

Guide By Your Side Quarterly Report

October - December 2025

"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 (EHDI), 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.



GIVING THANKS!

This fall, we celebrate the team members reaching meaningful milestones in our program.

Their steady care and support lift families at every stage of raising a child with hearing loss.

Our program shines because of them and we're grateful for their kindness and commitment!

Congratulations to Elsa, Sara and Hanna on celebrating 2 years; Alicia, Sarah and Ramona on celebrating 5 years; and Jaclyn on 15 years of service to our program!



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

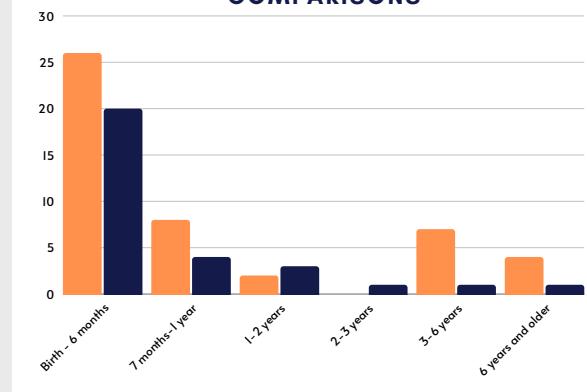
PROGRAM INFORMATION:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- Part C to Part B Transition Specialist
- LTF (Lost to Follow Up) Specialist
- 10 Parent Guides (PG) - 1 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 Guides who are deaf
- 4 DHH Guides
 - Different communication and amplification modalities
 - Various hearing differences
 - Diversity in cultural representation

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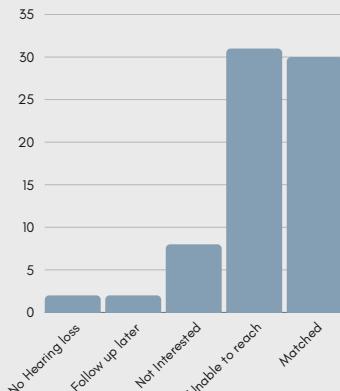


THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTER 2025 COMPARISONS



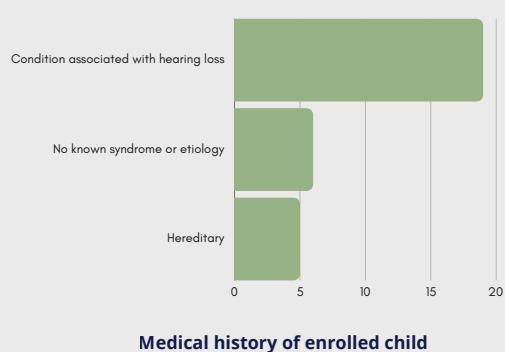
Orange bars represent third quarter 2025 GBYS child age at enrollment
Blue bars represent fourth quarter 2025 GBYS child age at enrollment

GBYS Data from October - December 2025

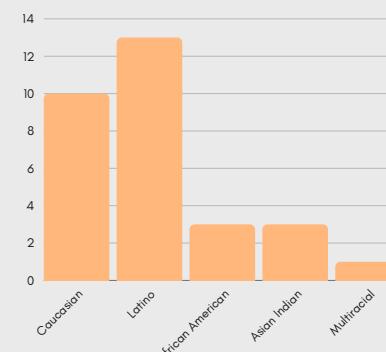


Enrollment status

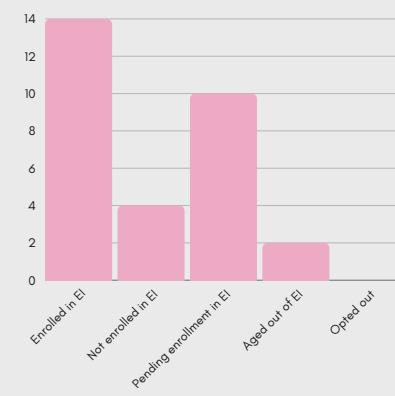
Matched = 31, Unable to reach = 31, Not interested = 8
Follow up with family at a later date = 2, No hearing loss = 2



Medical history of enrolled child



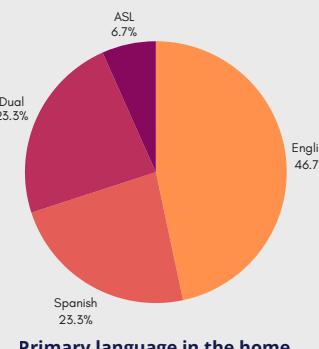
Racial identity of enrolled child



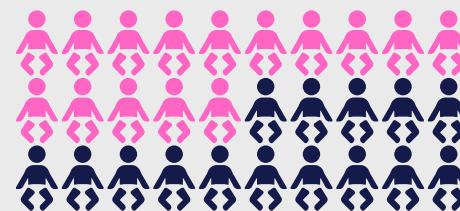
Early Intervention status at time of enrollment
Pending enrollment means that the family has had contact with EI and is working through the enrollment process.



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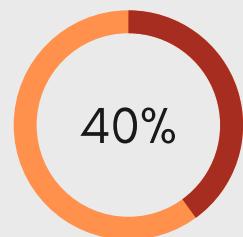


Primary language in the home



Gender of those enrolled

Pink = Female
Blue = Male



Amplification status at time of enrollment

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



Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss

Orange = Unilateral
Blue = Bilateral

