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Episode 12 : **Intersectionality and Parenting**

**Summary of Episode:**

Laura Pacheco brings forward the importance of understanding a family's culture to better understand their experience, goals and aspirations and know how to best support them. She speaks briefly about Tim and Wendy Booth's legacy and how they influenced her way of conducting research and practice.

**Biography:**

Dr. Laura Pacheco is an assistant professor in the School of Social Work and Memorial University and adjunct professor at McGill University's school of social work. Her current projects are related to how mothers with intellectual disabilities are negatively constructed and treated within the child welfare court system and workers' needs in supporting parents with intellectual disabilities in order to build systems capacity. Her research interests also include intersecting levels of oppression and resistance on the lines of ability/dis-ability, gender, culture, age, belonging and identity, reproductive violence and justice, intimate partner violence experienced by women with disabilities, participatory approaches, narrative research methods and reproductive justice. She is a member of the International Association on the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability- Special Interest Group in Parenting and has conducted international trainings, workshops and conferences within this field.

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### Resources

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- To create opportunities for international and multidisciplinary networking ;
- To foster research and innovation ;
- To expose social and systemic discrimination against and promote equalisation of opportunity for parents with intellectual disabilities and their children ;
- To facilitate the translation of knowledge from research into policies and practices.

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