



### Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 15 Parent Guides (PG)
  - Located throughout the state
  - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
  - 2 PGs who are native Spanish speakers
  - Parent Guide who is Deaf

### Thank you!

Our first annual “We’re All E.A.R.S” family fun walk was a HUGE success. Thank you to our sponsors, families and professionals who helped us by participating and/or making a donation. We had over 150 walkers join us on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> at Southwind Park in Springfield, IL. Our initial fundraising goal was \$10,000 and we had doubled that goal by the time the walk was finished! Participants were able to view numerous vendors, entertainment and network with other families before the walk was kicked off by Senator Sam McCann! At the end of the walk we were all treated to steaming McDonald’s burgers! We hope you consider joining us in 2013 at our next “We’re All E.A.R.S” Family Fun Walk!

### Annual IL GBYS team training!

This year we held our annual team training in Springfield Oct. 5-6<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed five new team members with our training weekend focusing on “balance”. While we had seven guest speakers educating us on a variety of topics from health savings accounts to working with our children even when they resist us we also drove home that in order to successfully guide other families we need to make sure we take care of ourselves too. We topped off our training with time for a group yoga lesson, manicures and massages.



### Our Mission:

**Guide By Your Side provides unbiased, emotional support and resources by trained Parent Guides to families with children who have a hearing loss.**

Through the generosity of private grants, personal donations and funding through the Illinois Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, Illinois Hands & Voices and CHOICES for Parents, Guide By Your Side is able to provide free services to families. Families can be referred to the program from providers or call directly to participate.

If you would like to refer a family, request brochures/posters or make a donation please contact the GBYS Program Coordinator, Carrie Balian.

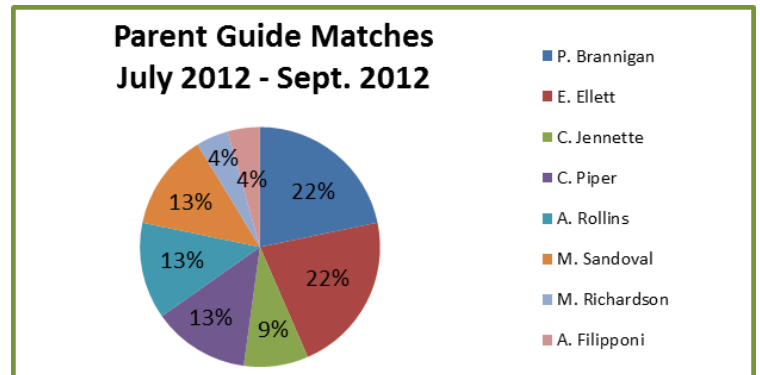
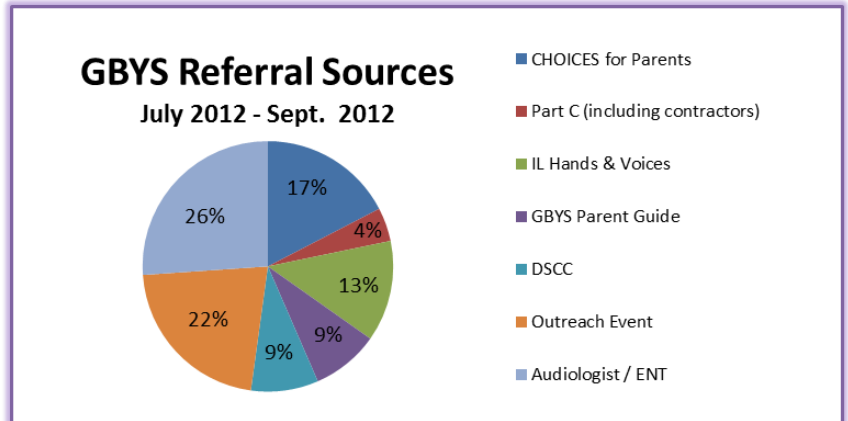
### Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Apr. - June 2012 to July – Sept. 2012

	Apr-June 2012	July-Sept 2012
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	31%	26%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	17%	9%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	13%	30%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	22%	26%
<b>6 years and older</b>	17%	9%



### Quarter Reporting for July 2012 – Sept. 2012:

- 25 Families referred , 23 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
  - 13% Latino (3 families)
  - 48% Caucasian (11 families)
  - 22% Multiracial (5 families)
  - 13% African American (3 families)
  - 4% Pacific Islander (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 26% Birth-1 year old
  - 9% 1-2 years old
  - 30% 2-3 years old
  - 26% 3-6 years old
  - 9% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English – 21 families
  - English/Spanish – 1 family
  - Spanish – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 13 children
  - Passed – 7 children
  - Pass/Did Not Pass – 2 children
  - Was Not Tested – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 11 male, 12 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Hereditary - 3 children
  - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 4 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology - 14 children
  - Hearing loss and additional needs- 2 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 20 children, Unilateral – 3 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - ALL Kids – 4 families
  - Medicaid – 7 families
  - Private – 9 families
  - Dual coverage – 3 families



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