

Guide By Your Side Quarterly Report

April - June 2023

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



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PROGRAM INFORMATION:


- 1 Program Coordinator
- 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.

Parent Achievement Award

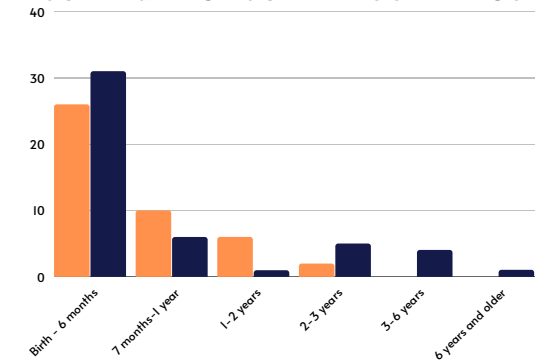


Since 2011, Illinois Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side has been recognizing parents with children who are DHH who go above and beyond in serving other families. The award is meant to encourage parents, inspire them to see that they have something unique to offer and they are fully able to make a difference within families and the systems that serve us. Professionals, peers and family have sent in nominations over the years. Once nominations close then those nominated go up for online voting to determine the final selection. This year we had two nominees, Anita Cervantes-Bowen and Lydia Hernandez. During Mom's Night Inn we officially recognized Anita as the 2023 Parent Achievement Award recipient! Anita has been a Lead Parent Guide with IL GBYS since 2012, she is an IL Hands & Voices board member, Director of Illinois Deaf Campers, mother of four children and so many other fabulous things! As a deaf individual herself, Anita truly embodies the spirit of working together for the benefit of all our families. She also has been a bridge between other deaf parents helping them understand services, opportunities and providing them unbiased support. Anita's journey as a parent has had unmeasurable heartache as her two sons passed away over the years, but in spite of the dark days Anita continues to shine bright!

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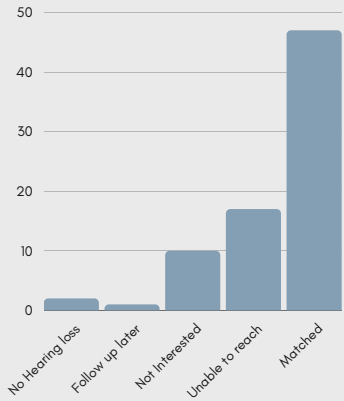


FOURTH & FIRST QUARTER COMPARISONS



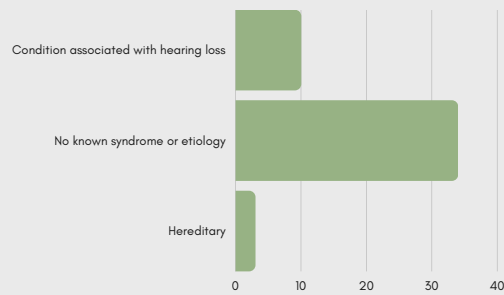
Orange bars represent 2023 first quarter GBYS child age at enrollment
Blue bars represent 2023 second quarter GBYS child age at enrollment

GBYS Data from April - June 2023

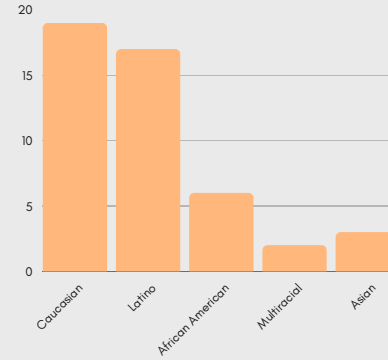


Enrollment status

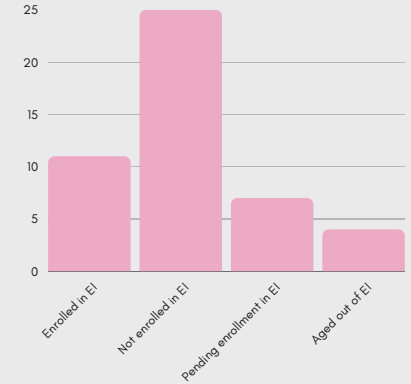
Matched = 47, Unable to reach = 17, Not interested = 10
Follow up with family at a later date = 1, No hearing loss = 2



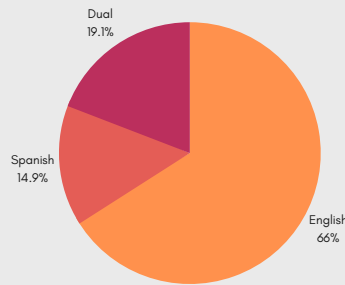
Medical history of enrolled child



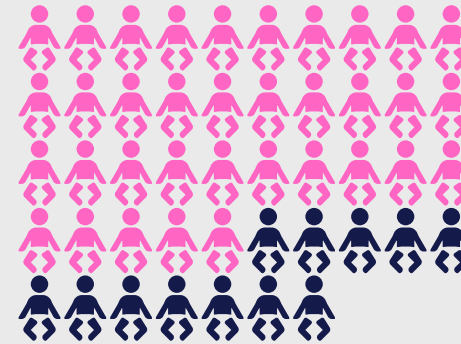
Racial identity of enrolled child



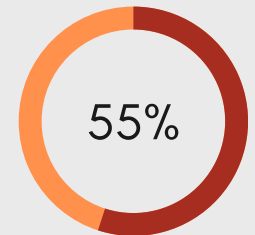
Early Intervention status at time of enrollment
Pending enrollment means that the family has had contact with EI and is working through the enrollment process.



Primary language in the home



Gender of those enrolled



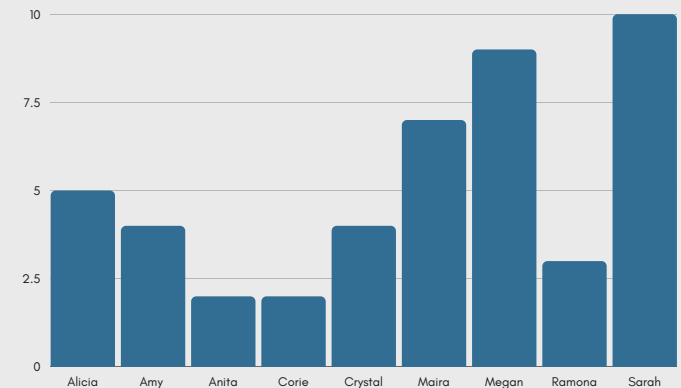
Amplification status at time of enrollment

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



Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss

Orange = Unilateral
Blue = Bilateral



Parent Guide Matches

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