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Episode 1 : Introduction

Marjorie Aunos, Ph.D. is author of *Mom on Wheels* and an internationally renowned researcher, adjunct professor, clinical psychologist, award-winning inspirational speaker and member at large of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities from Montreal, Canada. She is the Chair of the Parenting and Parents with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Special Interest Group (SIRG) of IASSIDD. She worked as a clinical psychologist and developed the first program offering support for families headed by parents with intellectual disabilities in the province of Quebec, Canada. In 2012, while at the peak of her career in Parenting and Disability, she sustained a Spinal Cord Injury in a car accident. Mother to a 16-months old at the time, the accident and subsequent injury gave her an interesting perspective on parenting. Marjorie believes that focusing on our strengths of character can lead to living a fulfilling life. With her family she learned to be a solution-finder to make her world more accessible. She is the co-author of a book on Parenting Capacity Assessment and the author of *Mom on Wheels: The Power of Purpose as a Parent with Paraplegia*.

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