

VIEW - Vital Indicators for Enhanced Well-Being in NYS

Local leaders need access to data for effective planning, to secure funding and to evaluate progress. Through VIEW trainings, CaRDI provides a practical approach to finding useful data in various subject areas, interpreting data and change over time, and using this information strategically for decision-making purposes, with the ultimate goal of enhancing the well-being of New York State people and communities. CaRDI's VIEW is pleased to partner with Cornell University's Program on Applied Demographics (PAD) in many of its trainings, publications and web-related resources.

LEAD New York

LEAD New York's mission is to inspire and develop leaders for the food, agriculture and natural resource industries. We accomplish this mission through a series of intense monthly training seminars over a two-year period. Each diverse cohort is selected through a competitive application process, and alumni go on to serve in a variety of leadership roles for their industry and communities. For more information about this prestigious program, see: www.leadny.org

Cornell Farmworker Program (CFP)

The CFP is dedicated to improving the living and working conditions of farmworkers and their families. CFP recognizes farmworkers' contributions to society, and supports their acceptance and full participation in local communities. CFP's current research and outreach efforts include: assessing farmworker needs; surveying immigration concerns; examining farmworkers' social and economic interactions, health, culture, and future prospects; farmworker demographics; workplace relations; and providing on-farm English as a second language instruction. CFP provides student internship and research opportunities.

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in NYS communities through
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CaRDI's Approach to Training

CaRDI responds to community leadership needs by providing a diverse and integrated portfolio of training opportunities for local government officials, community leaders and residents. These trainings are designed to promote informed decision-making, collaborative local and regional partnerships, and innovation. Challenges presented by changes in demographics, climate, energy development, land use and economic development do not typically recognize local boundaries. CaRDI training programs enhance the capacity of individuals and communities to address complex issues at a local and regional level.

CaRDI Training Emphasizes:

- Applied research and analysis
- Collaboration with regional and state organizations and agencies
- Promotion of peer -to-peer/community-to-community learning and the exchange of best practices
- Regional coordination and cooperation

CaRDI Internship Programs

CaRDI's two internship programs provide valuable and rewarding opportunities for student-community engagement around New York State. The Cornell Farmworker Program (CFP) Internship Program engages students in a variety of research topics and provides on-farm workshops, among other activities. CFP Interns are hosted by a range of local organizations. The College of Life and Agricultural Sciences (CAL S) NYS Internship Program connects businesses, non-profit organizations, and government agencies with CAL S students seeking career opportunities and an opportunity to be involved in a community engagement project.

Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute

The Cornell Municipal Clerks Institute is an educational opportunity provided to city, town, and village clerks, deputy clerks, and clerks of county legislative boards. Participants gain new knowledge and skills to enhance the administration of their offices and the professionalism of their municipal governments. Under the umbrella of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), this multi-year certification program addresses a wide range of professional skills, such as financial management, emergency preparedness, computer skills, public relations and local public policy.

"I can't say enough about the high quality of the education received....The information learned, and personal development achieved is extraordinary. The professors...are unmatched in competency and enthusiasm, and their preparation for each session was superb."

Leslie Gross, 2012 Graduate
IIMC's Masters Program

Dennis A. Pelletier County Government Institute

The Dennis A. Pelletier County Government Institute is a comprehensive educational program jointly sponsored by the New York State Association of Counties and Cornell University. This voluntary certification program provides county officials with structured training to help them more effectively serve the public by enhancing their knowledge, leadership and decision making skills. Core courses focus on building consensus in a political environment, ethics, foundations of county government, principles of county budget and finance and public sector labor/management relationships. Electives cover a wide range of topics such as economic development, and health and human services issues.

Land Use Leadership Alliance

CaRDI has partnered with the Pace University Land Use Law Center and the Albany Law School to make its Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training more widely available outside the Hudson River Valley region. This high level interactive program offers four days of training to a carefully balanced group of local and regional "land use leaders." Participants gain an understanding of the legal foundations and structure of New York's land use system. Collaborative community decision making and conflict management skills are taught to intergrate legal knowledge with leadership and process skills. Participants are encouraged to become part of intermunicipal, regional and statewide networks of similarly-trained land use leaders.

Community Development Institute

CaRDI's Community Development Institute is a two-day training opportunity provided to a broad community development audience, including local government and school officials, business leaders, planners, not-for-profit leaders, community and economic development professionals, and Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators. Over the two days attendees will participate in a series of workshops on topics viewed as critical to community and economic development, such as the changing composition of NYS communities, community capacity and leadership, informed decision-making, consensus building, regional collaborations, and how data and research-based information is used in controversial decision-making at the local level.

Rural Schools Association of NY

The Rural Schools Association is a statewide, member driven organization dedicated to representing the interests of small and rural school districts in New York State. Approximately 300 school districts and BOCES units are currently enrolled as members of RSA.