



Movin' On Up!

This past October Hands & Voices Headquarters implemented a leveled Recognition Program for all Guide By Your Side (GBYS) programs. This program ensures that all GBYS programs provide the same basic training which is labeled as the "Guide" Level. There are two additional levels, "Lead" & "Senior", which guides can achieve based on completing basic competency tasks and additional activity points. Since implementing the program in October our Illinois GBYS team has completed all the tasks in the initial "Guide" Level. In addition, we have had seven guides promote to "Lead" level and one guide promote through lead to the "Senior" Guide level. Don't hesitate to congratulate the following GBYS team members the next time you speak with them.

Achieving the "Guide" Level:

Lydia Hernandez, Emily Guillermo, Jen Ehlers, Kelley Hemesath, Susan Werner, Anita Mazique and Mindi Allen

Achieving the "Lead" Level:

Alison Rollins, Eliza Ellett, Lucy Espinoza, Jaclyn Urbanski, Melissa Richardson, Christa Jennette and Pauline Brannigan

Achieving the "Senior" Level:

Andrea Marwah

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 15 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

IL Hands & Voices,
Guide By Your Side
present a....

Network Event

Join us
for
dinner!

FREE!



The event will be held in the ISU Alumni Center at 1101 Main St in Normal, IL in room 118. Free Parking in the Alumni Center parking lot. Applied for EI credit.
RSVP By June 16th to:
Register online at www.ilhandsandvoices.org
224.343.1973 (call/text), Email: gbys@choicesforparents.org

JOIN US ON:

6/23/2014

6:00- 8:00pm

Are you attending BRIDGES? Are you a parent of a child with hearing loss? Are you a provider or organization that supports children with a hearing loss? Then this night is for you! Join us to hear about what each organization has to offer families with children who have a hearing loss.

Parents, professionals and organizations/clinics are welcome to participate. *This is an adult only event.*

If you need a sign language interpreter requests are needed no later than 2 weeks before the event.







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Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side is partnering with Illinois State University and the Illinois EHDI (Early Hearing Detection Intervention) Program to host this event.

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 the generosity of private grants, personal donations and funding through the Illinois Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, Illinois Hands & Voices and CHOICES for Parents, 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/posters or make a donation please contact the GBYS Program Coordinator, Carrie Balian.

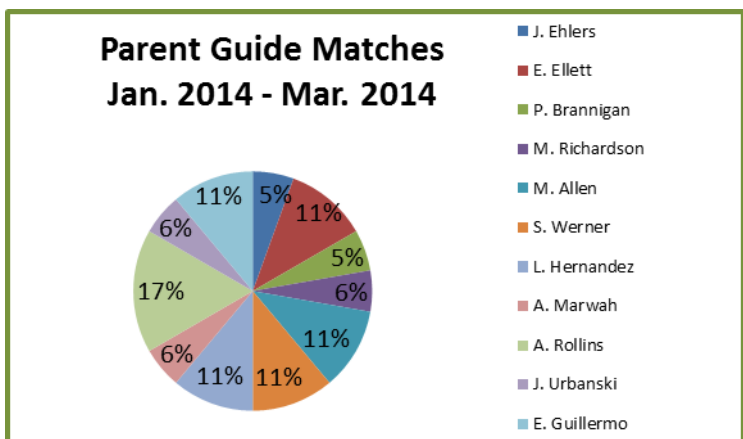
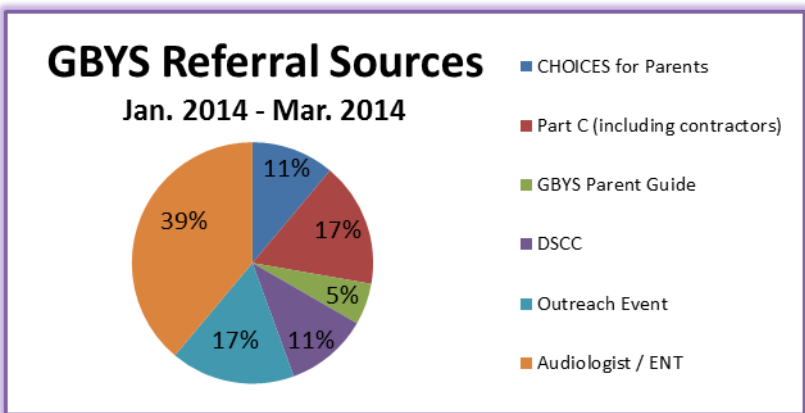
Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Oct.-Dec. 2013 to Jan.- Mar. 2014

	<u>Oct.-Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.-Mar.</u>
Birth-1 year old	38%	34%
1-2 years old	14%	5%
2-3 years old	5%	28%
3-6 years old	14%	5%
6 years and older	29%	28%



Quarter Reporting for Jan. 2014 – Mar. 2014:

- 24 Families referred , 18 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 17% Latino (3 families)
 - 50% Caucasian (9 families)
 - 17% African American (3 families)
 - 11% Pacific Islander (2 families)
 - 5% Multiracial (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 34% Birth-1 year old
 - 5% 1-2 years old
 - 28% 2-3 years old
 - 5% 3-6 years old
 - 28% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 11 families
 - Spanish – 3 families
 - English & Spanish – 1 family
 - English & ASL – 1 family
 - Other – 2 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 8 children
 - Passed – 5 children
 - Pass/Did Not Pass – 2 children
 - Was not screened – 3 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 11 male, 7 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Hereditary - 1 child
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 5 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 12 children
 - Hearing loss and additional needs- 5 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 16 children
 - Unilateral – 2 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - ALL Kids – 2 families
 - Medicaid – 4 families
 - Private – 10 families
 - Dual coverage – 2 families



Guide By Your Side (GBYS) is a collaborative program of Illinois Hands & Voices, the Illinois Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program and CHOICES for Parents.



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