Nancy A. Cowles

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Summary

Innovative advocate with over 30 years experience conceiving, building and directing organizations to investigate a wide variety of consumer issues and to craft regulatory solutions.

Experience

Kids In Danger

2001-Present

Executive Director

Built parent-founded organization into a major national advocate for children's product safety adopted as a model by other leaders and groups across the country

Coalition for Consumer Rights

1987-2001

Executive Director, (1994-2001), Associate Director (1987-1994)

Increased awareness and support for civil justice issues in Illinois through coalition building, extensive media outreach, and legislative strategy. Positioned the Coalition as a leading authority on consumer issues in Illinois and nationally

Midwest Women's Center

1984-1987

Public Affairs Associate

Responsible for member newsletter, coalition building, state legislative lobbying, community outreach and research on working women's issues.

Metro Seniors In Action

1980-1984

Executive Director (1981 -1984) VISTA Volunteer/Organizer (1980-1981)

Community organizer for city-wide senior citizen organization. Spearheaded issue campaigns for accessible transit, affordable health care and community safety and built coalitions with other senior citizen and public interest organizations.

Education

BA in Elementary Education with a concentration in Social Welfare 1980, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Other

Past President (2016-2017) International Consumer Product Health & Safety Organization

Member, ASTM F15 Committee on Consumer Products: Active in juvenile product, toy, hoverboard, laundry packet and furniture safety sub-committees