



Quarterly Report
April - June 2013

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Want to win an iPad?



The iPad has really become a great tool whether you use it for work, school or pleasure it can accommodate all those needs and more! So that is why we are giving one away at this year's "We're all E.A.R.S Family Fun walk! Anyone who makes a single donation of \$100 or more to our annual Family Fun Walk held at Southwind Park in Springfield, IL will be entered into a drawing for a brand new iPad! This year the walk will be held on October 13th and the winner of the iPad will be announced at the walk. Winner does not need to be present to win – although we would love to have you join us. To learn more about our walk, create your own fundraising team and/or to make a donation please visit our webpage at www.ilhandsandvoices.org/FunWalk.

Please consider sharing the news about this fun family event with others! Remember we are looking for organizations to be part of our walk too either as Alliance partners or vendors. For more information please contact Carrie at 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



Parent Advocacy Training

What you need to know: IDEA Law
How to advocate for your child

Training for parents who

- Have children with a disability who will enter or are currently in grades K-12
- Want the most appropriate education services for their child with special needs
- Want to know their rights as a parent in today's education system
- Need a refresher course on the skills needed to get your child what is needed to succeed
- Want to go into their IEP meeting more prepared

Training for professionals who

- Want to know what parents' rights are
- Want to service their clients correctly

The Illinois Early Intervention Training Program has approved this event for 2.5 hours of EI credential credit in the area of working with families."

WOOD DALE, IL

Saturday, September 28th
9:00am to 3:00pm
Child's Voice School
180 Hansen Court
Wood Dale, IL

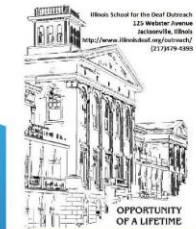
CHICAGO, IL

Saturday, September 21st
9:00am to 12:00pm
University of Chicago
Goldblatt Pavilion
860 E. 59th St. Rm H103
Chicago, IL



Please contact IL Hands & Voices for more information or individual event flyers and registration information.

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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.

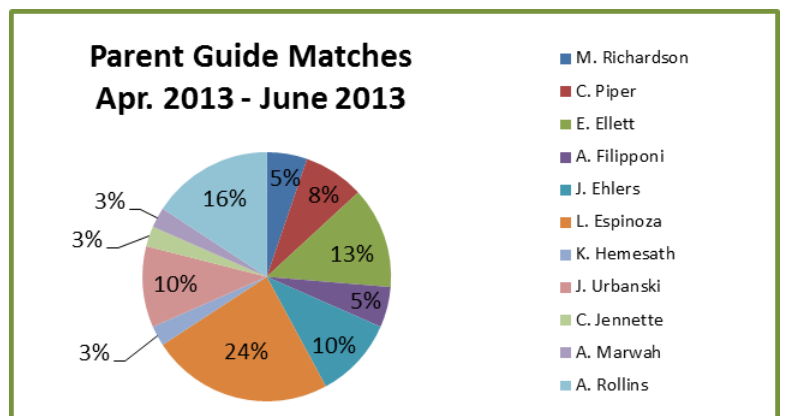
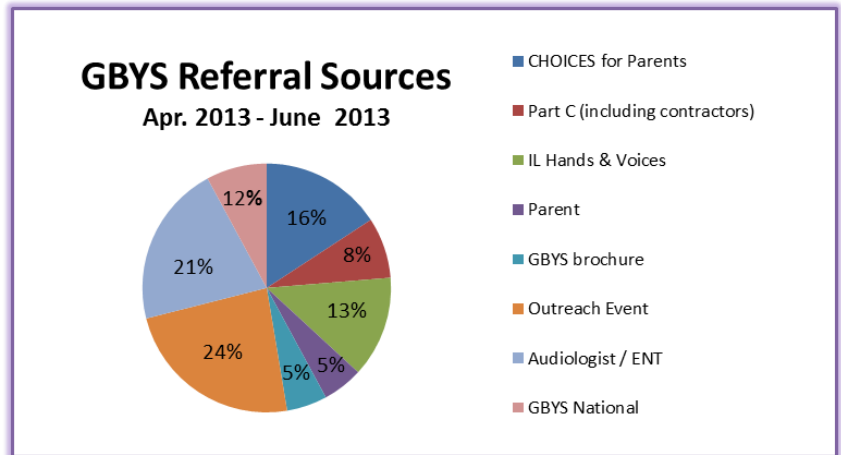
Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Jan. - Mar. 2013 to Apr.-June 2013

	Jan.-Mar. 2013	Apr- June 2013
Birth-1 year old	31%	18%
1-2 years old	11%	13%
2-3 years old	8%	16%
3-6 years old	19%	18%
6 years and older	31%	34%



Quarter Reporting for Apr 2013 – June 2013:

- 38 Families referred , 40 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 29% Latino (11 families)
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 - 16% Multiracial (6 families)
 - 23% African American (9 families)
 - 3% Pacific Islander (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 18% Birth-1 year old
 - 13% 1-2 years old
 - 16% 2-3 years old
 - 18% 3-6 years old
 - 34% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 25 families
 - Spanish – 8 families
 - English & Spanish – 1 family
 - ASL – 3 families
 - Other – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 21 children
 - Passed – 10 children
 - Pass/Did Not Pass – 2 children
 - Was Not Tested – 5 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 17 male, 21 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Hereditary - 1 child
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 10 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 27 children
 - Hearing loss and additional needs- 5 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 33 children
 - Unilateral – 4 children
 - Auditory Neuropathy – 1 child
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - ALL Kids – 11 families
 - Medicaid – 7 families
 - Private – 15 families
 - Dual coverage – 5 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.



Stay up to date on events and resources by becoming a fan of Illinois Guide By Your Side!

