



## Quarterly Report October - December 2010

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Pictured is our current GBYS team. Top Row: Carrie Balian and Laura Epperson. Middle Row: Janice Knight-Haines, Maria Teresa Hernandez, Alison Rollins, Jaclyn Urbanski, Andrea Marwah, Beth Donofrio and Sinai Ortega. Bottom Row: Christa Jennette, Cari Piper, Lisa Koehler, Sonia Sage and Crystal Kelly-Schwartz

### 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 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.

### Presenting our GBYS team!

The weekend of October 23-24, 2010 we held our annual Guide By Your Side (GBYS) Parent Guide (PG) training in Naperville, IL.

We officially welcomed seven new Parent Guides to our team! It was a weekend full of role playing, learning and sharing!

If you are interested in connecting with or having your local PG present GBYS to your team or families please contact Carrie Balian by email at [GBYS@choicesforparents.org](mailto:GBYS@choicesforparents.org) or phone toll free 866.655.4588.

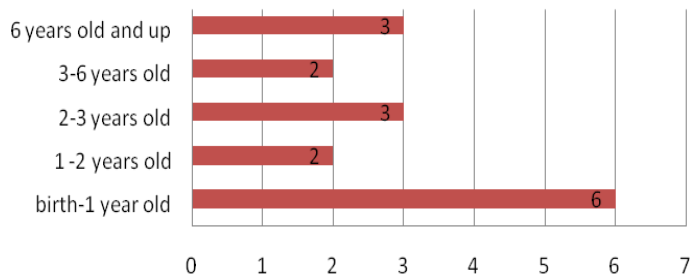
### Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 13 Parent Guides (PG)
  - Located throughout the state
  - Backgrounds vary in communication opportunities and amplification opportunities
  - 2 PGs who are native Spanish speakers
  - PG who is Deaf
  - PG who is Hard of Hearing



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### Ages of children when enrolled in GBYS



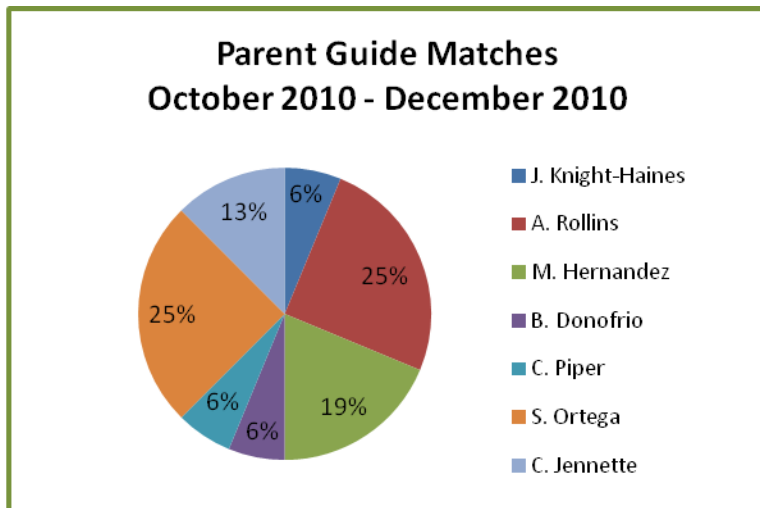
### Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from April – June 2010 and July – Sept 2010

	July-Sept 2010	Oct-Dec 2010
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	43%	38%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	43%	13%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	0%	18%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	14%	13%
<b>6 years and older</b>	0%	18%



### Quarter Reporting for Oct. 2010 – Dec 2010:

- Families referred 17, Families matched 16 (Unable to reach 1)
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
  - 38% Latino (6 families)
  - 56% Caucasian (9 families)
  - 6% African American (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 38% Birth-1 year old
  - 13% 1-2 years old
  - 18% 2-3 years old
  - 13% 3-6 years old
  - 18% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English - 8
  - Spanish - 4
  - English & Spanish – 2
  - Other - 2



### Want to hear more about GBYS?

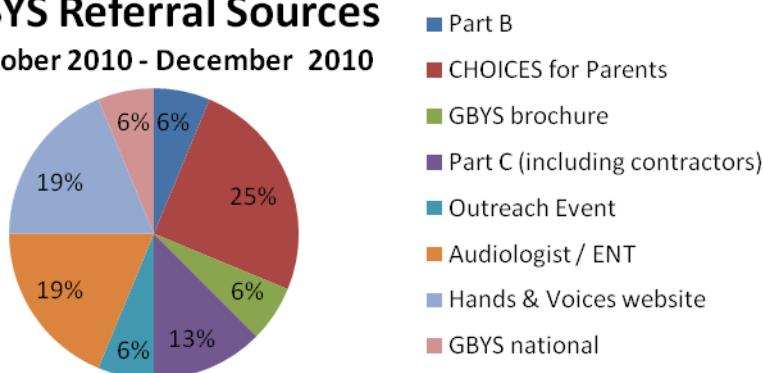
Over the next several months we will be sharing more about the GBYS program through presentations and expo booths at these upcoming conferences. Here are several opportunities where you can hear more about our program:

- ILAA, Chicago – Jan 27-28
- North of 80, Rockford – Feb 26
- ITHI, Lisle – March 5
- Mom’s Night Inn, Lisle - March 5-6
- South of 70, Mt. Vernon – March 19
- Mom’s Night Inn, Springfield – March 26-27

- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - ALL Kids – 9 families
  - Private – 7 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 9 children
  - Passed – 5 children
  - One pass/one DNP – 1 child
  - Not Screened – 1 child
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Syndrome associated with a hearing loss – 5 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology – 11 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 14 children
  - Unilateral – 2 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 11 male, 5 female

### GBYS Referral Sources

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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.