

# Guide By Your Side Quarterly Report

January – March 2023

*“What works for your child is what makes the choice right.”™*



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## PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- Part C to Part B Transition Specialist
- LTF (Lost to Follow Up) Specialist
- 10 Parent Guides (PG)
  - Located throughout the state
  - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
  - Guides who are native Spanish speakers
  - Parent Guide who is Deaf


## OUR MISSION:

The Illinois Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side (ILHV GBYS) program provides unbiased emotional support and resources by trained Parent Guides to families with children who are deaf/hard of hearing.

Through IL Hands & Voices fundraising, personal donations and funding through the Illinois Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, Illinois Hands & Voices 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.






## 2023 EHDI Innovators

The IL H&V GBYS and Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) programs partnered to recognize those in the field who are making an impact within the EHDI goals of 1-3-6.



These goals ensure babies have their hearing screened by 1 month of age, receive a diagnostic hearing evaluation no later than 3 months of age and that all infants with hearing loss enroll in Early Intervention no later than 6 months of age.

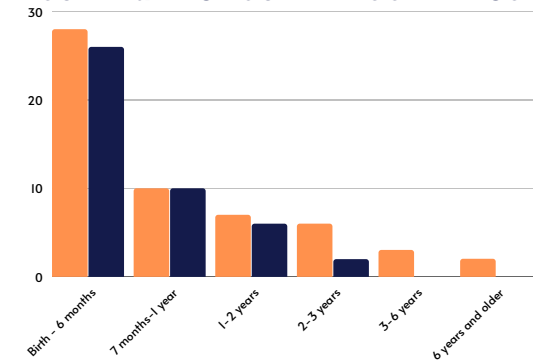
In 2023, we had the pleasure of recognizing Tracy Meehan, Maribeth Lartz, Kelley Hemesath, Maira Nava and the HiTrack team facilitated by James Fritzler for their ability to create change and improvement within these benchmarks.

## CONNECT WITH US

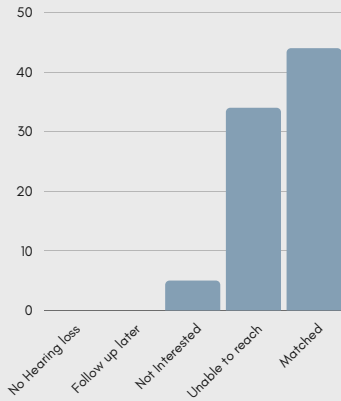


## FOURTH & FIRST QUARTER COMPARISONS



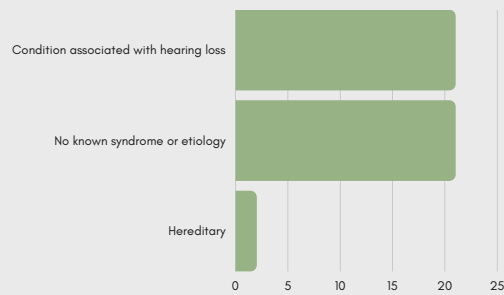
Orange bars represent 2022 fourth quarter GBYS child age at enrollment  
Blue bars represent 2023 first quarter GBYS child age at enrollment

# GBYS Data from January - March 2023

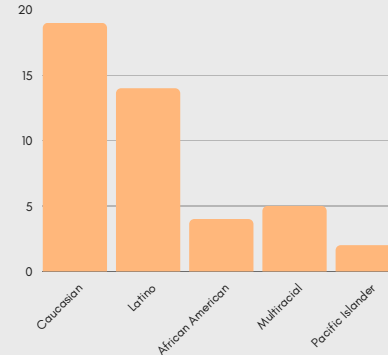


**Enrollment status**

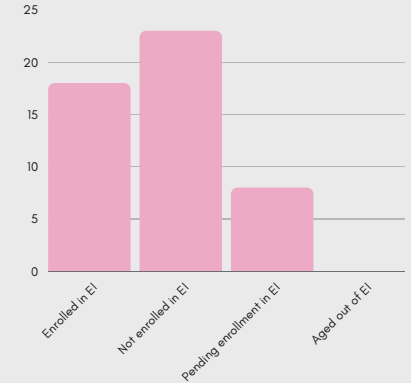
Matched = 44, Unable to reach = 34, Not interested = 5  
Follow up with family at a later date = 0, No hearing loss = 0



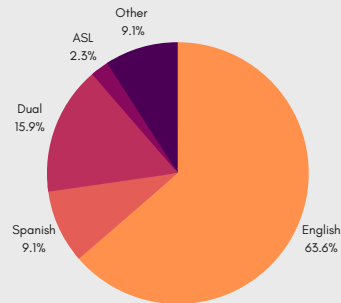
**Medical history of enrolled child**



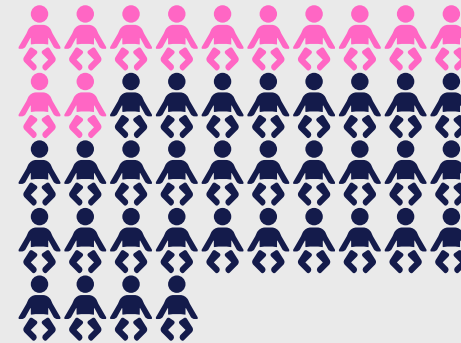
**Racial identity of enrolled child**



**Early Intervention status at time of enrollment**  
Pending enrollment means that the family has had contact with EI and is working through the enrollment process.

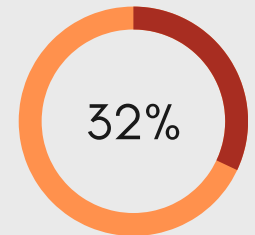


**Primary language in the home**



**Gender of those enrolled**

Pink = Female  
Blue = Male



**Amplification status at time of enrollment**

Orange = No hearing technology in use  
Red = Using hearing technology

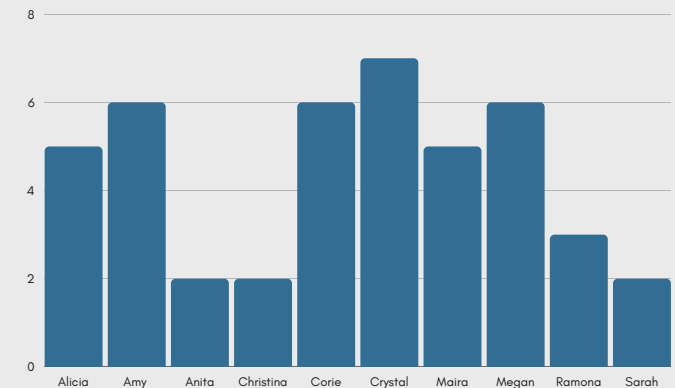


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**Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss**

Orange = Unilateral  
Blue = Bilateral



**Parent Guide Matches**