

**Diane Muelleman** is a mother of four. She has a congenital hearing loss that is shared by three of her four children. She received her first hearing aid at four years of age. Her family history and experiences in her own family inspired her to pursue a Masters of Science in Special Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Deaf/Hard of Hearing. She is a staunch advocate for early diagnosis, providing good listening environments for children with hearing loss, and developing listening listening skills. Throughout her children's school years, she made presentations to each their teachers at the beginning of the year, and served as a resource throughout the year to suggest accommodations and troubleshoot potential problems. She is active in issues effecting the Deaf and hard of hearing, and currently serves as Vice President of the Omaha Area Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America, and on the Borad of Directors of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.