



Quarterly Report
April - June 2015

Carrie Balian, Program Coordinator
(866) 655-4588
GBYS@choicesforparents.org
www.ilhandsandvoices.org/GBYS

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
- 13 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

Ali has been a guide since 2009 and serves Cook county. She has two children both whom have a hearing loss.

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Jan-Mar 2015 to Apr-Jun 2015

	Jan-Mar	Apr-June
Birth-1 year old	25%	35%
1-2 years old	20%	6%
2-3 years old	10%	12%
3-6 years old	20%	35%
6 years and older	25%	12%

Join us!

NEW!
Clickable flier!
Just click on the link or picture to go to the site!

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

When: **Sept 28th at 8:30pm** — Cochlear Implants - what's new and more!
 Guest Speakers: Representatives from Advanced Bionics, Cochlear & Med-El. This call will give participants to hear from each of the Cochlear Implant companies to learn about the latest technology and tools available. [To view the powerpoint during the presentation go to: http://tinyurl.com/p3ktuac](http://tinyurl.com/p3ktuac)

Oct 26th at 8:30pm — Phonak pediatrics: Access to more than just audibility
 Guest Speaker: Dawn Ruley. This presentation will cover the latest pediatric hearing aid technology, accessories to connect to devices to talk on the phone, listen to music and watch TV. As well as using Roger technology to improve communication in difficult listening situations like the classroom, noisy restaurants, the car, playground, etc. [To view powerpoint during the presentation go to: http://tinyurl.com/nuw212j](http://tinyurl.com/nuw212j)

Nov 23rd at 8:30pm — Unilateral Hearing Loss: Impacts on language, social, and emotional development
 Presented by Alison Rollins, a teacher of the deaf and mom of 2 children with hearing loss, one with ULHL. The presentation will include some research findings learned at EHD/AND ITHI conferences as well as observations and experiences with her own child. [To view powerpoint during the presentation go to: http://tinyurl.com/pe2q6g8](http://tinyurl.com/pe2q6g8)

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.

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

Find us on Facebook

Stay up to date about events and resources and become a fan of Illinois Hands & Voices and Illinois Guide By Your Side!

The "Calls for All" that are advertised on the flier above are open to families and professionals. Please feel free to share the flier. You can find the flier on our facebook page and at www.ilhandsandvoices.org.

GBYS Family Events

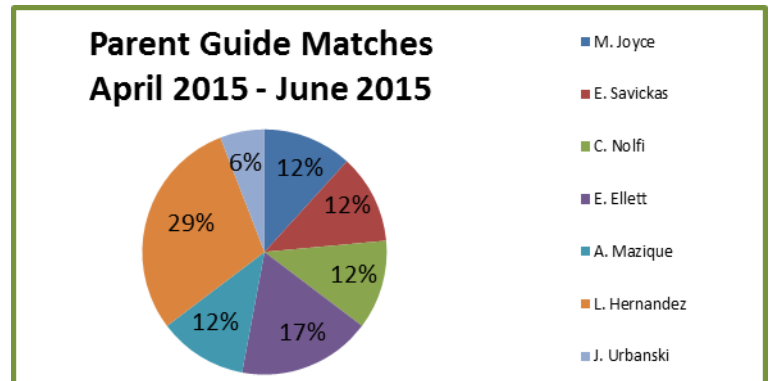
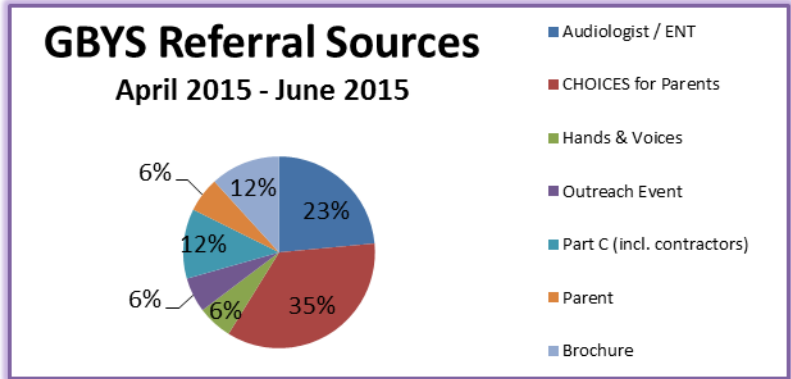
Have you "liked" us on Facebook yet? It is the easiest way to stay up to date with news and events! There are several events happening throughout IL in the coming months. Please make sure you share with families who have children with a hearing loss!





Quarter Reporting for Apr. 2015 – June 2015:

- 20 Families referred , 17 Families matched
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 29% Latino (5 families)
 - 35% Caucasian (6 families)
 - 6% African American (1 family)
 - 18% Multiracial (3 families)
 - 6% Asian American (1 family)
 - 6% Pacific Islander (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 35% Birth-1 year old
 - 6% 1-2 years old
 - 12% 2-3 years old
 - 35% 3-6 years old
 - 12% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 11 families
 - Spanish – 2 families
 - English & Spanish – 3 families
 - Other – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 9 children
 - Passed – 3 children
 - Pass/Did Not Pass – 4 children
 - Was not screened – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 6 male, 11 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Hereditary – no children
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 4 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 13 children
 - Hearing loss and additional needs- 3 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 13 children
 - Unilateral – 4 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - ALL Kids – 1 family
 - Medicaid –5 families
 - Private – 8 families
 - Dual coverage – 3 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.



Stay up to date on events and resources by becoming a fan of Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side!

