



Quarterly Report April - June 2014

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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.

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 14 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

Guide Spotlight



Kelley has been a guide since 2011 and serves the lower Southwest part of IL. She has two children one of which who has a hearing loss.

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Jan.-Mar.2014 to Apr.- June 2014

	Jan.-Mar.	Apr.-June
Birth-1 year old	34%	23%
1-2 years old	5%	9%
2-3 years old	28%	14%
3-6 years old	5%	31%
6 years and older	28%	23%



Join us!

What: Statewide calls for families with children who have a hearing loss. Professionals are welcome to join the calls too!

When: Sept. 29th at 8:30pm— Teaching your child to advocate — You've learned to advocate for your child but how do you move that ownership to your child? Learn techniques that work in helping your child successfully advocate for themselves. To view the PowerPoint presentation go online to:

<https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=m0ce7e78dfa19b05fab24b44b87a577b6>

Oct. 27th at 8:30pm— This call for all will discuss current and upcoming **cochlear implant** technology (including waterproof and Bluetooth options). In addition current practices in CI evaluation and surgery (including what to expect on the day of surgery) and cochlear implant outcomes will be reviewed. Please bring all of your CI questions to this call! Guest speaker, Audiologist Beth Touris. To view the PowerPoint presentation go online to:

<https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=m40e845e456d6c3ff44f494f9b2065b2e>

Nov. 24th at 8:30pm— We will discuss current trends in **hearing aid** technology and assistive listening devices, and hearing aid connectivity (Bluetooth). In addition, device maintenance and troubleshooting tips will be reviewed. Guest speaker, Audiologist Joy Ringger. To view the presentation online go to:

<https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=mbc6e10d29deae2bb094340fb47de6ee>

Where: From your home, call toll free (888) 494-4032 enter guest code: 4231446909

This conference call is organized by the Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side program. The toll-free line is graciously made available by the IL DSCC /EHDl program. For more information please call 866.655.4588, visit us on the web at www.ilhandsandvoices.org/GBYS or email GBYS@choicesforparents.org.



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Parents & Professionals can now access all of our previous "Conference Calls for All" on similar topics as those mentioned in the above flier. Topics such as Genetics, FM Systems, Accommodations for Children in the Classroom and many more can be found on our IL Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDl) website (www.illinoisoundbeginnings.org) under the tabs: "For Families"/"Parent Support"/"Guide By Your Side"/"Illinois EHDl Webinars". If you have suggestions for future topics or would be interested in being featured as a guest speaker please contact Carrie at 224.343.1873.



Quarter Reporting for Apr. 2014 – June 2014:

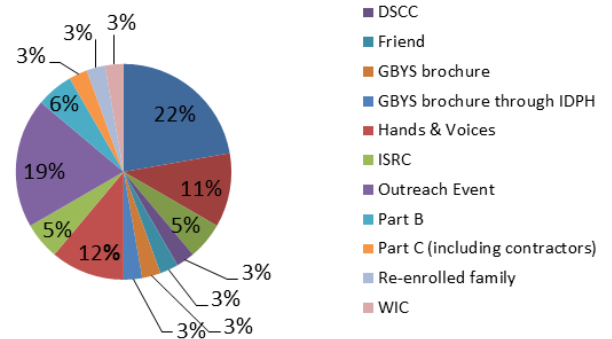
- 44 Families referred , 35 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 47% Latino (16 families)
 - 30% Caucasian (11 families)
 - 11% African American (4 families)
 - 3% Pacific Islander (1 family)
 - 9% Multiracial (3 families)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 23% Birth-1 year old
 - 9% 1-2 years old
 - 14% 2-3 years old
 - 31% 3-6 years old
 - 23% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 17 families
 - Spanish – 8 families
 - English & Spanish – 5 families
 - English & ASL – 2 families
 - Spanish & ASL – 1 family
 - Polish – 2 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 21 children
 - Passed – 5 children
 - Pass/Did Not Pass – 3 children
 - Was not screened – 6 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 20 male, 15 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Hereditary - 1 child
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 6 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 28 children
 - Hearing loss and additional needs- 8 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 29 children
 - Unilateral – 5 children, Auditory Neuropathy – 1 child
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - ALL Kids – 17 families
 - Medicaid – 4 families
 - Private – 8 families
 - Dual coverage – 6 families



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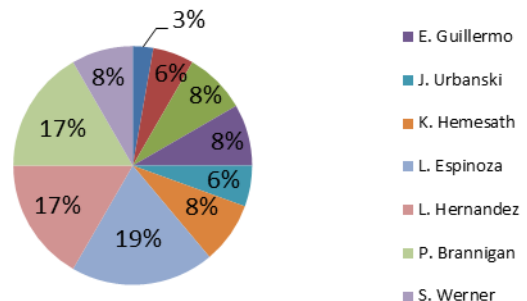
GBYS Referral Sources

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Parent Guide Matches

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