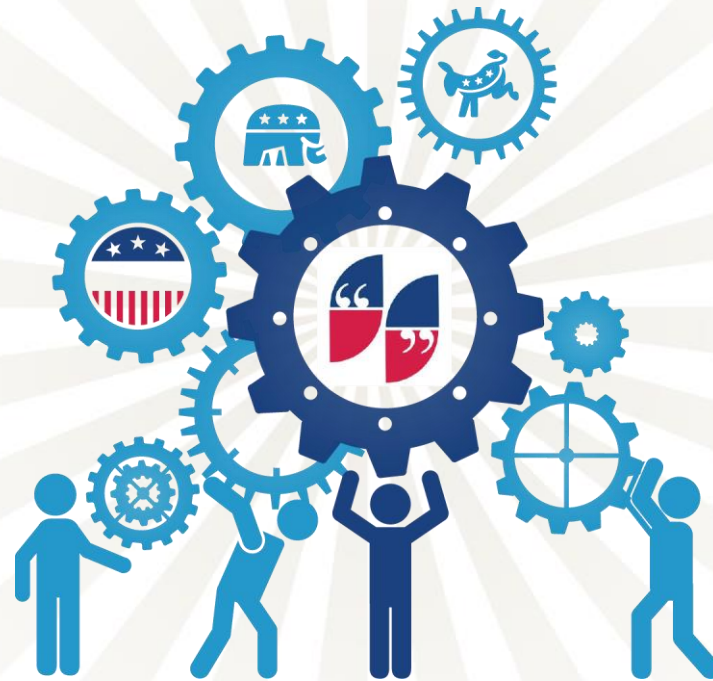

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League of Women Voters of California
2015 Convention

San Diego, CA

May 15-17, 2015

Why NICD?

Of Americans surveyed...

