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Podcast Show Notes Terra Tadlock-Smith

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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 interviews Terra Tadlock-Smith, the host of the [Normal with Autism](#) podcast. Their discussion includes not just Terra's story about raising a child with autism, but also explores the ways that everyone can help promote equity for students with disabilities and differing abilities.

Powerful Moments

Throughout this podcast there are powerful moments that provide deeper insight into the individuals and topics discussed in this podcast.

- 5:01 – “Oh so, he’s like normal with autism”
- 10:31 – Sharing a different narrative about autism
- 16:28 – “More children of color...if disabled, they’re suffering the most in schools”
- 18:54 – The barriers to families of color in finding support for children with disabilities
- 22:42 – The need for people outside the community of the disabled to speak out
- 32:53 – Learning to communicate emotions differently
- 36:16 – Needs from a policy perspective

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?
- Does my classroom/school have the proper resources and support for students with autism or other disabilities?
- What are the equity issues in my school/community for students with disabilities?
- 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.

- [Normal with Autism website](#)
- [Color of Autism Foundation](#)
- [Normal with Autism on Instagram](#)

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