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KIDS Consortium to Hold Project Citizen Workshop on March 5

Auburn – On March 5, 2010 at the University of Southern Maine’s Abromson Center, KIDS Consortium is offering a full-day (8:30 am to 3:30 pm) Project Citizen workshop for educators. Through Project Citizen, students or members of youth or community organizations develop 21st century skills as they identify, research and solve real-life problems. Participating educators receive FREE classroom materials and on-going support from KIDS staff as they engage students in studies that integrate civics, explorations of public policy, and service-learning.

Over 200 educators have participated in Project Citizen workshops who are now engaging young people in these important projects around the state.

Pre-registration for the workshop is required at www.kidsconsortium.org. The registration fee of \$40 includes lunch, Project Citizen books, additional tools and resources, and a contact hours certificate. Registration deadline is February 22.

KIDS Consortium, based in Auburn, is a non-profit organization that helps transform classrooms and communities through an award-winning educational model that has touched more than a quarter-million students to date. Founded in 1992, KIDS Consortium prepares young people to be active and responsible citizens by training and supporting educators, community organizations and youth in the best practices for service-learning.

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