

Guide By Your Side Quarterly Report



Oct. - Dec. 2023

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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.

RECENT PROMOTIONS:

In October, we had two Parent Guides, Corie and Maira, promoted to Lead Guide and then immediately onto Senior Guide. During the same month we also had Anita and Sarah promote to Senior Guide. In December, Megan promoted to Lead Guide. Promotions are achieved by completing activities and earning points from completed tasks.

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<https://www.ilhandsandvoices.org/guide-by-your-side>

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- Part C to Part B Transition Specialist
- LTF (Lost to Follow Up) Specialist
- 15 Parent Guides (PG) - 3 of the PG's are also DHH
 - Located throughout the state
 - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
 - Guides who are native Spanish speakers
 - Parent Guide who is Deaf
- 5 DHH Guides
 - Different communication and amplification modalities
 - Various hearing differences
 - Diversity in cultural representation

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PROMOTIONS

Lead Guide

Corie Fulton

Corie is the mother of two children, one who is deaf. Corie and her family live in Menard County.

Megan Christoffel

Megan is the mother of three children, one who is hard of hearing. Megan and her family live in Will County.

Maira Nava

Maira is the mother of two children, one who is deaf. She assists families as one of our Spanish speaking Parent Guides. Maira and her family live in DuPage County.

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Senior Guide

Anita Cervantes-Bowen

Anita is the mother of four children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She assists families as a Parent and Lead Deaf Guide. She is a Board Member of IL Hands & Voices and she lives in McLean County.

Corie Fulton

Corie is the mother of two children, one who is deaf. Corie and her family live in Menard County.

Maira Nava

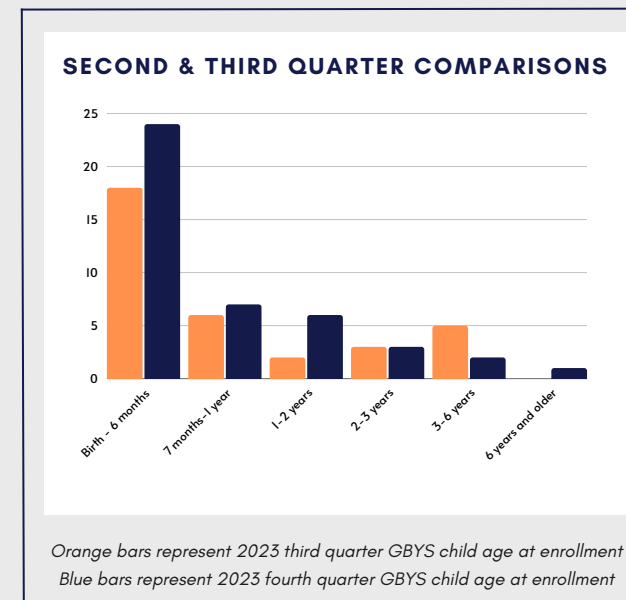
Maira is the mother of two children, one who is deaf. She assists families as one of our Spanish speaking Parent Guides. Maira and her family live in DuPage County.

Sarah Esparza

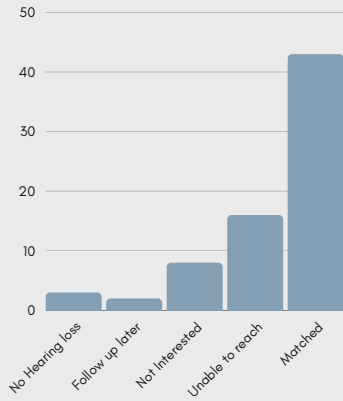
Sarah is the mother of one child who is hard of hearing. Sarah and her family live in Will County.

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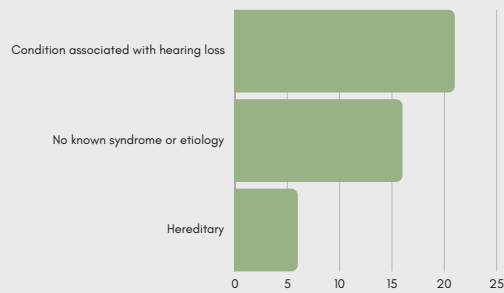


GBYS Data from October - December 2023

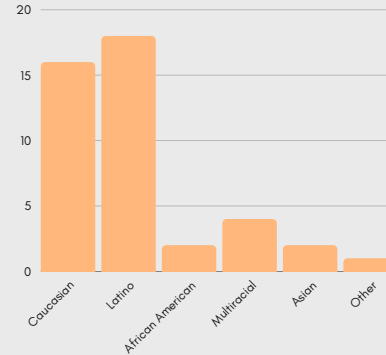


Enrollment status

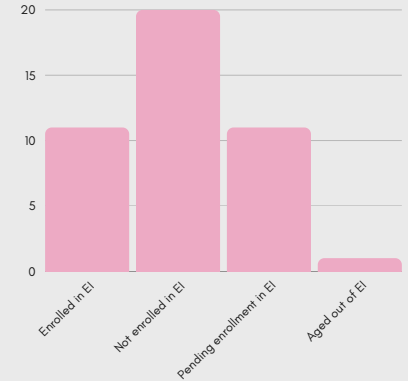
Matched = 43, Unable to reach = 16, Not interested = 8
Follow up with family at a later date = 2, No hearing loss = 3



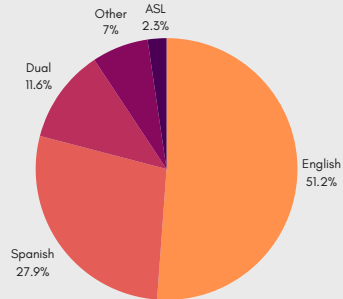
Medical history of enrolled child



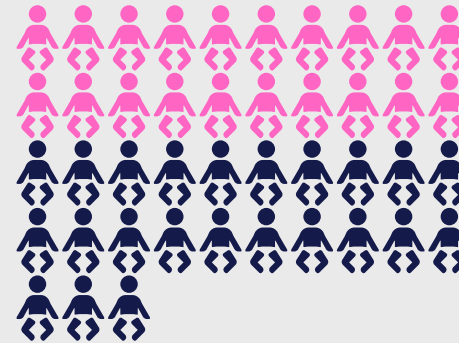
Racial identity of enrolled child



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.

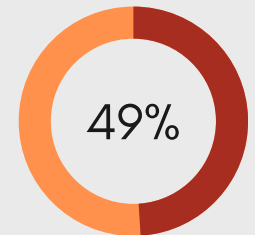


Primary language in the home



Gender of those enrolled

Pink = Female
Blue = Male



Amplification status at time of enrollment

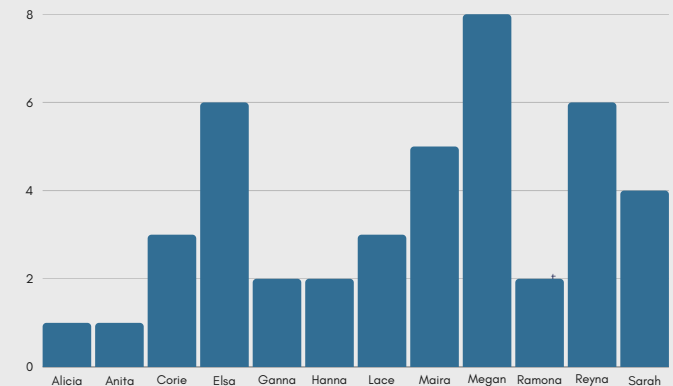
Red = No hearing technology in use
Orange = Using hearing technology

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Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss

Orange = Unilateral
Blue = Bilateral



Parent Guide Matches