



**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**

Deb has been a guide since 2016. She has one child with a hearing loss.

**Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Oct-Dec 2016 to Jan-Mar 2017**

	<u>Oct-Dec</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u>
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	50%	56%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	8%	22%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	0%	0%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	34%	11%
<b>6 years and older</b>	8%	11%

**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!



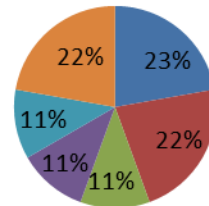


### Quarter Reporting for: Jan. 2017 – Mar. 2017

- 10 Families referred, 9 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
  - 45% Caucasian (4 families)
  - 11% African American (1 family)
  - 22% Latino (2 families)
  - 22% Multiracial (2 families)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 56% Birth-1 year old
  - 22% 1-2 years old
  - 0% 2-3 years old
  - 11% 3-6 years old
  - 11% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English – 7 families
  - English/Spanish – 2 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 7 children
  - Passed – 1 child
  - Pass/DNP – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 7 male, 2 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 5 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology - 3 children
  - Hearing loss and additional concerns - 1 child
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 6 children
  - Unilateral – 2 children
  - Unknown – 1 child (still completing testing)
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - ALL Kids – 1 family
  - Medicaid – 2 families
  - Private – 6 families

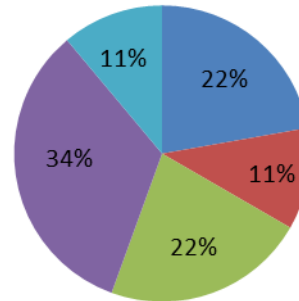
### GBYS Referral Sources

Jan. 2017 - Mar. 2017



- Part B
- Early Intervention
- CHOICES for Parents
- Audiologist / ENT
- Part C (incl. contractors)
- IL H&V website

### Parent Guide Matches: Jan. - Mar. 2017



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