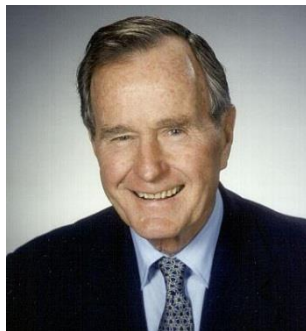


70% think that incivility has
risen to crisis levels



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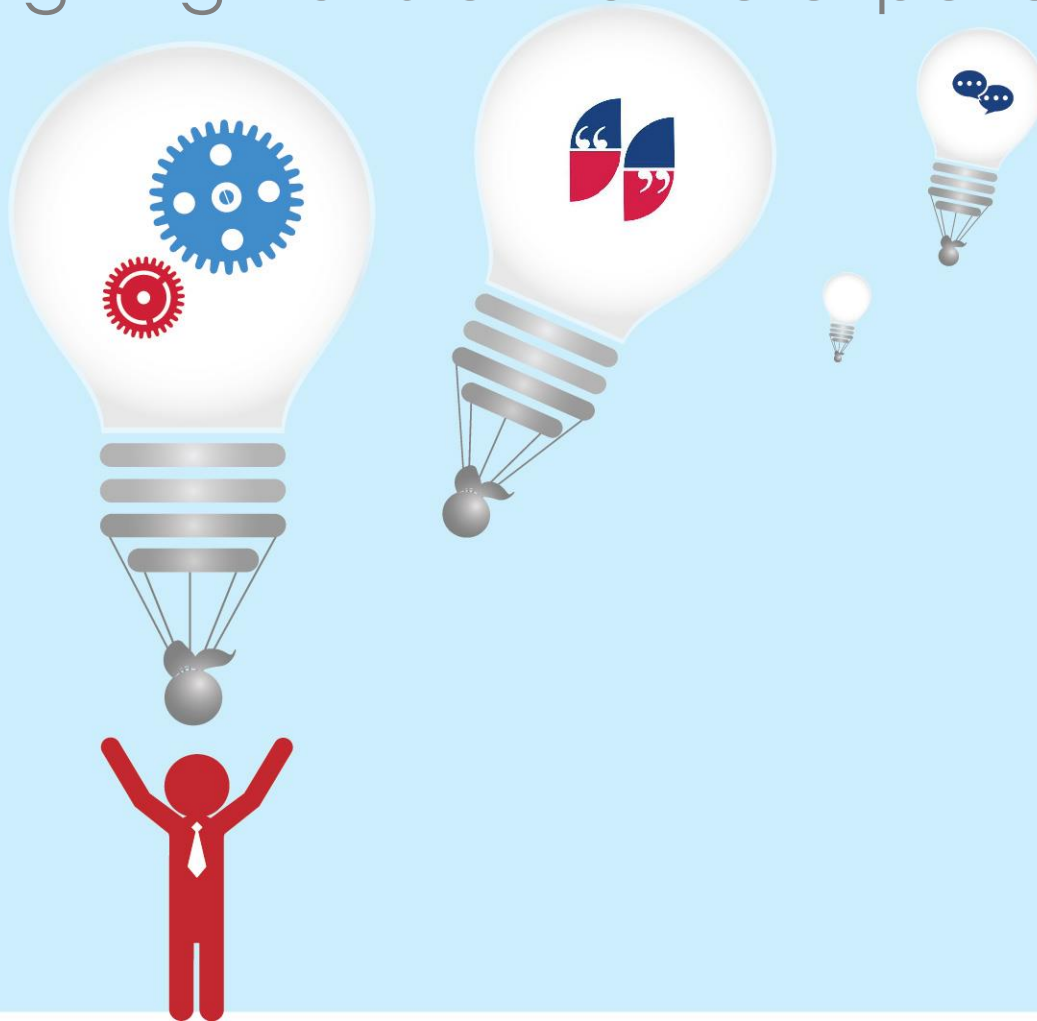
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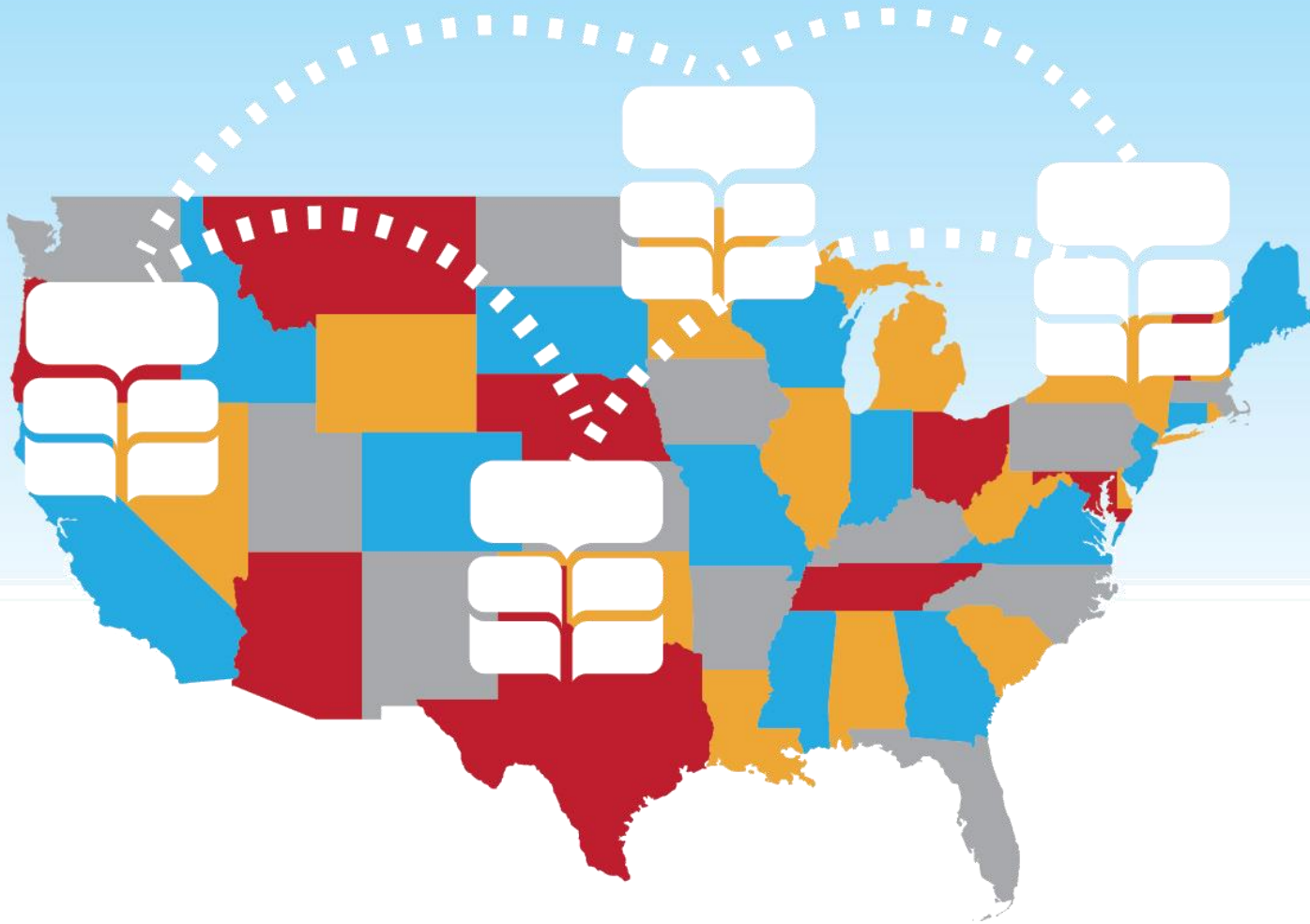
Cornerstones of Our Approach

