



The Innovations in American Government Awards



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CAYUGA COUNTY'S PARTNERSHIP FOR RESULTS IS A FINALIST FOR GOVERNMENT "OSCAR" *Program is Eligible for \$100,000 Prize*

(CAMBRIDGE, MA) – Cayuga County's Partnership for Results has been named one of 18 finalists in the prestigious Innovations in American Government Award. Often referred to as the "Oscar" of government programs, the Innovations Award is a program of the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and is administered in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government. The program is now eligible to win a \$100,000 grand prize.

Partnership for Results is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to promoting community-wide collaborations that foster the healthy development of children from infancy through secondary school. It involves key county players in the areas of public education, mental health, human services, health, and local law enforcement agencies. Together, they act in close consultation with community stakeholders, including parents, students, and community-based organizations to promote positive youth development.

"The Partnership has had remarkable results since its beginnings," said Gowher Rizvi, Director of the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. "In three years' time, the Partnership was able to decrease school-based physical aggression by over fifty percent—truly extraordinary."

"Through its unique programs at all age levels, coupled with major parental involvement, the Partnership has proven a dramatic success," added Patricia McGinnis, President and CEO of the Council for Excellence in Government. "Its ability to collaborate across several local, county, and state agencies is a testament that innovation is possible – and successful – when all levels of government work together."

Partnership for Results was one of more than 1,000 applicants for the 2005 Innovations in American Government Award. Each of the 18 finalists will deliver a public presentation before the National Selection Committee at Harvard University on May 11, 2005. The Committee is chaired by David R. Gergen of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard and includes former Maryland Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, former San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, former White House Deputy Chief of Staff Maria Echaveste and former Congressman William Clinger. For more information about the presentations and how to view them on the Internet, please visit www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu.

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After a full day of presentations, the committee will select five winners of the Innovations in American Government Award and one winner of the Fannie Mae Foundation Innovations in American Government Award in Affordable Housing, a special award made possible by the Fannie Mae Foundation. The winners will be announced on July 27, 2005 at the 2005 Excellence in Government Conference, in Washington, DC. Each winning program will receive a \$100,000 grant to encourage replication of its innovation in other jurisdictions.

The Innovations in American Government Awards program, now in its 18th year, is a program of the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. The award is administered in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government.

The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government fosters excellence in government around the world in order to generate and strengthen democracy. Through its awards program, research, publications, curriculum support, and global network, the Institute champions critical milestones in creative and effective governance and democratic practice.

The Council for Excellence in Government is a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to improve government performance by strengthening results-oriented management and creative leadership in the public sector, and to build understanding by focusing public discussion on government's role and responsibilities.

Additional information about the Partnership for Results can be found at www.partnershipforresults.org.

For more information on the Innovations in American Government program and this year's finalists, please visit www.ashinstitute.harvard.edu or www.excelgov.org.

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