

# Guide By Your Side Quarterly Report

October - December 2022



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

## THE HEART OF OUR PROGRAM

Parents are truly the heart of our program, from the Parent Guides on our team, to the parents who represent our Board, to the parents we serve each and every day with our hearts. As parents, we are passionate about wanting the best for our children and giving them every opportunity to succeed. Sometimes that passion spills over in a desire to "pay it forward," where parents want to help other families feel a sense of community, a safe place to ask questions and the hope to ease some of the stress that comes with traveling on a path you weren't prepared to take.

We are so thankful for the team members shown below and their ability provide support to families in IL with children who are deaf/hard of hearing. Congratulations and thank you to Alicia Aaron, Amy Keslinke, Ramona Martin and Sarah Esparza on their 2 years of service and to Anita Cervantes-Bowen for her 10 years of service within our ILHV GBYS program.

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- Diversity & Equity Infusion Specialist
- Part C to Part B Transition Specialist
- LTF (Lost to Follow Up) Specialist
- 10 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

## OUR MISSION:

The Illinois Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side (ILHV GBYS) program 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.

## CONNECT WITH US



IL Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side  
Team Members

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Their  
**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY

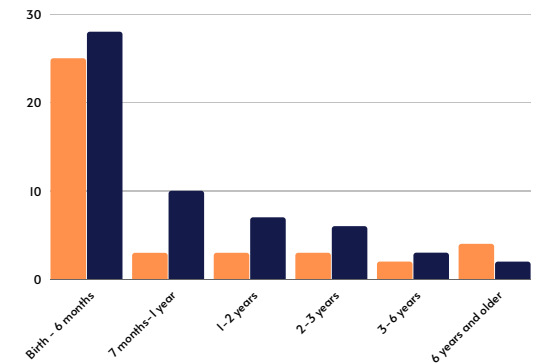
Alicia Aaron   Amy Keslinke   Ramona Martin   Sarah Esparza

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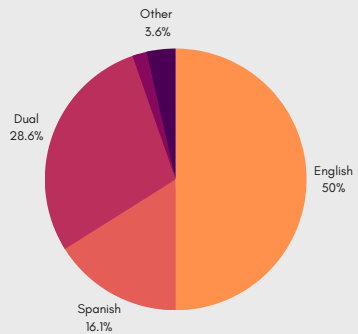
Anita  
Cervantes-Bowen

## THIRD & FOURTH QUARTER COMPARISONS

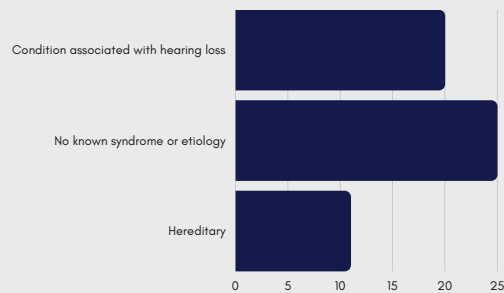


Orange bars represent 2022 third quarter GBYS child age at enrollment  
Blue bars represent 2022 fourth quarter GBYS child age at enrollment

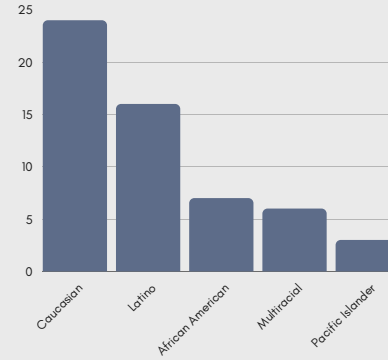
# GBYS Data from October - December 2022



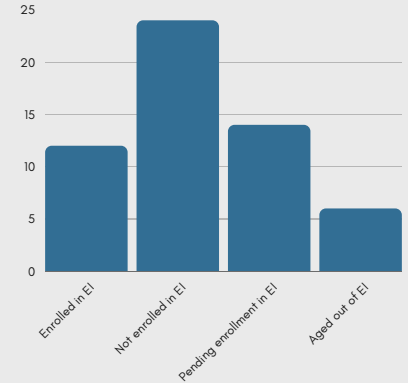
Primary language in the home



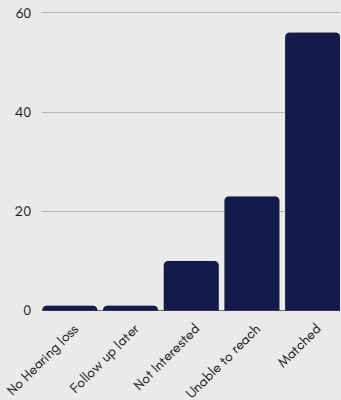
Medical history of enrolled child



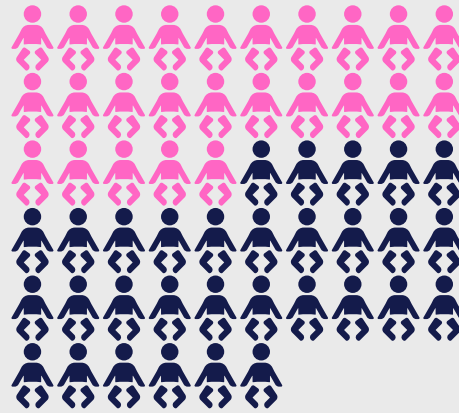
Racial identity of enrolled child



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.



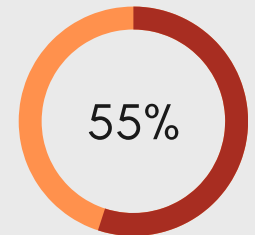
Enrollment status  
Matched = 56, Unable to reach = 23, Not interested = 10  
Follow up with family at a later date = 1, No hearing loss = 1



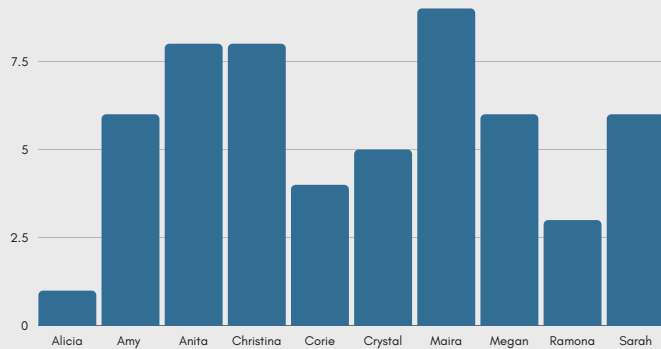
Gender of those enrolled  
Pink = Female  
Blue = Male



Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss  
Orange = Unilateral  
Blue = Bilateral



Amplification status at time of enrollment  
Orange = No hearing technology in use  
Red = Using hearing technology



Parent Guide Matches



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