



### Are you participating in ITHI 2014?

We are looking for organizations and professionals that will be attending the ITHI conference on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. If that's you or if you will be in the Springfield area then we would like to invite you to a meet n' greet networking session to be held the early evening of Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our Parent Guides will be attending the ITHI Parent track sessions as part of their annual training and we would like to introduce them to individuals and organizations that serve families with children who have a hearing loss.

We would give each participant time to share about themselves and/or the organization they represent and the opportunity to hand out materials too.

This would also be a fantastic way for you to meet our team that supports IL GBYS families!

If you are interested in learning more please contact Carrie Balian by phone at 224.343.1873 or email her at [gbys@choicesforparents.org](mailto:gbys@choicesforparents.org).

### Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 14 Parent Guides (PG)
  - Located throughout the state
  - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
  - PG who is a native Spanish speaker
  - Parent Guide who is Deaf

## Moms' Night Inn



AN IL HANDS & VOICES EVENT

Illinois Hands & Voices annual Moms Night Inn is a one of a kind event offered in our state. Join other mothers of children with hearing loss and let your hair down...

*CENTRAL* Illinois Moms Night Inn  
Springfield, IL, March 1st and 2nd, 2014  
*NORTHERN* Illinois Moms Night Inn  
Lisle, IL, February 8th and 9th, 2014

[www.ilhandsandvoices.org](http://www.ilhandsandvoices.org)  
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Save The Date

More information coming soon.  
SAVE THE DATE today

### 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.

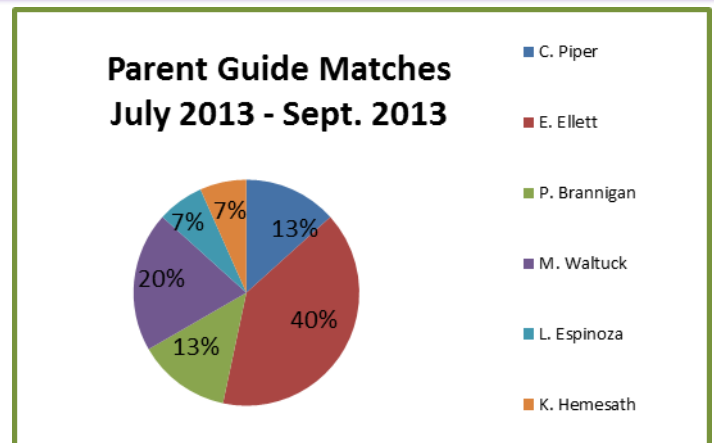
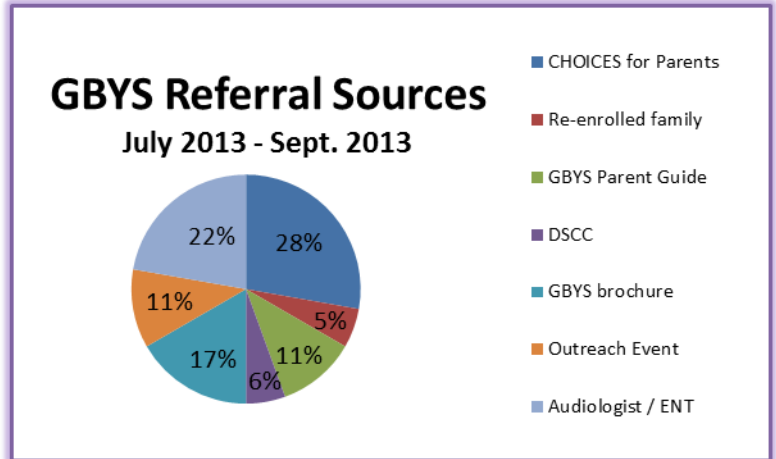
### Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Apr.-June 2013 to July – Sept.2013

	Apr- June	July-Sept
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	18%	33%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	13%	7%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	16%	20%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	18%	27%
<b>6 years and older</b>	34%	13%



### Quarter Reporting for July 2013 – Sept. 2013:

- 18 Families referred , 15 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
  - 13% Latino (2 families)
  - 67% Caucasian (10 families)
  - 7% Multiracial (1 family)
  - 13% African American (2 families)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 33% Birth-1 year old
  - 7% 1-2 years old
  - 20% 2-3 years old
  - 27% 3-6 years old
  - 13% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English – 13 families
  - English & Spanish – 1 family
  - ASL – 1 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 9 children
  - Passed – 5 children
  - Pass/Did Not Pass – 1 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 6 male, 9 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Hereditary - 2 children
  - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 3 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology - 10 children
  - Hearing loss and additional needs- 4 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 14 children
  - Unilateral – 1 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - ALL Kids – 4 families
  - Medicaid – 1 family
  - Private – 8 families
  - Dual coverage – 2 families



*Guide By Your Side (GBYS) is a collaborative program of Illinois Hands & Voices, the Illinois Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program and CHOICES for Parents.*



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