Designing transformative experiences



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Supporting community-based infrastructure



Cornerstones of Our Approach

Creating a national “network of networks”



Cornerstones of Our Approach

Initiating research that informs practice



Who NICD Works With

“Civility is sometimes derided in the modern world, where bluntness and even coarseness have somehow come to be celebrated in many quarters. But ...civility is what allows speech to be heard. It is an appeal to citizens never to express or incite hatred, which is more dangerous to the country than any external enemy.”

*-Father John I. Jenkins,
President, University of
Notre Dame*



Next Step: Forum with Elected Officials, Journalists and members of the Public



Working Group for a Working Congress

The Working Group is led by the following
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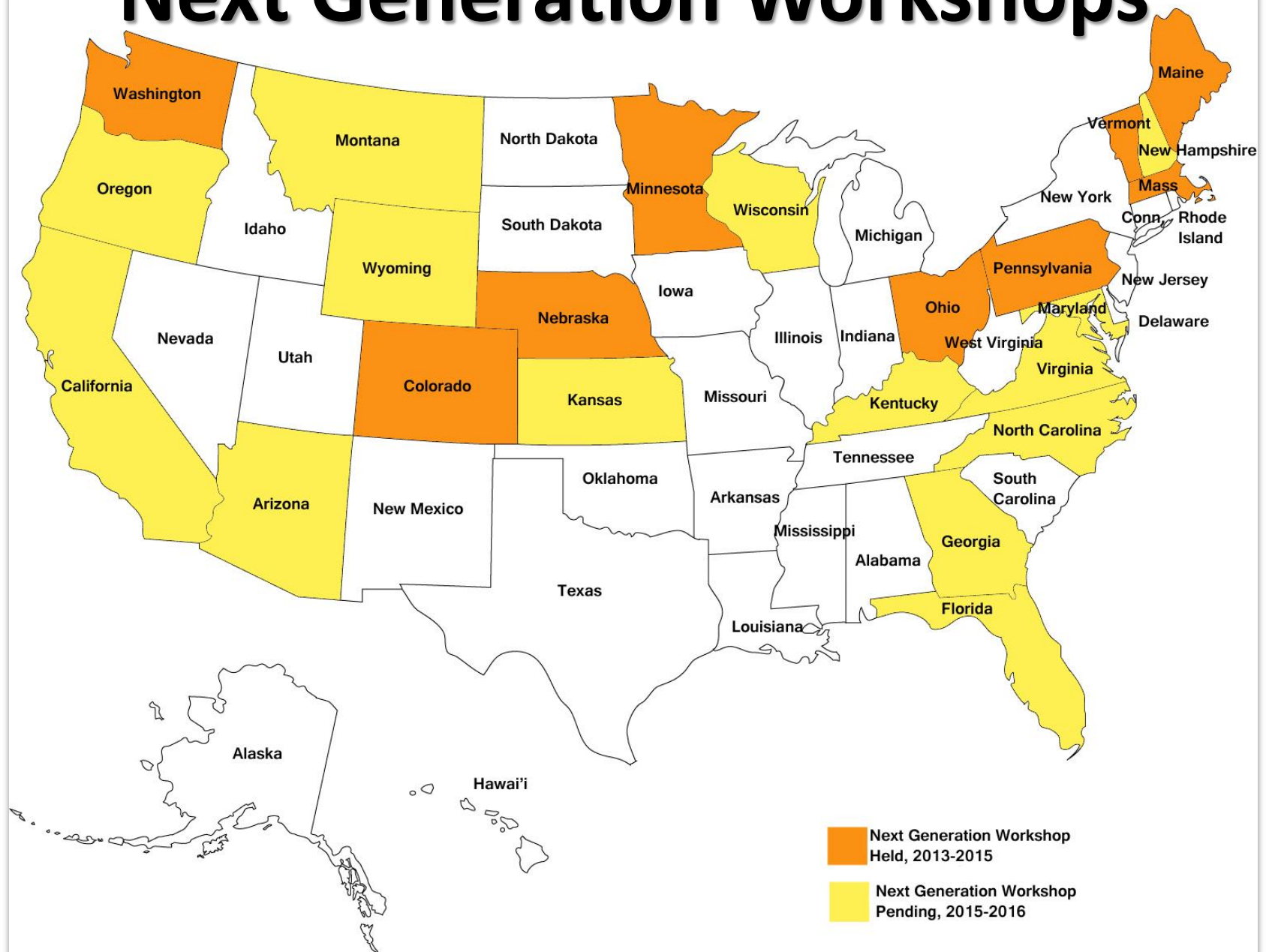
next generation

