**Privilege Activity**

**Privilege:** Privilege is something that you have that others do not have. (That makes you because you are better off) It’s a right or advantage only granted to a group of people. It gives you more opportunities. There are different types of privileges- some that we earn and others that are given to us based on circumstances like skin color, biological sex or money.

**Directions:**  Everyone stand in one line, shoulder to shoulder, then spread them out so they can’t touch each other. Each statement is followed by step forward or step back. As I read a statement if it applies to you, step back one step or step forward one step. If you do not know do not move.

**Statements**:

If you are a biological male step forward

If you are biological female step back

If English is your first language step forward

If you don’t have to walk more than an hour to get access to your water step forward

If you have ever had to grow your own food out of need step back

If you have tried to change how you talk in front of others step back

If you have ever been embarrassed of your clothes, car or house step back

If you parents work nights and weekends to support you step back

If you can walk down the street without being looked at weirdly for holding your partners hand step forward

If you have never been diagnosed as having a mental or physical disability step forward

If you have ever been bullied or made fun of based on something you can’t change step back

If you get time off from work/school for religious holidays step forward (like Christmas)

If you came from a supportive family environment step forward

If you can see a Dr. whenever you feel the need step forward

If you are able to move through the world without fear of sexual assault step back

If there were more than 50 books in your house growing up step forward

If you have taken huge responsibility in taking care of a family member step back

If you have cried this year about someone other than yourself step back

If you have to eat food that you know is not good for you sometimes because its cheap step back

If you are a person of color step back

If you are a heterosexual step forward

If you have been victim of physical violence based on gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation step back

If you have ever felt passed over for an employment position based on gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation step back

If you have felt unsafe walking at night or cannot walk in your neighborhood at night step back

If you see very little trash on your street step forward

If you attended private school or camp step forward

If you feel that your culture is appropriately represented in the media step forward

If your gender aligns with the one assigned to you step forward.

If you go to a school where you are not the minority, step forward.

**Debrief questions** (begin once you read the last statement): Look around you at the other people. Look to see who is close/far away. Get in a circle.

Did anyone have any realizations during this activity?

How do you feel about being in the back?

How do you feel about being in the front?

Why do you think we did this?

If you have more privileges do you have a responsibility to do anything?