

Andy Wessel Biography

Andy Wessel is a Community Health Planner with the Douglas County Health Department in Omaha. He is the lead for *Build with Health* – a collaboration between the Health Department, the City of Omaha and over a half dozen other partners. *Build with Health* focuses on using community design and neighborhood engagement to create healthy, thriving places throughout Omaha. Previously, Andy coordinated the efforts of 18 partners on a \$5.7 million Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. After getting his Masters degree in Public Health from the University of California, he worked for five years with homeless individuals in Detroit. Andy is married with three kids (plus one on the way) and his professional passions include walkability, health equity, and facilitation.