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Maria Velasquez is the founder and principal consultant for V&N Consulting Services, LLC. Ms. Velasquez serves myriad industries including child welfare and social services, healthcare, education, social impact enterprises, nonprofit and local government. She is passionate about helping organizations implement sustainable processes and practices that meet their intended outcomes and address systemic and individual disproportionalities. Maria is a bicultural non-profit leader (MPA) with 13+ years of progressive experience working in complex health and social services focused on international advocacy and program management, philanthropic development, national child welfare/public administration and consulting, and healthcare through an ecosystem/social determinants of health approach.

Ms. Velasquez is an experienced international consultant with deep expertise in: Capacity building and facilitation, Child Welfare and Social Services, Complex Health and Social Needs, Racial Ethnic Equity and Inclusion, Landscape and Gap Analysis, Policy, Change Management, Organizational Dynamics, Communications, Project Management, Strategic Planning, Technical Assistance and Customer Relationship Management. V&N clients range from national foundations such as the Annie E Casey Foundation, Casey Family Programs and Latino Justice Puerto Rican Legal and Education Fund to Academic Institutions such as The University of Pennsylvania and nonprofits such as the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers (NJ), Wilmington Metropolitan Urban League (DE) and Accion Colombia (PA). Maria has also proudly continued her global presence by working with clients like the Inter-American Development Bank, KidSave International and Serigrafia de La Gringa.

In the pandemic Maria partially relocated to her hometown Medellin Colombia to reconnect with her roots and serve as a bridge between global changemakers and the ever-growing talent in Medellin. To that end, she co-founded Casa Innovation to serve as a home for like-minded social entrepreneurs with individual ventures who are also contributing to a joint social impact/innovation space. From Casa Innovation Maria can connect her two worlds (USA and Latin America) and serve as a bidirectional resource and advocate for talent, innovation, investment, and sustainability.

Maria earned her Bachelor of Science in Human Services with Administration and Public Policy from the University of Delaware, and her Master's in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania along with a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Administration.

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