

## Tara S. Davila

Tara Sanabria Davila is a multiracial, bilingual member of the Puerto Rican diaspora who has called New Haven home for the last 23 years. She serves patients, faculty, staff and trainees as Assistant Professor, Associate Director of Youth Clinical Services and vice chair for Collaborative Excellence at the Yale Child Study Center. She is a clinical social worker who is highly skilled in adapting evidence-based treatment to help address the complicated emotional and psychological impact of difficult events and oppressive structures. She is passionate about wisdom sharing and supervises, mentors, and teaches mental health clinicians and administrators in culturally and structurally humble practices in service of mental health equity.

Tara pioneered an effective and sustainable approach to transformational change that has measurably improved organizational climate. Anchored in values and blending scientific and ancestral practices that are evidence based, she has developed frameworks, programs, and workshops that transform culture, practice, and outcomes. She centers cultural and structural humility, highlighting critical-self-reflection, accountability and repair to honor human dignity and worth of all people. She has developed and co – developed several programs and workshops that provide opportunities for wisdom sharing and shifting paradigms.

Tara has been connected to The Community Foundation *for* Greater New Haven for over 20 years, influencing Progreso Latino Fund's (PLF) strategic planning, co-chairing the PLF until 2025, when she left to make room for emerging leaders, and most recently as a member of the Development Committee.

As part of her work with PLF, Tara co-authored an article, "Unlocking Potential: The case for Latine Philanthropic Engagement," sharing some of the strategies and approaches behind some of PLF's success. Tara and her husband have two amazing children, Logan and Caden. Together the Davila - Sanabria family established the [Siempre Pa'lante Fund](#) at The Community Foundation and are founding funders of [The Vineyard Project in New Haven](#).

Lastly, Tara is among a team of co-conspirators who, in the face of escalating divisive tactics, have launched United in Solidarity for New Haven (U4NH); a collective of community members that believe that through shared humanity we will have shared liberation. The work of US4NH is committed to bringing people together across racial identities to leverage our collective power and strengthen relationships between and across communities in service of a New Haven that works for all of us.