

Guide By Your Side Quarterly Report

July – Sept. 2023

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

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 ADDITIONS:

In July we added nine new members to our team! These individuals offer a diverse set of experiences, perspectives and cultures.

Deaf and hard of hearing adults offer invaluable insight into the lived experiences of their community, while parent guides provide the essential perspective of navigating the world of parenting children who have a hearing loss. Together, they create a supportive network that bridges the generational and cultural gaps, offering a holistic, unbiased and empathetic approach to parent support.

To learn more or to connect with one of our D/HH guides please reach out to ILHVGBYS@gmail.com or call/text 224-343-1873.

Support from our programs is free to all Illinois families.



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PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- Part C to Part B Transition Specialist
- LTF (Lost to Follow Up) Specialist
- 16 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 (completed training 10/3/23)
 - Different communication and amplification modalities
 - Various hearing differences
 - Diversity in cultural representation

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Welcome

NEW MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM




We are excited to welcome the newest Parent Guides and DHH (Deaf/hard of hearing) Guides joining our team!

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Crystal Villanueva
Parent Guide



Elsa Huerta
Bilingual Parent Guide



Giovanna Turovets
Parent Guide / DHH Guide



Hanna Swearinger
Parent Guide



Kari Taylor
DHH Guide



Lace Mandrell
Parent Guide / DHH Guide



Lloyd Baker
Parent Guide

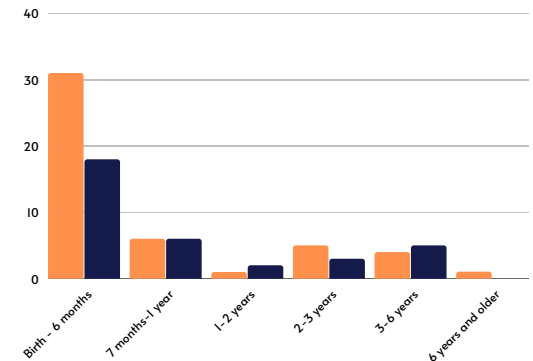


Regna Garcia
Bilingual Parent Guide



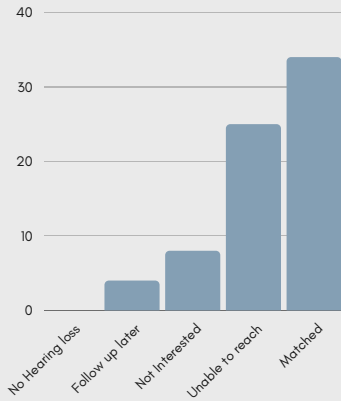
Sara Siddiqui
DHH Guide

SECOND & THIRD QUARTER COMPARISONS



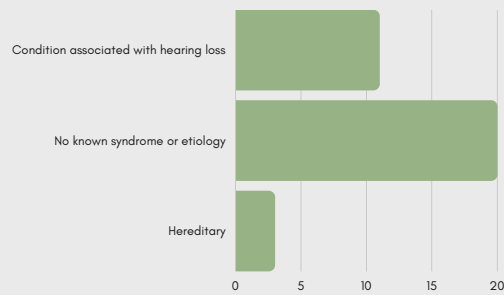
Orange bars represent 2023 second quarter GBYS child age at enrollment
Blue bars represent 2023 third quarter GBYS child age at enrollment

GBYS Data from July - Sept. 2023

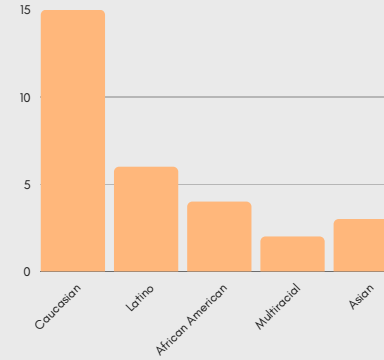


Enrollment status

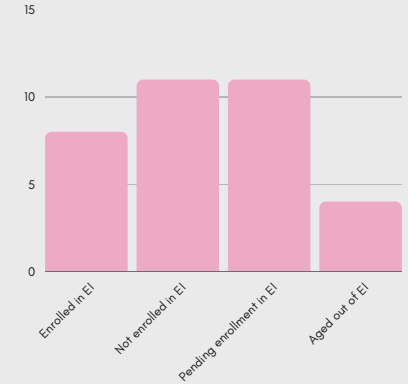
Matched = 34, Unable to reach = 25, Not interested = 8
Follow up with family at a later date = 4, No hearing loss = 0



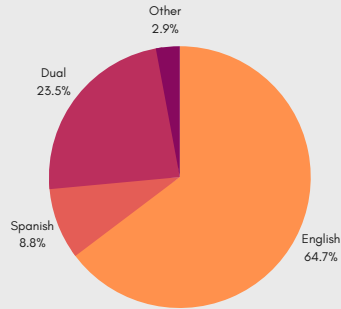
Medical history of enrolled child



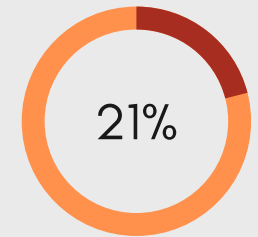
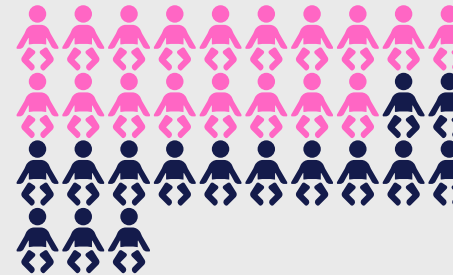
Racial identity of enrolled child



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



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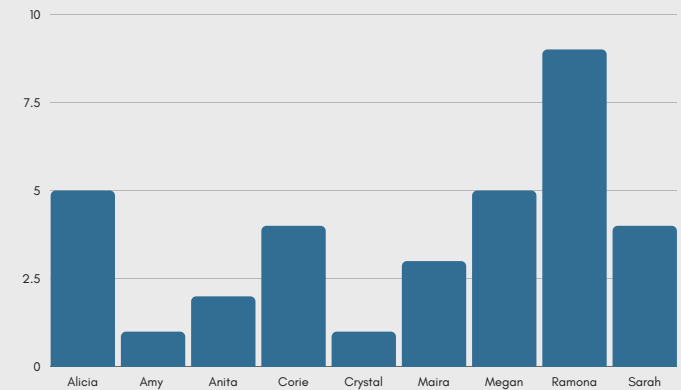
Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss
Orange = Unilateral
Blue = Bilateral

Gender of those enrolled

Pink = Female
Blue = Male

Amplification status at time of enrollment

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



Parent Guide Matches