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Rupam Chokshi Receives APHSA Emerging Leaders Achievement Award

Human services technology leader recognized for his commitment to innovation, collaboration, and developing the next generation of leaders

SPOKANE, WA — September 29, 2026: The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) is pleased to recognize **Rupam Chokshi**, Manager at Public Consulting Group, as the inaugural recipient of the **APHSA Emerging Leaders Achievement Award**.

The award was presented during APHSA's [IT Solutions Management for Human Services \(ISM\) Education Conference & Expo 2026](#), taking place September 27–30 in Spokane, WA. The APHSA Emerging Leaders Achievement Award recognizes exceptional contributions and demonstrated commitment to innovation, collaboration, and the growth of emerging talent within the human services profession.

Chokshi's own leadership journey within the human services technology community began as a member of the 2018 Emerging Leaders cohort. In the years since, he has remained deeply engaged in the community, giving back to the program that helped shape his experience while creating opportunities for others to grow as leaders.

From 2019 through 2021, Chokshi served on the Emerging Leaders planning committee, returning from 2023 through 2025 as a representative of the Human Services Information Technology Advisory Group (HSITAG). He has also served on the ISM Conference planning committee since 2019 and currently serves on the HSITAG Board.

Alongside his commitment to developing future leaders, Chokshi brings more than 20 years of experience in technology and product leadership, including 15 years focused exclusively on human services. His work has supported state and county technology solutions across SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Child Care, Energy Assistance, Housing, Child Welfare, and Child Support.

Throughout his career, Chokshi has helped organizations explore and implement new approaches to digital transformation, process automation, cloud technology, and artificial intelligence. His work has included incubating new ideas, developing proofs of concept, guiding product roadmaps, launching technology products, and translating emerging technologies into practical solutions.

From participating in Emerging Leaders to helping guide the program and the broader ISM community, Chokshi's journey reflects the lasting impact of investing in leadership development—and the difference leaders can make when they turn around and create opportunities for those coming next.

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