



Quarterly Report
Oct. – Dec. 2017

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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.



Guide Spotlight

Danielle has been a guide since 2017. She has one child with a hearing loss.

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from July-Sept 2017 vs. Oct-Dec 2017

	April-June	July-Sept.
Birth-1 year old	12%	31%
1-2 years old	12%	31%
2-3 years old	38%	15%
3-6 years old	0%	15%
6 years and older	38%	8%

Did you see this?

We have exciting things coming up! Our events are open to ALL families with children who have a hearing loss they do not need to be enrolled in hands and Voices or Guide By Your Side to participate!

To view the individual fliers please visit our IL Hands & Voices Facebook page or website.

- **Parent Achievement Award** nominations are now being accepted! Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XG2GZSB> to nominate an exceptional IL parent of a child with hearing loss.
- **Elgin, IL** on 2/4 from 1-2:30 Creative movement class - please contact Christen for details and to RSVP: cnolfi29@gmail.com
- **Bloomington, IL** on 4/29 SuperHEARo 5K Dash. Proceeds to benefit IL Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side. Costume contest too!
- **Springfield, IL** on 3/3-3/4 Mom's Night Inn Central!
- **Lisle, IL** on 4/14-4/15 Mom's Night Inn North!

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 11 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!





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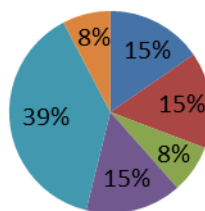
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- 14 Families referred, 13 Families matched
Families referred may opt out of participating or may still be in the process of trying to reach them to enroll them within GBYS.
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 15% Caucasian (2 families)
 - 15% Multiracial (2 families)
 - 15% Latino (2 families)
 - 23% African American (3 families)
 - 23% Pacific Islander (3 families)
 - 8% Asian American (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 31% Birth-1 year old
 - 31% 1-2 years old
 - 15% 2-3 years old
 - 15% 3-6 years old
 - 8% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 11 families
 - English/Spanish – 2 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 8 children
 - Passed – 2 children
 - Was not screened – 3 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 8 male, 5 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 2 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 10 children
 - Hereditary – 1 child
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 10 children
 - Unilateral – 2 children
 - Unknown – 1 child
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - Private – 8 families
 - Dual insurance – 2 families
 - All kids – 3 families

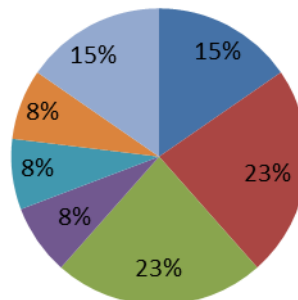
GBYS Referral Sources

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- Health Department
- CHOICES for Parents
- DSCC
- Part C (incl. contractors)
- IL H&V website
- DHS

Parent Guide Matches: Oct. - Dec. 2017



- E. Savickas
- M. Martin
- A. Mazique
- K. Hemesath
- L. Hernandez
- C. Nolfi
- A. Rollins

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