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Episode 23: **Reproductive and perinatal disparities**

Summary of Episodes:

Lesley Tarasoff has interviewed several parents with different disabilities about the disparities they faced pre, during, and post pregnancy. She shares the insight she gained while speaking to them.

Biography:

Lesley A. Tarasoff, PhD is a CIHR-funded Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Health and Society at the University of Toronto Scarborough and the Azrieli Adult Neurodevelopmental Centre at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. She holds a PhD in Public Health Sciences, with an emphasis in Social and Behavioural Health Sciences and a Specialization in Women's Health, from the University of Toronto. Primarily drawing on qualitative methodologies, her program of research aims to understand and address inequities in women's* health across the life course (*trans inclusive). At present, much of her research focuses on the reproductive and perinatal stages of the life course and on populations that experience significant social, physical health, and mental health disparities, namely women with physical, hearing, vision, intellectual, and neurodevelopmental disabilities and sexual minority women. Beyond her research, she enjoys being with her family, cycling, gardening, walks with her miniature dachshund, eating ice-cream, and reading historical fiction and memoirs.

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Resources

Disability & Pregnancy: new resources for healthcare administrators, care providers and people with disabilities: <https://www.pcmch.on.ca/disability-and-pregnancy/>

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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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