



### 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.



### Guide Spotlight

Miriah has been a guide since 2017. She has one child with a hearing loss.

### Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from April-June 2017 to July-Sept 2017

	<u>April-June</u>	<u>July-Sept.</u>
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	55%	12%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	18%	12%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	18%	38%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	0%	0%
<b>6 years and older</b>	9%	38%

### Events Happening Soon!

We have several events planned in different IL locations for families to participate in. These events are open to ALL families with children who have a hearing loss.

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

- **Beason, IL** on 10/21 from 1-4 please contact Deb for details and to RSVP: [Dgossrow.gbys@gmail.com](mailto:Dgossrow.gbys@gmail.com)
- **Lockport, IL** on 10/29 from 10-1 please contact Eva for details and to RSVP: 312.972.7167 (text or call)
- **Edwardsville, IL** on 11/12 from 1-2:30pm please contact Kelley for details and to RSVP: 913.221.7304 (text or call)

### Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 11 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

### 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!



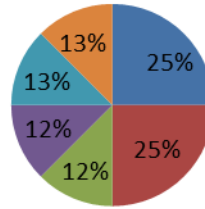


### Quarter Reporting for: July 2017 – September 2017

- 14 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:
  - 88% Caucasian (7 families)
  - 12% Latino (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 12% Birth-1 year old
  - 12% 1-2 years old
  - 38% 2-3 years old
  - 0% 3-6 years old
  - 38% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English – 7 families
  - English/Spanish/ASL – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 5 children
  - Passed – 2 children
  - Was not screened – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 4 male, 4 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 2 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology - 5 children
  - Hereditary – 1 child
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 8 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - Medicaid – 2 families
  - Private – 4 families
  - Dual insurance – 1 family
  - Unknown – 1 family

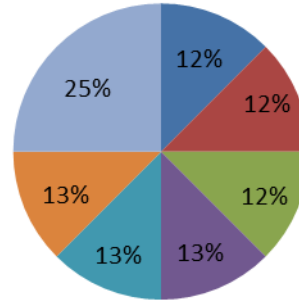
### GBYS Referral Sources

July 2017 - Sept. 2017



- Audiologist / ENT
- Part C (incl. contractors)
- IL H&V website
- Parent Guide
- Parent
- DSCC

### Parent Guide Matches: July - Sept. 2017



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