

Board Biographies



Kara Henner Eastman



Kara Henner Eastman, MSW, is the Executive Director of the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance (OHKA) whose mission is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning and create healthy homes in Omaha. Kara was hired in 2006 to start OHKA and has helped raise millions of dollars and coordinate several community-based programs to educate residents and mitigate lead hazards in Omaha. In 2010, OHKA was the recipient of Omaha's Community Excellence Award and the National Safety Council's Safe Communities Award.

Prior to her work at OHKA, Kara's career centered on creating and growing nonprofit organizations, including running a battered women's shelter in Chicago and launching a national, student-based volunteer program to assist people with Lou Gehrig's Disease. She is currently a member of the Mayor of Omaha's Fair Housing Advisory Group.

Kara is bilingual in English and Spanish and holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Loyola University of Chicago.

