

## **Daniela Rey-Ardila**

Daniela (Dani) Rey-Ardila is the Manager of the Latinx Family Resource Program at Stanford Children's Health (SCH), which supports families navigating the healthcare system. Dani earned a B.S. in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, and Bioinformatics at Towson University in Maryland, and a Diversity and Inclusion Certificate at Cornell University. As an immigrant from Colombia, Dani maintains strong connections to the Latinx community as a Fellow of the Latino Board Leadership Academy at the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley and the Lean In Latinas "Latinas in Healthcare" circle.

Dani's professional commitment to ensure health equity for all comes from her personal experiences with U.S. healthcare and immigration. Spanish is her native language, and she can relate to others who also have experienced trauma from growing up in a country affected by violence. Her experience has led her to pursue public health concepts and approaches to address the needs of underprivileged communities. In a professional capacity, Dani leans on this background in her work as a member of the SCH Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee that focuses on patients and families. She also co-leads a project that aims to improve language access while reducing disparities, and an initiative to support asylum seekers that recently crossed the U.S. border and have children admitted to SCH.

In her free time, she enjoys working out, dancing, listening to music, participating in social justice movements/activities, hiking the plethora of beautiful trails in Northern California, and taking pictures of her darling cat Apollo.