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Innovators: Gowler Rizvi (left), director of the Ash Institute, with Allen Dobson and Carmen Hooker-Odem of North Carolina's Community Care Program

For: Federal, state and local government agencies that set examples for improving citizens' quality of life.

By: The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government

Winners include: North Carolina's Community Care Program, for its work on integrated care programs for Medicaid recipients; Florida's Automated Community Connection to Economic Self-Sufficiency (ACCESS) program, for streamlining the application process for Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Medicaid.

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