



# ANGELA LYONSMITH, DAT

## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Angela Lyonsmith, DAT, serves as Director of Community Partnerships for Mather and is a distinguished art therapist, educator and community leader with more than 25 years of experience in healthcare systems and social enterprises in Chicago.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Art from Muskingum College, a Master of Arts in Art Therapy from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a Doctorate in Art Therapy from Mount Mary University.

In her role as director of community partnerships at Mather, Lyonsmith is instrumental in building strategic partnerships that align with Mather's mission to transform views on aging and ensure that older adults have wellness opportunities and resources to thrive in their communities. She oversees the development of innovative programs in collaboration with organizations dedicated to the health and wellness of older adults in Chicago.

As a co-founder of Studio 3, a community art studio and gallery in Evanston, Illinois, Lyonsmith has contributed to

promoting diverse perspectives and social activism through art. She also owned and directed Gather, a creative playspace for young children in Evanston.

She has served as a mentor to graduate art therapy students as both a faculty member and clinical supervisor. She is a registered, board-certified art therapist, an art therapy credentialed supervisor and a licensed clinical professional counselor. Her international work includes supporting therapeutic arts training and programming in East Africa and conducting a needs assessment for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Uganda.

Lyonsmith is actively involved with Chicago-based nonprofit boards focused on arts and disability organizations, volunteering extensively within the community. As a practicing artist, she creates and exhibits works that engage the community in large-scale installations. Her passion lies at the intersection of art making, community building and wellness.

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