"Statesmanship in a free society entails a serious commitment to civil discourse, a willingness to listen to others, and a recognition of the common humanity of equal women and men who are partners together in this democratic experiment."

- Rep. Hans Zeiger (R)- Washington & Next Generation Facilitator



Next Generation Workshops



Next Generation Facilitators





Creating Community Solutions

Part of the National Dialogue on Mental Health



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"Only 40% of people with mental illness receive treatment. We would not accept that for any other disease...." **President Obama**

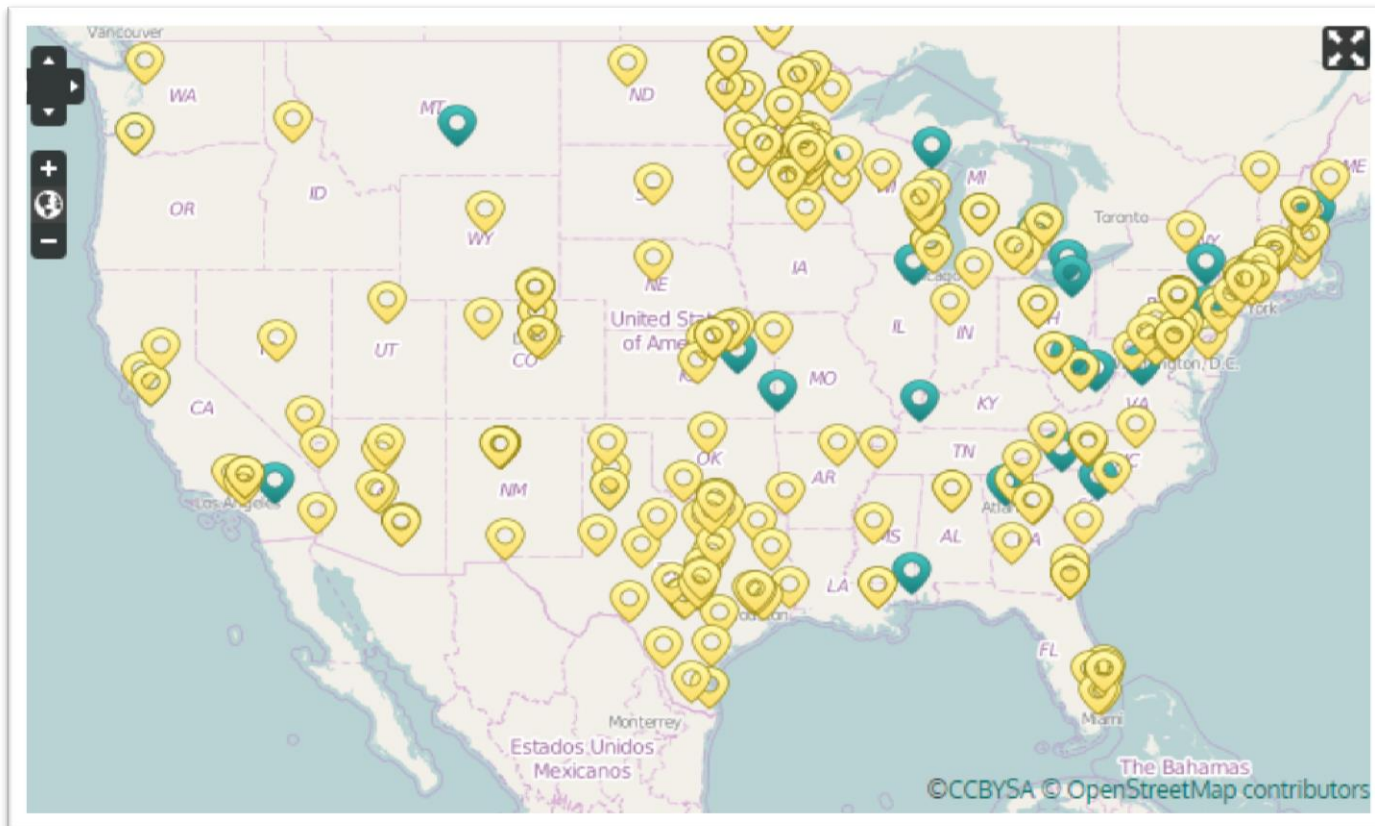
"We have to change hearts and minds..." **Secretary Sebelius**

