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Episode 8: Needs & Service Gaps

**Summary of Episode:**

Evelina Pituch speaks of the needs and service gaps of parents with neurological and physical disabilities, based on focus groups she has conducted with parents with disabilities, their support partner, workers in the field, their managers and community organization workers.

**Biography:**

Evelina Pituch is an occupational therapist and a Canadian Institutes of Health Research Ph.D. candidate at the School of rehabilitation at Université de Montréal under the supervision of Dr. Carolina Bottari. During her Ph.D., she focused on early parenting with physical disabilities. She closely collaborated with the Parents Plus Clinic, located in Montreal, Canada, which dedicates to supporting parents with physical disabilities. One of her main studies conducted at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal (CRIR) consisted of leading focus groups with key stakeholders to better understand the existing support gaps for parents with physical disabilities and their families. Evelina is a student researcher expert in qualitative research and scoping reviews. She is an upcoming postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Hilary Brown's laboratory at the Department of Health & Society at the University of Toronto Scarborough where she will continue investigating the maternal health of women with disabilities.

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