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Betsy Petrie is a dynamic and experienced workforce development consultant specializing in strategic interpersonal communication for leaders and teams. Her expertise lies in creating environments that foster trust, engagement, and inspiration. Throughout her career, she has successfully created and implemented practical tools for transformative, high-yield communication. Betsy deeply believes this is the key to unlocking individual potential, increasing productivity, and sustaining growth.

Her book, *RAILS-Talk: A Tough Conversations Workbook for People Managers* explores how to stay on track when approaching complex topics— without derailing the conversation with unnecessary friction from excessive small talk, judgment, or sugar coating.

Betsy lives in Rochelle with her family and enjoys hiking the trails in and around DeKalb and Ogle counties and surrounding areas. She recently earned a professional certification from eCornell, focusing on cultivating inclusive practices, and holds an M.A. in Communication from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.