



Quarterly Report
Oct. – Dec. 2020

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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.

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 16 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

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from July – Sept 2020 vs Oct -Dec 2020

	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.
Birth-1 year old	89%	75%
1-2 years old	4%	10%
2-3 years old	5%	12.5%
3-6 years old	2%	2.5%
6 years and older	0%	0%

During this pandemic many of us found ourselves managing situations and questions that we were unprepared for and with no prior experience. As we continue to move forward please note that we are here ready to serve families and help them navigate this unusual time. If you are looking for resources, please reach out.



Virtual

MOM'S NIGHT INN 2021

Save the Date

MOMS, YOU DESERVE

The Virtual Retreatment

Saturday March 6, 2021



Save the Date and join us for:

1. Tina Childress—Keynote
2. Cheeseboard Creation
3. Relaxation, Networking and More

WHAT IS MOM'S NIGHT INN?

Mom's Night Inn is an annual event held in IL for moms and female caretakers of children who are deaf/hard of hearing. Typically we spend 24 hours in the comfort of a hotel. The pandemic has made us think outside the box. This event will not disappoint, mark your calendar and prepare to put on cozy jammies, grab a drink and share the evening with mom's just like you!

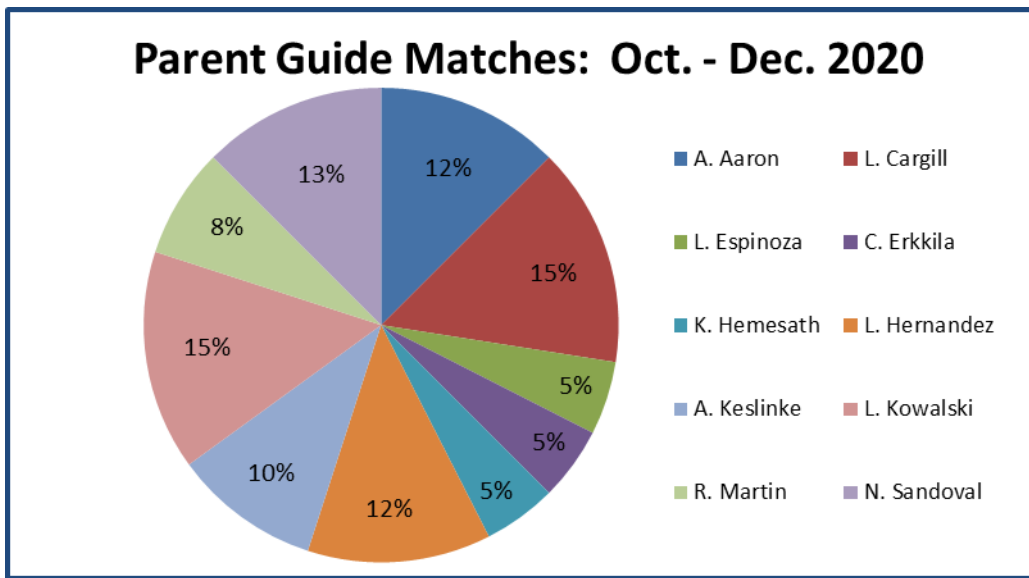
More information to come on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and on our website: ilhandsandvoices.org



Quarter Reporting for: October 2020 – December 2020

- 88 Families referred; 40 Families matched
32 unable to reach;
10 not interested;
6 no hearing loss
Families referred may opt out of participating or we may still be in the process of trying to reach them to enroll them within GBYS.
- Age of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 75% Birth-1 year old
 - 10% 1-2 years old
 - 12.5% 2-3 years old
 - 2.5% 3-6 years old
 - 0% 6 years and older
- Primary Language in the home:
 - English – 30 families
 - Spanish – 4 families
 - Other – 2 families
 - Dual – 4 families

- Gender of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 17 males and 23 females
- Medical History suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 16 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 22 children
 - Hereditary – 2 children
- Unilateral vs. Bilateral hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 25 children
 - Unilateral – 15 children
- Amplification Status at time of enrollment in GBYS:
 - Has amplification – 23 families
 - No amplification at enrollment – 17 families
- EI Status at time of enrollment in GBYS:
 - Enrolled in EI – 10 families
 - Not enrolled in EI – 19 families
 - Pending enrollment – 11 families
 Pending enrollment refers to the family has had contact with EI and is working through the enrollment process.



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