

# the reviews

**“This Kit is going to save lives.”**

–Betsy Parsons, Teacher & GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network) Member

“It’s so encouraging to know that this comprehensive effort will exist, to educate adults and youth, to keep kids safer and healthier, and to offer sexual and gender minority youth a better quality of life.”

–Harriet Smith, School Counselor and PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Member

“What you have done is so important; it will make a huge difference in the lives of young people and those who care about them, and hopefully will lead to a less polluted and toxic environment in our schools and communities.”

–Thom Harnett, Esq.  
Assistant Attorney General, State of Maine

**“... one of the best docs on queer youth I have seen in a long time.”**

–Jennifer Morris  
Program Director  
Frameline Film Festival

“Here is a wonderful piece of work about hope and the importance of tolerance. This is something that everyone should see. It belongs in homes, schools and houses of worship. *Ugly Ducklings* will restore your faith in the bright, tolerant young people who will inherit the future.”

–Lynn Kippax  
Director of Public & Media Relations  
Maine Dept of Health & Human Services

“... a film about fear, youth, and homophobia, but it’s more than that. As we see these young actors learning about their characters and their complex souls, we come to understand that this is not simply a film about tolerance and diversity; it is the story of young women trying to live authentic lives, trying to find their courage, trying to live their truth. It’s a tremendously important work that will be of great use to schools, teachers, parents, and most of all to young men and women still trying to find the bravery to become themselves.”

–Jennifer Finney Boylan  
author of “She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders”

