corporate and community settings. Blake Works has formed a partnership with former US Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher's Health Leadership Institute to will create Town Hall Meetings on mental health nationally, which Jeanne will moderate.

Blake has appeared on *Oprah*, *The Today Show*, *The Cristina Show*, and CNN. Her work has been featured on National Public Radio and Bloomberg Radio.

At WBZ-TV, Blake earned the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Journalism Award for coverage of HIV/AIDS and was recognized by Americans for Democratic Action and the Human Rights Campaign for coverage of health care issues.

Her book, *Risky Times: How to be AIDS-Smart and Stay Healthy* (Workman, 1991) was named to the American Library Association's lists of *Best Books for the Young Adult Reader* and *Best Books for the Reluctant Reader*.

Blake is a member of American Psychological Association's Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls, and was a Kaiser Media Fellow in Health.

## About MSPP

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