



Quarterly Report
Jan. – Mar. 2018

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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
- 10 Parent Guides (PG)
 - Located throughout the state
 - Backgrounds vary in communication and amplification opportunities
 - Guide who is a native Spanish speaker
 - Parent Guide who is Deaf

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Oct-Dec 2017 vs. Jan – Mar 2018

	<u>Oct - Dec</u>	<u>Jan – Mar</u>
Birth-1 year old	31%	50%
1-2 years old	31%	17%
2-3 years old	15%	8%
3-6 years old	15%	17%
6 years and older	8%	8%

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!



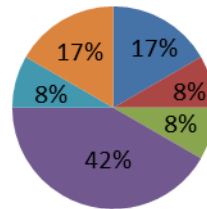


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- 16 Families referred, 12 Families matched
Families referred may opt out of participating or may still be in the process of trying to reach them to enroll them within GBYS.
- **Ethnicity** of the families referred:
 - 42% Caucasian (5 families)
 - 16.5% Multiracial (2 families)
 - 25% Latino (3 families)
 - 16.5% African American (2 families)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 50% Birth-1 year old
 - 17% 1-2 years old
 - 8% 2-3 years old
 - 17% 3-6 years old
 - 8% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 8 families
 - Spanish – 2 families
 - English/ASL – 2 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 6 children
 - Passed – 1 child
 - Pass/DNP – 4 children
 - Unsure – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 8 male, 4 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 5 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 6 children
 - Hereditary – 1 child
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 9 children
 - Unilateral – 3 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - Private – 8 families
 - All kids – 3 families
 - Did not answer – 1 family

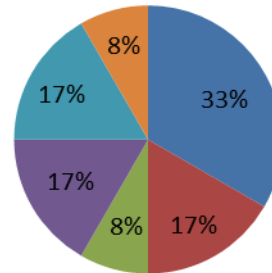
GBYS Referral Sources

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- Health Department
- Outreach
- Part C (incl. contractors)
- IL H&V website
- Audiologist
- Parent Guide/Brochure

Parent Guide Matches: Jan. - Mar. 2018



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