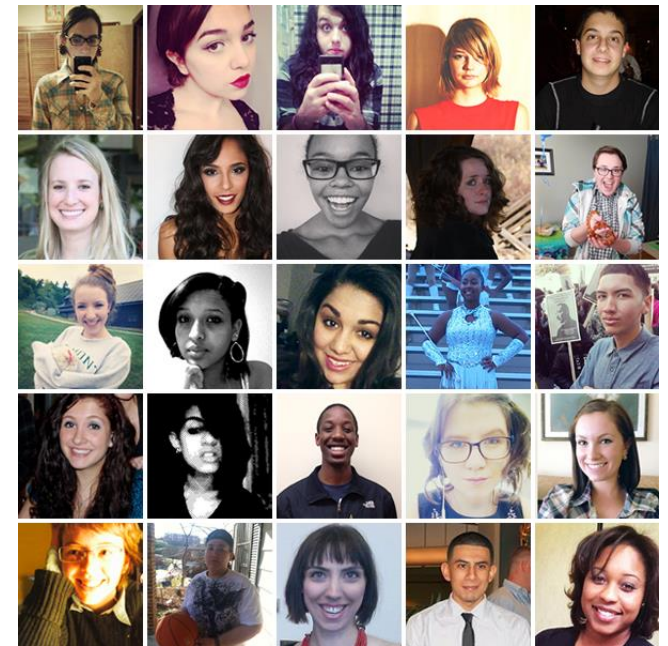


Core Strategy

- **Centralized (Lead Cities)**
- **Distributed (Community Conversations)**
- **Virtual Engagement (Text, Talk, Act)**

CreatingCommunitySolutions.org





1

Gather 3-4 people and text "start" to 89800*.



2

Talk with your group using the text-enabled questions.



3

Be part of the change!

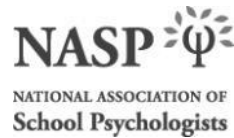


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#TextTalkAct Selfies



The Results

- **Estimated 14,000 young people have joined Text, Talk, Act**
- **Ethnically and geographically diverse**
- **All 50 states**
- **According to follow-up surveys:**
 - **90% reported an increase in understanding**
 - **65% reported an increase in their level of comfort in talking about mental health**
- **Over 9.5 million impressions on social media for #TextTalkAct**



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James Q. Wilson



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