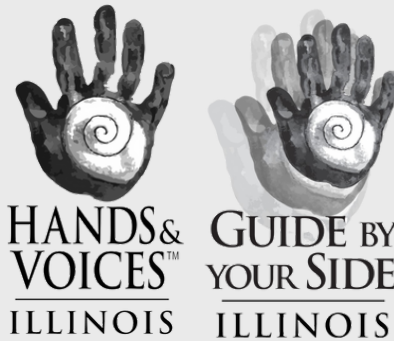


# Guide By Your Side Quarterly Report

October - December 2021



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## PROGRAM INFORMATION:

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

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

## OUR MISSION:

Guide By Your Side (GBYS) 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.

## THIS QUARTER

Our Spanish speaking Parent Guide, Lydia Hernandez, started her journey in the L2L (Leadership to Leadership) 2022 cohort. This elite group of parents embark on a year long growing experience to help them develop and enhance their skills as a Parent Leader. All parents are welcome to apply for a L2L spot. Previous Illinois L2L graduates include Andrea Stambaugh, Andrea Marwah and Carrie Balian.

On October 23rd we hosted a Chicago Wolves fundraising event for our programs. Families could buy tickets for main level seats and a portion of their purchase was donated back to our program! It was a fun event the whole family could participate in!

Pictured left to Right: Axel, Christen, Laura, Andrea, Carrie, Andrea & Ginger



## WHAT WE HEAR...



Thanks so much for sending this information and for your time yesterday. You were the phone call I didn't know I needed.

## HOW WE HELP

We connect families of children who are deaf/hard of hearing to trained Parent Guides for one on one support and personalized resources. If you know of a family, or are a family that could use support please reach out to us!

## CONNECT WITH US

Did you know there are several ways to stay connected and get the latest news, events and newsletters?

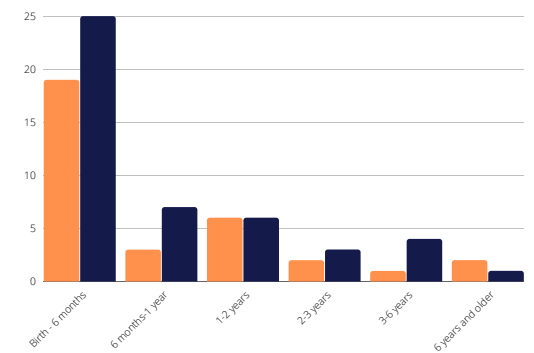
Here is how:

1. Join the email list from our website: [ilhandsandvoices.org](http://ilhandsandvoices.org)
2. Follow us on social media
  - a. Facebook - [ilhandsandvoices](https://www.facebook.com/ilhandsandvoices)
  - b. Instagram - [ilhandsandvoices](https://www.instagram.com/ilhandsandvoices)
  - c. Twitter - [@ILHandV](https://twitter.com/ILHandV)
3. Become an IL Hands & Voices member and also receive the national Hands & Voices "Communicator" quarterly newspaper. Annual memberships starting at \$25!

## COMING UP

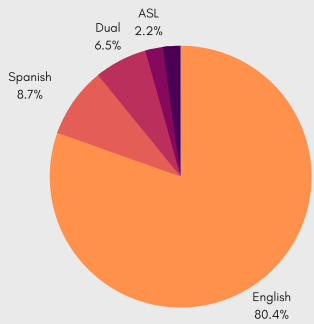
Several GBYS team members and IL Hands & Voices board members have been accepted to present at the ITDHH (Illinois Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing) Conference and at the National EHD (Early Hearing Detection & Intervention) meeting in March of 2022. These presentations focus on quality improvement workgroup outcomes and tools, health equity, CMV education, advice and tips for supporting families of children who are deaf with disabilities, advocacy for families and the importance of direct referrals for parent to parent support.

