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## September Civic Action

### **You Are Invited to Attend the Sept 22nd All-America City Regional Forum**

The National Civic League's All-America City (AAC) Program creates a desired opportunity for high achieving communities to discuss innovative ways that are addressing long-standing municipal problems. The ACHIEVE (All-America Cities Hosting Idea Exchanges by Victorious Entities) Forums seek to build off of and support the AAC Program and its communities by providing regional forums to share ideas and learn from one another.

The fall forum will take place on September 22 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Topics for the fall forum include grade-level reading, neighborhood revitalization and a discussion on the 2015 AAC theme, "engaging and supporting vulnerable boys and young men". Honorable Tim Murray who is the current President and CEO of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce will provide remarks.

Learn from several 2012 All-America Cities about their efforts to move the needle on grade-level reading. Also, hear from Bart Mitchell with The Community Builders and others on successful neighborhood revitalization projects. Finally, National Civic League President, Gloria Rubio-Cortes, will address participants about the AAC Program and how to apply for 2015.

To learn more and register for the event [link here](#).

This event is hosted by Clark University; the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts; the Worcester Chamber of Commerce; and the National Civic League.

### **Invitation to apply for 2015 All-America City Award**

National Civic League [invites](#) your community to apply for the 2015 All-America City Award. Share your successful community projects and highlight your initiatives surrounding the 2015 theme "[engaging and supporting vulnerable boys and young men](#)" on a national stage.

Learn more about the application process and hear from 2014 winners Montgomery, Alabama and San Pablo, California on their healthy communities projects through our [September AAC Conference Call](#).

### **America's Promise Alliance Publication Release**

Great progress has been made over the last decade to reach an 80 percent graduation rate, but for the one in five students still not graduating on time, more hard work is required to achieve the [GradNation](#) goal of a 90 percent high school graduation rate by 2020. For that reason, [America's Promise Alliance](#) presents [The Role of National Service in Closing the Graduation Gap](#). The report illustrates how national service is making a positive impact on young people and closing the graduation gap - from early literacy through high school graduation and beyond. Emerging evidence, described in this white paper, tells us that national service works.

### **Text, Talk, Act to Improve Mental Health**

Become part of the the national dialogue on mental health on October 6th through the Text, Talk, Act campaign. Join with friends and colleagues in a one hour national dialogue on the importance of taking care of your mental health and how to help a friend in need.

Groups that can't join the nationwide discussion on Oct. 6th can still host a Text, Talk, Act event any

time from now through the end of October. Simply text START to 89800 anytime now through the end of October to begin. Learn more at: [www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/texttalkact](http://www.creatingcommunitysolutions.org/texttalkact)

**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!

Standard rates may apply.  
\* Don't have 3-4 peeps with you on Oct 6? Join the discussion on Twitter using #TextTalkAct  
\*\* For participants from Canada or whose phones can't use short codes udes 7785881995

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