Social Construction of Deafness in EHDI Programming – Self-Assessment

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1. What do I believe it means to be deaf/hard of hearing?
2. What are my thoughts about it? Why? What are my experiences?
3. What kind of language do I use when I talk about it with coworkers? With families? With my close friends? Is it different? Why?
4. How do educational/ political/ medical policies impact my beliefs?
5. Do I do what I do because of my beliefs or because it’s best for the child/family? How do I know?