



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
- 10 Parent Guides (PG)
 - Located throughout the state
 - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
 - Guide who is a native Spanish speaker
 - Parent Guide who is Deaf

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 & Voices or Guide By Your Side to participate!

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

- **Aurora, IL** on 9/21 from 5:30-7 at Turners Club. Open play gym for the kids. LIMITED to 15 participants. Please contact Miriah for details and to RSVP 331.262.0783.
- **Glenview, IL** on 9/22 from 2-4 for a get together at Flick Park. Please contact Christen for details and to RSVP: 330.715.7685.
- **Lockport, IL** on 9/23 from 10-1 at Siegel’s Cottonwood Farm. Please contact Eva for details and to RSVP: 312.972.7167. RSVP is mandatory.
- **Buffalo Grove, IL** on 10/14 from 9-11am at Rockin’ Jump. Please contact Christen for details and to RSVP: 330.715.7685. LIMITED to 20 participants under 6 years old. RSVP is mandatory.



Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from

Jan – Mar 2018 vs. Apr – June 2018

	<u>Jan - Mar</u>	<u>Apr – June</u>
Birth-1 year old	50%	18%
1-2 years old	17%	6%
2-3 years old	8%	29%
3-6 years old	17%	35%
6 years and older	8%	12%

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!



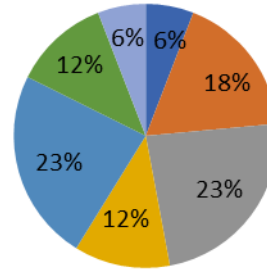


Quarter Reporting for: Apr. 2018 – June 2018

- 19 Families referred, 17 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:
 - 52% Caucasian (9 families)
 - 18% Multiracial (3 families)
 - 24% Latino (4 families)
 - 6% African American (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 18% Birth-1 year old
 - 6% 1-2 years old
 - 29% 2-3 years old
 - 35% 3-6 years old
 - 12% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 13 families
 - Spanish – 3 families
 - Dual languages – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 8 children
 - Passed – 7 children
 - Pass/DNP – 2 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 8 male, 9 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 7 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 10 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 13 children
 - Unilateral – 3 children
 - AN – 1 child
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - Private – 12 families
 - All kids/Medicaid – 5 families

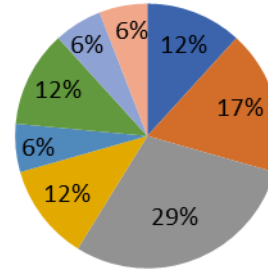
GBYS Referral Sources

Apr. 2018 - June 2018



- DSCC
- CHOICES for Parents
- Outreach
- Part C (incl. contractors)
- IL H&V website
- Audiologist
- Parent Guide/Brochure

Parent Guide Matches: Apr. - June 2018



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