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National Campaign Director

Andy Igrejas organized Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families in the first half of 2009 to address the interest by several health, environmental and labor organizations in developing a common approach to advancing chemical policy reform.

The initial group of organizations became the Steering Committee for the campaign and Andy became its Director in June of that year. Since then the campaign has grown to include 450 organizations and small businesses from across the country and across the political spectrum. As a firm believer in the power of networking and organizing to overcome the power of big money in the political process, Andy has had the opportunity to put that philosophy to work with the campaign's emphasis on public education and partnerships with both large national and small local organizations.

Andy's appreciation for the role of entrepreneurship and the private sector in creating positive social change led to the campaign's decision to launch Mind the Store, an initiative challenging the nation's largest retailers to restrict hazardous chemicals in their supply chains. As Director Andy chooses and oversees the campaign's small central staff and convenes its Steering Committee, while also serving as its main spokesperson with policymakers and the press. Prior to organizing the campaign, Andy worked on environmental health and government reform issues for state organizations in New Jersey and California and later for the National Environmental Trust in Washington. A native of Bloomfield, NJ with family roots in Newark, Andy graduated from Rutgers College in 1992.