

About *Words Can Work* ...

"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**

"Today's parents often juggle the responsibilities of parenthood and work. We find that parents of teens and adolescents are dealing with a variety of difficult and scary issues and are looking for information and help to keep their kids safe. Our goal is to help educate parents so they can manage these demands and understand the issues their children are facing. *Words Can Work* is a unique set of materials for parents and kids that provides this information in ways that really makes sense. *Words Can Work* provides parents with tools to help connect with their kids in ways that work!"

**Leslie P. Strachan, LICSW, LADC, EAP Consultant
Partners HealthCare (Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital)**

"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**

"Blake Works DVDs and books offer families from diverse backgrounds a simple road map for effective communication. They are unlike any other materials in the field because they combine her ability to tell a poignant story with cutting edge research from leading experts in family communication and child development."

**Chad Martin, MS
Youth Behavior Specialist
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

"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 With Kids 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**

"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**