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## Maine Schools Application for *FREE* Ugly Ducklings Community Action Kit

### Overview and agreement

*Ugly Ducklings* is a school and community resource to reduce bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

In filling out the attached FREE Kit Application your school district will receive one free copy of the Ugly Ducklings Community Action Kit, of which the documentary film is a piece. In addition to the film, the Community Action Kit includes extra interview footage on topics corresponding with sections in the Kit for Educators, Parents, Youth, and a section on Youth Suicide. Within each of these sections you'll find activities, discussion questions, checklists, tips, statistics, and resources to help make your school a safer, healthier place for all kids, and especially LGBTQ youth.

When you sign the application, you are agreeing to participate in a brief follow-up survey within one year of receiving the Kit.

### What is the Community Action Kit?

The *Ugly Ducklings* Documentary Film and Community Action Kit are the centerpieces of a statewide and national campaign to end bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Two Maine organizations, Hardy Girls Healthy Women and Greater Waterville's Communities for Children and Youth successfully staged the Maine premier of the award-winning play *Ugly Ducklings* and from the play's development, produced an educational documentary film. The play, nominated for an American Theater Critic's Award, and written by Maine playwright Carolyn Gage, deals with the realities of bias-based harassment and youth suicide. The film, directed by Fawn Yacker whose cinematography credits include two Academy-Award winning films, documents the behind-the-scenes conversations with the 14 female actors - 13 youth and one adult - as they become the characters in the play. These conversations reveal the personal struggles of these girls, teens and young women, in overcoming homophobia and harassment in their schools, communities and families.

The purpose of the Community Action Kit is to educate both adults and youth about bias-based harassment and to aid families, schools, and communities who wish to openly support LGBTQ youth by initiating honest dialogue and creating safe and supportive environments.

Our hope is that the Ugly Ducklings Project will help all adults gain a better understanding of LGBTQ realities and will encourage them to seek proactive, respectful communication with teen/s about issues facing LGBTQ youth. We want youth advocates to identify LGBTQ harassment and bias as an important issue for awareness and policy change.

### Why do I want a Community Partner?

We are encouraging schools to identify a community partner to help with implementation of strategies in the Kit. This community partner can be a local Communities for Children and Youth coalition, Gay Straight Alliance, church, or any other organization that can support your school's efforts.

[www.uglyducklings.org](http://www.uglyducklings.org) / [info@uglyducklings.org](mailto:info@uglyducklings.org)



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## **APPLICATION FOR A FREE UGLY DUCKLINGS COMMUNITY ACTION KIT**

### **School Information**

1. School Unit/SAD:  
Mailing Address:  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who will be the school contact for Kit activity/ies and follow-up?  
Name:  
School:  
Position in School:  
E-mail:  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total school population (number of students K-12): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Number of anticipated students who will receive Kit educational outreach: \_\_\_\_\_
5. In what grade levels: (Check all that apply): K-3: \_\_\_ 4-5: \_\_\_ 6-8: \_\_\_ 9-12: \_\_\_

### **Community Partnership**

1. Which community-based coalition or organization/s will you partner with in providing school and community education or outreach of Ugly Ducklings Community Action Kit?  
Name of Partner Coalition/Organization:  
Contact Person:  
Mailing Address:  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail:  
 At this time, we have not yet identified a community partner.
2. What audience do you plan to focus on with the Kit resources/film? (Check all that apply)
  - Teachers and Staff
  - Students
  - Parents
  - Community
  - School Board/Administration
  - All
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your general timeline for Kit use?
4. Is there anything else you'd like us to know about your Kit plans?

To honor the request of The Bingham Program, the funders of this **FREE** School Community Action Kit opportunity, a brief and simple follow-up communication and/or online survey will be sent to your school and community-based contacts within a year of this application. As the School Contact supporting the use of the Ugly Ducklings Community Action Kit, I agree that either the contact person listed above or I will participate in a brief follow-up communication or survey relating to our use of the Kit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Contact                      Printed Name                      Date

Please fill out with signatures and fax or mail to:  
Hardy Girls Healthy Women, Inc.  
Attn: Jessica Morgan  
PO Box 821  
Waterville, ME 04903-0821  
207.615.0514 (fax)

You will receive your Community Action Kit within 10 days of the receipt of this application.

\*\*Hardy Girls Healthy Women has developed a workshop for educators on how to use the Ugly Ducklings Community Action Kit. The workshop is now available. Initial below if you would like to put your school on the list to receive the training.

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Initials

If you have questions about this application or about the Community Action Kit, please call or email Jessica Morgan at Hardy Girls Healthy Women: 207.861.8131 / [Jessica@hghw.org](mailto:Jessica@hghw.org)