## THIRD & FOURTH QUARTER COMPARISON

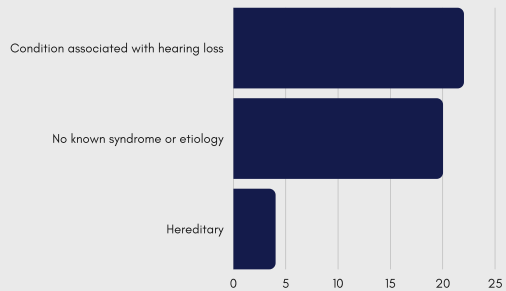


Orange bars represent 2021 third quarter GBYS child age at enrollment  
Blue bars represent 2021 fourth quarter GBYS child age at enrollment

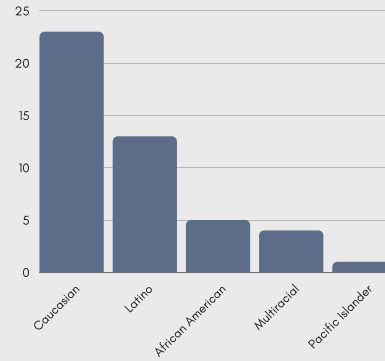
# GBYS Data from Oct - Dec 2021



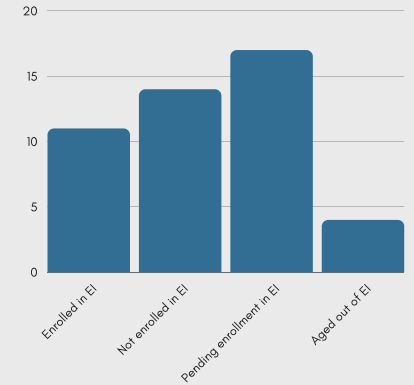
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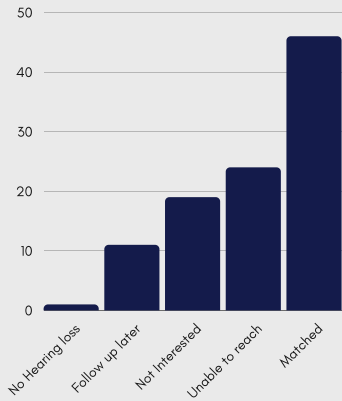
Medical History of enrolled child



Racial Identity of enrolled child

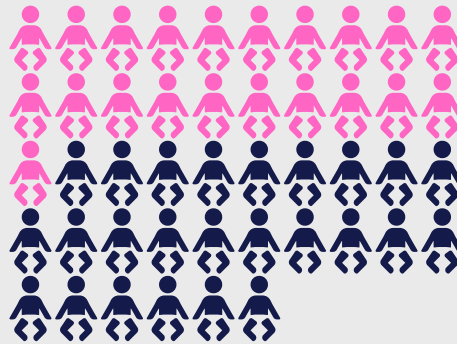


Early Intervention Status at time of enrollment  
Pending enrollment means that the family has had contact with EI and is working through the enrollment process.



Enrollment Status

Matched = 46, Unable to reach = 24, Not interested = 19  
Follow up with family at a later date = 11, No hearing loss = 1



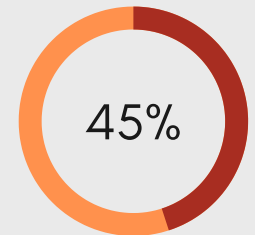
Gender of those enrolled

Pink = Female  
Blue = Male



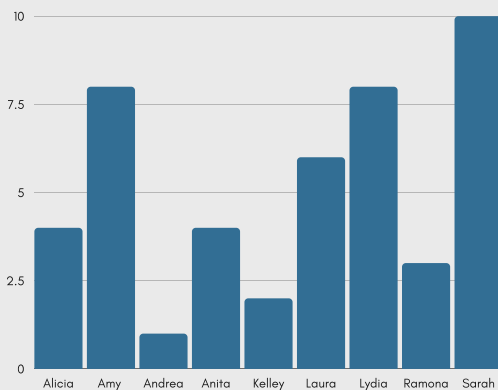
Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss

Orange = Unilateral  
Blue = Bilateral



Amplification Status at time of enrollment

Orange = Using Hearing Technology  
Red = No Hearing Technology in use



Parent Guide Matches



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