



Quarterly Report July - September 2014

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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 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.

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 14 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



Guide Spotlight

Lucy has been a guide since 2012 and serves IL as one of our Spanish speaking guides. She has two children one of which who has a hearing loss.

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Apr.- June 2014 to July-Sept. 2014

	Apr.-June	July – Sept
Birth-1 year old	23%	32%
1-2 years old	9%	15%
2-3 years old	14%	26%
3-6 years old	31%	9%
6 years and older	23%	18%



Join us!

What: Statewide calls for families with children who have a hearing loss. Professionals are welcome to join the calls too!

When: Sept. 29th at 8:30pm— Teaching your child to advocate — You've learned to advocate for your child but how do you move that ownership to your child? Learn techniques that work in helping your child successfully advocate for themselves. To view the PowerPoint presentation go online to:

<https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=m0ce7e78dfa19b05fab24b44b87a577b6>

Oct. 27th at 8:30pm— This call for all will discuss current and upcoming **cochlear implant** technology (including waterproof and Bluetooth options). In addition current practices in CI evaluation and surgery (including what to expect on the day of surgery) and cochlear implant outcomes will be reviewed. Please bring all of your CI questions to this call! Guest speaker, Audiologist Beth Tournis. To view the PowerPoint presentation go online to:

<https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=m40e845e456d6c3ff44f949b2065b2e>

Nov. 24th at 8:30pm— We will discuss current trends in **hearing aid** technology and assistive listening devices, and hearing aid connectivity (Bluetooth). In addition, device maintenance and troubleshooting tips will be reviewed. Guest speaker, Audiologist Joy Ringger. To view the presentation online go to:

<https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=mbc6e10d29deae2bb094340fb47de6ee>

Where: From your home, call toll free (888) 494-4032 enter guest code: 4231446909

This conference call is organized by the Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side program. The toll-free line is graciously made available by the IL DSCC /EHDI program. For more information please call 866.655.4588, visit us on the web at www.ilhandsandvoices.org/GBYS or email GBYS@choicesforparents.org.



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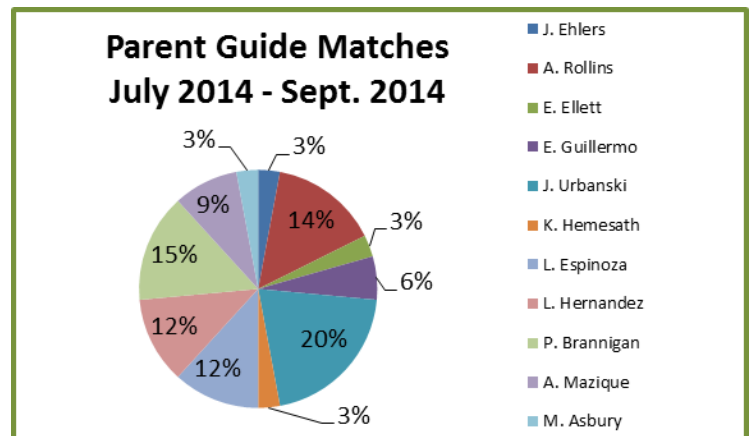
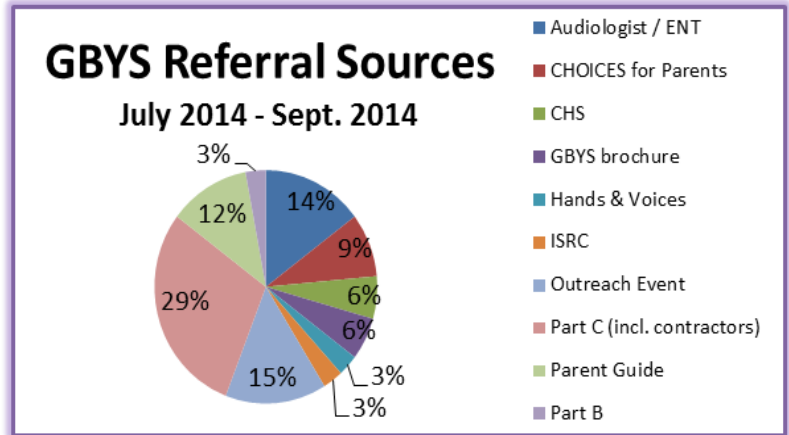
NOW HIRING!

IL Guide By Your Side (GBYS) is looking to hire Parent Guides that live within three specific regions of the state. More information can be found at www.ilhandsandvoices.org. We will be accepting applications until 10/29 and will also be hosting an informational webinar on 10/15 that provides detailed information about the program and job description. The webinar will be recorded – contact us if you would like to listen to the recording. If you would like an application or participate in the webinar please contact Carrie at 224.343.1873.



Quarter Reporting for July 2014 – Sept 2014:

- 36 Families referred , 34 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 32% Latino (11 families)
 - 32% Caucasian (11 families)
 - 9% African American (3 families)
 - 9% Pacific Islander (3 families)
 - 18% Multiracial (6 families)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 32% Birth-1 year old
 - 15% 1-2 years old
 - 26% 2-3 years old
 - 9% 3-6 years old
 - 18% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 20 families
 - Spanish – 5 families
 - English & Spanish – 5 families
 - ASL – 2 families
 - Other – 2 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 19 children
 - Passed – 10 children
 - Pass/Did Not Pass – 2 children
 - Was not screened – 3 children
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 17 male, 17 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Hereditary – no children
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 6 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 28 children
 - Hearing loss and additional needs- 4 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 32 children
 - Unilateral – 2 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - ALL Kids – 5 families
 - Medicaid –9 families
 - Private – 15 families
 - Dual coverage – 5 families



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