



EPISODE 12 OF MIRROR STAGE'S RIPPLE EFFECT: POSITIVE CHANGE AROUND THE SOUND FINDS POWER IN VOICE

Featuring DeVandra Wheeler, Child Advocacy Consultant and Founder of Nova Talks on March 25, 2025

FEDERAL WAY, WA (March 25, 2025) – **Mirror Stage** announces the release of episode 12 of ***Ripple Effect: Positive Change Around the Sound***, a podcast illuminating the intersection of storytelling and social change. This month's episode focuses on the work of Child Advocacy Consultant DeVandra Wheeler, author and founder of [Nova Talks](#)—a prevention-focused initiative that equips families and communities with the tools to have honest, protective conversations with children about body safety and child sexual abuse prevention. Episode 12 of *Ripple Effect* is available now on [mirrorstage.org](#), [Spotify](#), and all other major podcast platforms.

"I wanted to be able to equip families with the resources and the voice that I didn't have. Just to ensure that not only just preventative care, but also to ensure that just families have the resources and have the terminology and the knowledge on what child sexual abuse is, how to notice the signs, how to prevent it," Wheeler said. "And if you unfortunately did survive that trauma, what resources are out there or available for you to continue to heal and to continue to move forward. Don't allow anybody to try to stifle your voice. Your story is your own and you are the only person that can tell your story."



EPISODE #12: DEVANDRA WHEELER

DeVandra Wheeler is a child safety educator, author, and the founder of Nova Talks. With a decade of experience in behavioral health and a background in social work, DeVandra combines professional expertise with a culturally responsive approach to education. She is also the author of *Nova Be Bold*, a children's book that empowers kids to speak up and helps caregivers start important conversations that keep children safe.

UPCOMING:

In April, *Ripple Effect* will welcome **David Hsieh**, Founder and Artistic Director of ReAct Theater. A new episode drops on the fourth Wednesday of every month, featuring a new individual dedicated to positive social change.

FOR EDITORS/PRODUCERS:

ABOUT THE PODCAST

Presented by Mirror Stage, *Ripple Effect: Positive Change Around the Sound* amplifies the stories of local change-makers whose positive impact ripples across Puget Sound. Released monthly, each episode features a local change-maker working to build a better, more inclusive community—telling their story in their own words. ***Ripple Effect*** explores how the actions of a single individual ripple outward, shaping collective understanding. Every episode invites

listeners to find out what brings our guests to this moment today, what drives and inspires them, and how to get involved.

ABOUT MIRROR STAGE

Originally founded in 1991, Mirror Stage is a nonprofit multidisciplinary arts company that believes the power of story and art holds the key to bringing people together in imagining and embodying a better future. We challenge assumptions, bias and prejudice, increasing equity and inclusion while encouraging more thoughtful reflection on today's issues. Mirror Stage nurtures unique voices, centering those who have been most oppressed by society's inequitable systems and structures. Mirror Stage gets people talking, as well as thinking. [Learn more about the history of Mirror Stage.](#)

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