Defining Us uses the power of media and the promise of education to inspire educators to join the conversation on the socio-political cultural issues that matter. In this episode of Defining Us... Stacey DeWitt is joined by Cindy Simpson and Chris Purdy. Based on decades of boots-on-the-ground experience, Cindy and Chris offer unique insights on the immigration and refugee issues, trauma and its impact on our youth, and the opportunities we all have to support students and communities in moving from hurt to healing.

Powerful Moments
Throughout this podcast there are powerful moments that provide deeper insight into the individuals and topics discussed in this podcast.
- 3:39 - The story behind the immigration debate - Bringing voice to the frontline.
- 11:43 - America’s promise - How can we move from obligation to opportunity?
- 19:08 - Moving beyond politics - Elevating the perspectives of those doing the work.
- 29:32 - Trauma-informed care - Where are the gaps and how do we fill them?
- 37:15 - Rebuilding our human village - The need for social and emotional learning in schools.
- 43:53 - Getting involved, informed, and stepping up - There are bright spots in every community.

Critical Reflection Questions (During and After the Listening)
Use the following critical reflection questions to make deeper meaning of the topics discussed in this episode.
- How do my own identity, experiences and knowledge influence my understanding of this topic?
- How does this topic connect with my current context?
- What are the implications to my practice?
- How will I continue the conversation in my school/community/organization?

Inside the Conversation
Want to know more? Continue the learning with some of the important individuals, organizations, and topics discussed in this episode.
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- Evacuate Our Allies Coalition
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
- Veterans for American Ideals
- Chris180
- Atlanta Police Foundation
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