

Katherine Kraft

Katherine Kraft is the Executive Director of America Walks, a nonprofit national organization that is leading the way in making America a great place to walk. America Walks provides a voice for walking and walkable communities with federal agencies, provide strategy support, training and technical assistance to statewide, regional, and local organizations, and serve as the convener of the national [Every Body Walk! Collaborative](#). Together, America Walks and the Every Body Walk! Collaborative boast 700 allied organizations who across the nation are working to increase walking and make America a better place to walk.

Kate us a former Senior Program Officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation where she was the primary architect of the RWJF Active Living portfolio. A hallmark of Kate's work is connecting disparate community sectors and cross-disciplines in re-assessing how to design communities and care systems that facilitate healthy lifestyle choices. Prior to joining America Walks staff in 2013, Kate was an independent consultant in the area of environmental and policy approaches to promoting healthy lifestyles and creating health-promoting built environments.

She is a recognized expert in how structural environments impact health, and serves as a spokesperson for the emerging "Active Living" movement. Her past work resulted in collaboration between transportation, planning, design, and public health professionals to identify new methods of place-making for health.

Kate served on the social work faculty at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey as well as a research associate at the University of Pennsylvania. Kate spends her leisure time running and biking; and helping to develop beautiful, public trails as a member of Rails to Trails Conservancy Board of Directors.