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**Orange County receives Achievement Award from National  
Association of Counties**

*County recognized for its work addressing childhood hunger and juvenile crime in  
the City of Newburgh*

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus announced that the County has been recognized with an Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The award recognizes innovative, effective county government programs that enhance services for residents.

“I’m honored that the efforts and programs implemented by my administration have been recognized by our colleagues and peers across the nation,” Neuhaus said. “This award demonstrates what can occur when government works with community partners to find solutions to benefit our residents. It also represents countless hours of hard work and effort not only by my office, but also by department heads, many county employees, as well as County Legislators. I’m proud to accept this award on behalf of everyone who contributed.”

This award recognizes Orange County for its work in addressing childhood hunger and juvenile crime in the City of Newburgh. Key initiatives implemented in Newburgh under the Neuhaus administration include the Orange Cares program, and Family Engagement Program for Juvenile Delinquents. The County has partnered with the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley to assist children in Orange County who are considered food insecure.

With the support of the City of Newburgh Police Department, the Family Engagement Program for Juvenile Delinquents aims to keep non-violent juveniles offenders out of detention centers, rehabilitating them through other alternatives, including employment training and counseling to keep recidivism rates down. Since the program's inception in 2014, the recidivism rate for juveniles in Newburgh is down 15 percent, according to the County Attorney's Office.

It costs the state approximately \$966.20 per day and \$352,663 annually to keep a juvenile incarcerated.

“We will continue to work tirelessly to find solutions to address the important issues that face Newburgh and other communities in Orange County,” Neuhaus said.

Started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Award Program is designed to recognize innovative county government programs. NACo awards are presented in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide, including children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more. NACo will recognize award-winning counties at its 2017 Annual Conference and Exposition July 21–24 in Franklin County, Ohio.

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