

## JACQUELINE CASTINE: BIO

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- **Jacqueline Castine**, B.A., is a Community Education Specialist at the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority in Auburn Hills, Michigan. She has personal experience with mental illness, chemical dependency and codependency. Her undiagnosed brain disorder led her to homelessness, bankruptcy and welfare in 1997. She is recovering from bipolar disorder (Manic Depression) and has been sober since 1988.
- She serves on the Board of Directors of the Oakland County Council for Children & Adults with Psychiatric Disabilities (OCAP), South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (SOCH), Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA), and the Mental Illness Research Association (MIRA).
- Ms. Castine is the author of The Educator's Job Change Manual, (Phoenix Publishing, 1984), Recovery From Rescuing (Health Communications, Inc. 1989) and I Wish I Could Fix It, But . . . Practical and Spiritual Guidance for Those who Love, Live with and Care about People Struggling with Mental Illness and Addictions., (Phoenix Publishers, 2005). She writes for the Daily Oakland Press and Health Care Weekly Review. She has radio and television broadcast experience as guest, host and producer and has traveled nationally as a mental health speaker.
- Jacqueline was formerly employed as a Junior High School English Teacher in the Bloomfield Hills School District, and worked for 10 years as an account representative and field sales trainer for the 3M Company located in St. Paul, Minnesota. She teaches classes for Adult and Continuing Education Departments of School districts throughout the metro-Detroit Area.
- Jackie attended Wayne State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Oakland University in 1973 with an English Major.
- Jackie has two married daughters who live in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Her son died at age 46, by suicide in October 2007. She lives in Bloomfield Hills and has seven grand children ages 6-17 living, New Hampshire and Texas.

