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**NEW YORK STATE HEALTH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
FIRST GRANTEES**

**PARTNERSHIP FOR RESULTS RECEIVES GRANT TO  
EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SERVICES  
FOR HIGH-RISK RURAL CHILDREN**

**Project Title:** Resilience Project: A Rural Expansion of a Mental Health Early Intervention Program for Elementary School Children

**Grant:** \$147,545.00

**Location:** Cayuga/Auburn Counties

The New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth - ), established by the State of New York with charitable funds from the privatization of Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield, today announced its first 23 grantees. The \$147,545 grant to the Partnership for Results Resilience Project will help expand a nationally recognized program providing early intervention for high-risk rural youth needing mental health and behavioral services.

“By expanding its program to young children enrolled in the four largest rural school districts of the County, the Partnership’s Resilience Project can provide essential preventive early services with long-lasting positive results,” said James R. Knickman, President and CEO of NYSHF. “This program is also a model for interagency cooperation, with strong outside academic support and oversight. This increases the likelihood that this program can be replicated elsewhere to benefit similar high-risk rural children, children who are too often beyond the reach of quality services available to youngsters in more urban settings.”

The grant to the Partnership for Results’ Resilience Project is among 23 chosen from over applications for the inaugural round of grant making by NYSHF. “This project is well thought out, innovative and integrated with the school system,” Knickman noted.

The Partnership for Results is an inter-agency, non-profit agency whose principal mission is to foster the positive social, emotional, and academic development of at-risk children and youth. The Partnership is a novel quasi-governmental entity—a not-for-

profit agency with a Board of Directors composed exclusively of leaders of Auburn and Cayuga County governmental agencies who have joint fiduciary obligations over the entity's funds. Its model of care has been recognized as a significant innovation in local governance by Harvard University.

The grant for the program "Resilience Project: A Rural Expansion of a Mental Health Early Intervention Program for Elementary School Children," will screen all children in grades K-3 in schools in four rural districts for developing mental health and behavior problems. Once parental permission is obtained, trained paraprofessionals, who are closely supervised by a mental health professional, provide skill development sessions for up to thirteen weeks, resulting, as past performance has indicated, in significant improvements in behavior control, peer sociability skills, self-confidence, emotional coping skills, and overall school efficacy.

NYSHealth makes grants that reflect its three-part mission to (1) expand health insurance coverage to the 2.8 million state residents without it, (2) increase access to high-quality health care services to vulnerable populations, and (3) improve public and community health by educating New Yorkers about health concerns and by empowering communities to address them.

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