



**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 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.

If you would like to refer a family, request brochures or make a donation please contact the GBYS Program Coordinator, Carrie Balian.



**Guide Spotlight**

Kelley has been a guide since 2011. She has one child with a hearing loss.

**Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Jan-Mar 2017 to April-June 2017**

	<u>Jan-Mar</u>	<u>April-June</u>
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	56%	55%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	22%	18%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	0%	18%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	11%	0%
<b>6 years and older</b>	11%	9%

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Hands & Voices Leadership Conference**

**September 15-17th 2017**



A charming city on the Galena River, Galena delights visitors with its 19th century history and architecture, trolley rides, eclectic shops, great food, and local wines. Make sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss this important Leadership Training Event and experience the hospitality of our host chapter Illinois Hands & Voices.

**Program Information:**

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 9 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

**GBYS Family Events**

Have you “liked” us on Facebook yet? It is the easiest way to stay up to date with news and events! There are several events happening throughout IL in the coming months. Please make sure you share with families who have children with a hearing loss!



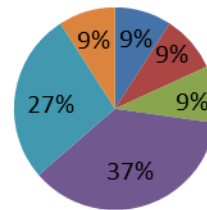


### Quarter Reporting for: April 2017 – June 2017

- 11 Families referred, 11 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
  - 64% Caucasian (7 families)
  - 9% African American (1 family)
  - 9% Latino (1 family)
  - 9% Pacific Islander (1 family)
  - 9% Multiracial (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 55% Birth-1 year old
  - 18% 1-2 years old
  - 18% 2-3 years old
  - 0% 3-6 years old
  - 9% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English – 8 families
  - English/Spanish – 1 family
  - Other – 1 family
  - English/ASL – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 9 children
  - Passed – 1 child
  - Was not screened – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 8 male, 3 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 3 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology - 8 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 11 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - ALL Kids – 3 families
  - Medicaid – 1 family
  - Private – 7 families

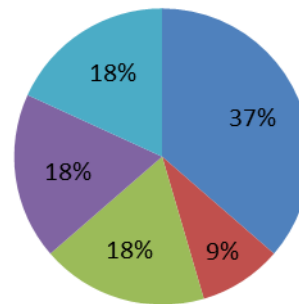
### GBYS Referral Sources

April 2017 - June 2017



- Health Department
- CHOICES for Parents
- Audiologist / ENT
- Part C (incl. contractors)
- IL H&V website
- Parent Guide

### Parent Guide Matches: April - June 2017



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