



Quarterly Report
Jan. – Mar. 2021

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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:

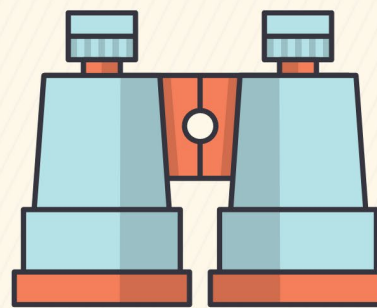
- 1 Program Coordinator
- 15 Parent Guides (PG)
 - Located throughout the state
 - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
 - Guides who are native Spanish speakers
 - Parent Guide who is Deaf

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Oct - Dec 2020 vs Jan - Mar 2021

	Oct – Dec.	Jan-Mar
Birth-1 year old	75%	80%
1-2 years old	10%	11%
2-3 years old	12.5%	3%
3-6 years old	2.5%	0%
6 years and older	0%	6%

During this pandemic many of us found ourselves managing situations and questions that we were unprepared for and with no prior experience. As we continue to move forward please note that we are here ready to serve families and help them navigate this unusual time. If you are looking for resources, please reach out.

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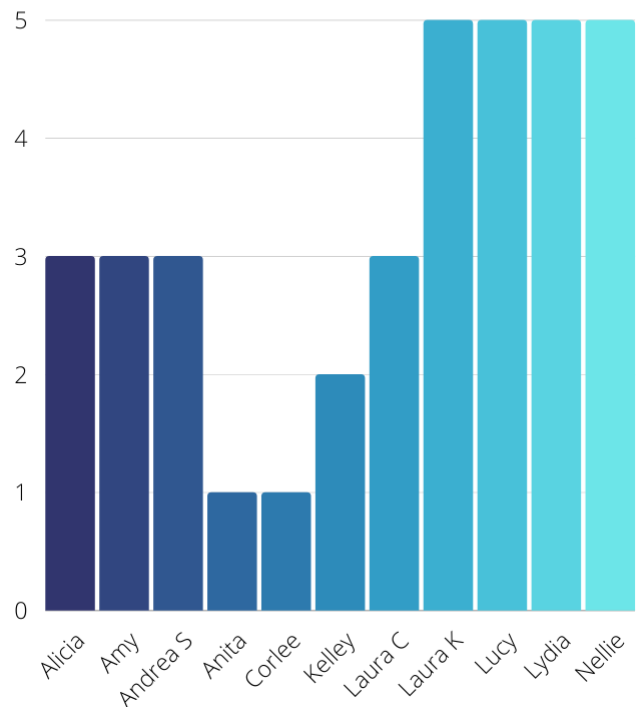
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- 79 Families referred; 35 Families matched
24 unable to reach;
18 not interested;
2 no hearing loss
Families referred may opt out of participating or we may still be in the process of trying to reach them to enroll them within GBYS.
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 80% Birth-1 year old
 - 11% 1-2 years old
 - 3% 2-3 years old
 - 0% 3-6 years old
 - 6% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 22 families
 - Spanish – 6 families
 - Dual – 7 families
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 19 males and 16 females
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 20 children
 - Unilateral – 12 children
 - AN – 3 children
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 21 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 9 children
 - Hereditary – 5 children
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 31% Caucasian (11 families)
 - 43% Latino (15 families)
 - 17% African American (6 families)
 - 9% Multiracial (3 families)

- **Amplification Status** at time of enrollment in GBYS:
 - Has amplification – 14 families
 - No amplification at enrollment – 21 families
- **EI Status** at time of enrollment in GBYS:
 - Enrolled in EI – 9 families
 - Not enrolled in EI – 10 families
 - Pending enrollment – 14 families
 - Aged out of EI – 2 families
 Pending enrollment refers to the family has had contact with EI and is working through the enrollment process.

Parent Guide Matches

January - March 2021



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