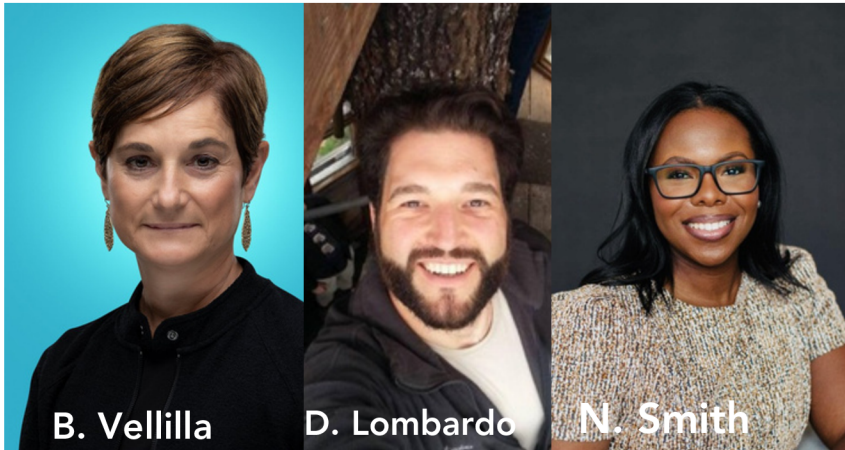


# **The Power of Together: Unlocking a Shared Vision to Transform East Dayton**

**Facilitators: Berta Velilla, Dan Lombardo & Nichole Smith**



This workshop explores the transformative potential of working together to achieve a shared vision and shared goals. Using a real-world collaboration project in East Dayton, participants will learn how Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Mission of Mary, East End Community Services, Dayton Public Schools and the University of Dayton are leveraging resources and expertise to transform a neighborhood through collaboration.

**Berta Velilla** is CEO of a large non-profit organization providing early learning opportunities and family support to over 2,000 children in southwest Ohio. She has more than 30 years of experience operating Head Start programs in various communities across Ohio.

**Dan Lombardo**, Education and Outreach Coordinator, Mission of Mary grew up in Washington. He's enthusiastic about the natural world. Since 2022, he has worked to build connections and foster understanding with and between groups of adults and children alike.

**Nichole Smith**, Regional Vice President of East End Community Center, is a mission-driven leader with a distinguished career spanning law enforcement and nonprofit leadership. Nichole chairs the Dayton Unit NAACP's Communications Committee and is a 16-year member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

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