



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.

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 a member of Hands & Voices or enrolled in Guide By Your Side to participate!

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

- **Buffalo Grove, IL** on 3/10 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.
- **Normal, IL** on 3/23 from 10-12 at Children's Discovery Museum. Please contact Deb for details and to RSVP: dgossrow.gbys@gmail.com. LIMITED to 10 participants. RSVP is mandatory.



Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 1 Outreach Liaison
- 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

Have something to share?

We release our IL E.A.R.S (Events & Resources Statewide) newsletter three times a year that includes information on services, events, articles on hearing loss, ongoing studies, resources and so much more! Do you have something that you would like us to include? Our next addition of our newsletter will be released at the end of November and we are now accepting submissions. Contact Carrie at ilhvgbys@gmail.com for more information or to send items to be included.

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from July – Sept 2018 vs. Oct – Dec 2018

	July - Sept	Oct – Dec
Birth-1 year old	30%	12.5%
1-2 years old	10%	25%
2-3 years old	20%	12.5%
3-6 years old	10%	25%
6 years and older	30%	25%

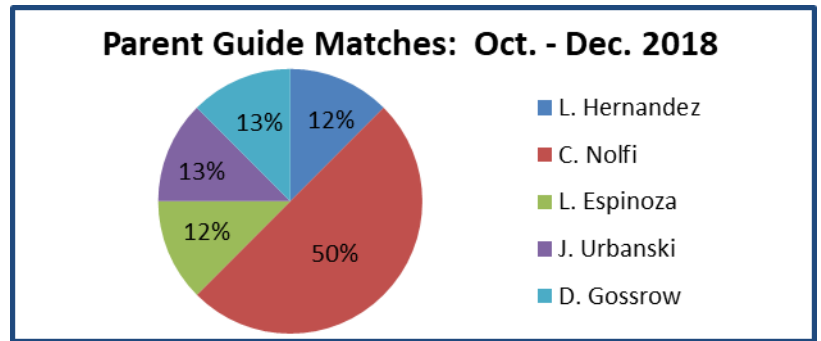
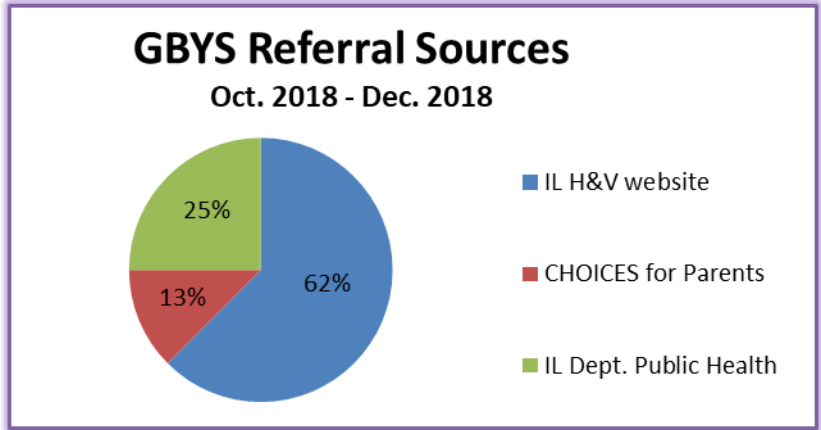
Have you “liked” us on Facebook yet? It is the easiest way to stay up to date with news and events! There are several events happening throughout IL in the coming months. Please make sure you share with families who have children with a hearing loss!





Quarter Reporting for: Oct. 2018 – Dec. 2018

- 10 Families referred, 8 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:
 - 63% Caucasian (5 families)
 - 0% Asian American (0 families)
 - 0% Latino (0 families)
 - 0% African American (0 families)
 - 37% Pacific Islander (3 families)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 12.5% Birth-1 year old
 - 25% 1-2 years old
 - 12.5% 2-3 years old
 - 25% 3-6 years old
 - 25% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 4 families
 - Spanish – 0 families
 - Dual languages (English plus another) – 4 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 4 children
 - Passed – 1 children
 - Pass/DNP – 2 children
 - Unknown – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 4 male and 4 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 1 child
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 7 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 4 children
 - Unilateral – 4 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - Private – 5 families
 - All kids/Medicaid – 3 families



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