



## Quarterly Report April - June 2012

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### 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.

### Did you know?

We hold meetings for families called “Conference Calls for All” several times a year? These meetings allow families to dial in after the kids are in bed, connect with other families throughout the state, get updates about state events/resources and learn more from guest speakers? We have two calls coming up. Please feel free to share this information with others and join us on the call!

**Participants call: (888) 494-4032**

**Enter guest code: 4231446909**

- Aug. 27th at 8:30pm will be about transitioning from an IFSP to an IEP.
- Sept. 24th at 8:30pm will be about advocating for your child’s needs while protecting and respecting the relationship with school professionals.

Thank you to the IL EHDI program for providing the toll free conference line for these calls!

### Raise money for your organization!

Join us for the first ever IL Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side fun walk! The mission of our organizations is to support families throughout Illinois and we are inviting everyone no matter where you are in IL to participate in our Fun Walk! If you are a nonprofit or organization that supports families with children who have a hearing loss be sure to sign our walk alliance agreement; this will allow your organization to be a choice for families allowing you to receive 40% of their walk contributions. Aside from looking for walkers and teams we also have spots open for sponsors and vendors. Need more information? Visit our walk website: [ilhandsandvoices.org/funrun](http://ilhandsandvoices.org/funrun).

### Program Information:

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

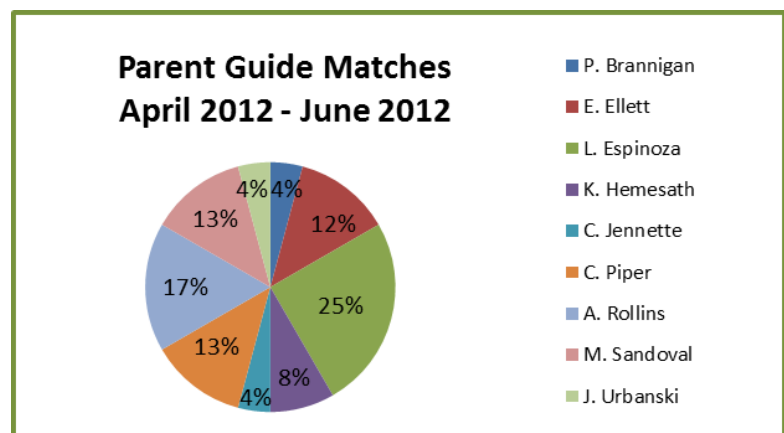
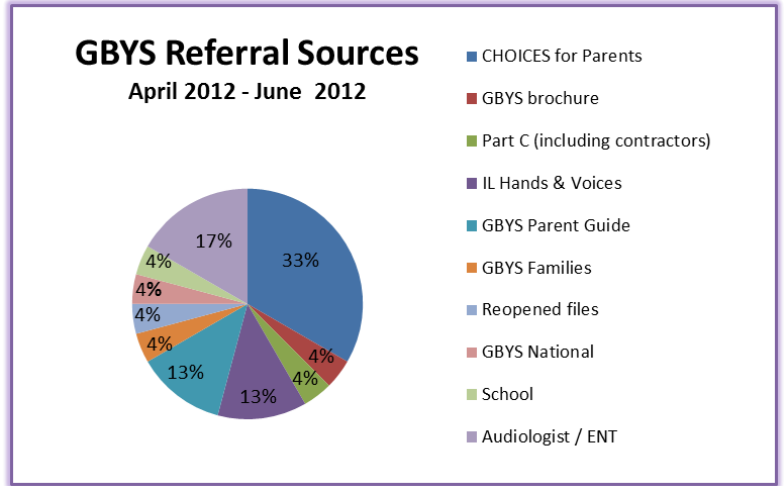
### Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Jan.-Mar. 2012 to April-June 2012

	Jan-Mar 2012	Apr-June 2012
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	21%	31%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	21%	17%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	21%	13%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	16%	22%
<b>6 years and older</b>	21%	17%



### Quarter Reporting for Apr. 2012 – June 2012:

- 24 Families referred , 21 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
  - 46% Latino (11 families)
  - 42% Caucasian (10 families)
  - 4% Multiracial (1 families)
  - 8% African American (2 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 31% Birth-1 year old
  - 17% 1-2 years old
  - 13% 2-3 years old
  - 22% 3-6 years old
  - 17% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English – 12 families
  - English/Spanish – 4 families
  - English/ASL – 3 families
  - Spanish – 5 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 15 children
  - Passed – 2 children
  - Pass/Did Not Pass – 2 children
  - Was Not Tested – 2 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 18 male, 6 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Hereditary - 2 children
  - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 6 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology - 13 children
  - Hearing loss and additional needs- 6 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 19 children, Unilateral – 2 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - ALL Kids – 9 families
  - Medicaid – 3 families
  - Private – 7 families
  - Uninsured – 1 family
  - Dual coverage – 1 family



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