



Quarterly Report Jan - Mar 2016

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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 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.

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 11 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

Eva has been a guide since 2014 and serves Cook County. She has three children two of which have a hearing loss.

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Oct-Dec 2015 to Jan-Mar 2016

| | Oct –Dec | Jan–Mar |
|-------------------|----------|---------|
| Birth-1 year old | 60% | 50% |
| 1-2 years old | 0% | 11% |
| 2-3 years old | 30% | 22% |
| 3-6 years old | 0% | 11% |
| 6 years and older | 10% | 6% |

★ **IL Hands & Voices**

Guide By Your Side

Free statewide calls for families with children who have a hearing loss. Professionals are welcome to join the calls too!

April 18th - 8:30pm CST

Topic: Language Facilitation Strategies
Guest Speaker: Megan Roberts

Call toll free (888) 494-4032 enter guest code: 4231446909#

To view the online presentation live go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/z4kw9ja>

CALLS FOR ALL

May 23rd - 8:30pm CST

Topic: Cochlear implants follow-up; the years after cochlear implantation
Guest Speaker: Alejandra Ullauri

Call toll free (888) 494-4032 enter guest code: 4231446909#

To view the online presentation live go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/h88mno>

June 27th - 8:30pm CST

Topic: Literacy Project
Guest Speaker: Chresta Brinkman

Call toll free (888) 494-4032 enter guest code: 4231446909#

To view the online presentation live go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/ztymto2>

Questions? Contact us today!
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The "Calls for All" are organized by the Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side program.

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Illinois Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
illinoisoundbeginnings.org
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Toll-free line is graciously made available by the IL DSCC / EHDIP program.

The "Calls for All" on the flier above are open to families and professionals. We also hold "Calls for All" in Spoken Spanish (different dates). Please feel free to share the flier which can be found on our Facebook page and at www.ilhandsandvoices.org. To view/listen to prior calls go to <http://www.illinoisoundbeginnings.org/page.aspx?item=61>.

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!



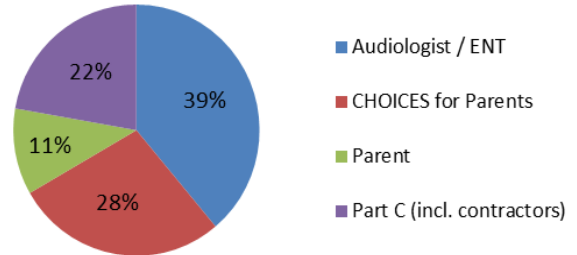


Quarter Reporting for Jan 2016 – Mar 2016:

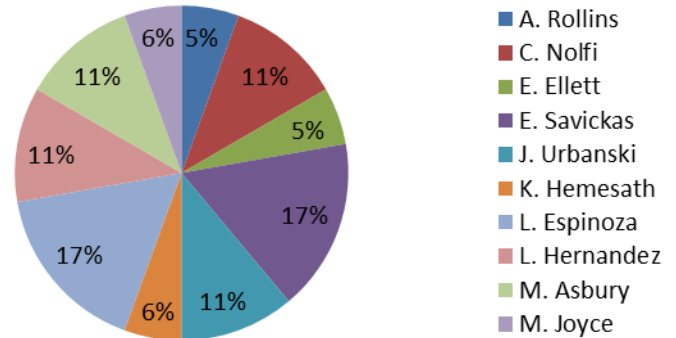
- 26 Families referred , 18 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 22% Latino (4 families)
 - 56% Caucasian (10 families)
 - 16% African American (3 families)
 - 6% Multiracial (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 50% Birth-1 year old
 - 11% 1-2 years old
 - 22% 2-3 years old
 - 11% 3-6 years old
 - 6% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 12 families
 - Spanish – 3 families
 - Polish – 1 family
 - Dual (English & Other) – 2 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 8 children
 - Passed – 6 children
 - Pass/DNP – 4 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 11 male, 7 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 6 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 12 children
 - Hearing loss and additional needs- 4 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 15 children
 - Unilateral – 2 children
 - AN – 1 child
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - ALL Kids – 2 families
 - Medicaid –4 families
 - Private – 10 families
 - Dual coverage – 2 families

GBYS Referral Sources

Jan. 2016 - Mar. 2016



Parent Guide Matches: Jan. - Mar. 2016



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