



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.

Did you know?

We have over 50 recorded e-learning webinars? We even have recordings in Spoken Spanish too! These are a great opportunity for families and professionals to learn more about organizations and specific topics related to children with hearing loss.

Our program would like to continue these e-learning opportunities by hosting them on social media. We are looking for topic suggestions and presenters. If you have ideas, we want to hear from you! Simply contact Carrie by email or phone and share your ideas with her. The information is in the header up above.

These would be shared to our IL Hands & Voices social media pages utilizing the zoom platform. You do not need to be an expert in zoom to lead a training and we can practice before the live event.

If you would like to view the list of prior trainings, please go to the Illinois sound beginnings website listed under our program in parent support. Here is the web address:

<http://www.illinoisoundbeginnings.org/page.aspx?item=61>

Program Information:

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 1 Outreach Liaison
- 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

Have something to share?

We release our IL E.A.R.S (Events & Resources Statewide) newsletter three times a year that includes information on services, events, articles on hearing loss, ongoing studies, resources and so much more! Do you have something that you would like us to include? Our next addition of our newsletter will be released at the end of May and we are now accepting submissions. Contact Carrie at ilhvgbys@gmail.com for more information or to send items to be included.

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Oct – Dec 2018 vs. Jan – Mar 2019

	Oct - Dec	Jan – Mar
Birth-1 year old	12.5%	25%
1-2 years old	25%	12.5%
2-3 years old	12.5%	12.5%
3-6 years old	25%	12.5%
6 years and older	25%	37.5%

Have you “liked” us on Facebook or “followed” us on Instagram? It is the easiest way to stay up to date with news and events!

Please make sure you share with families who have children with a hearing loss!





Quarterly Report Jan – Mar 2019

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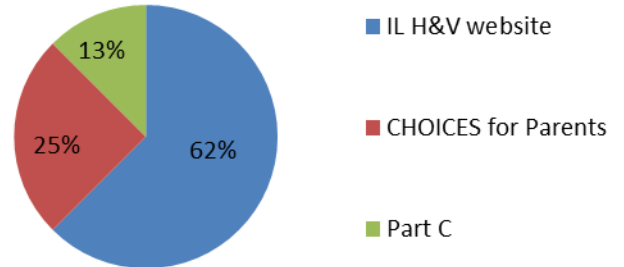
Quarter Reporting for: Jan. 2019 – Mar. 2019

- 13 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:
 - 63% Caucasian (5 families)
 - 0% Asian American (0 families)
 - 0% Latino (0 families)
 - 25% African American (2 families)
 - 12% Multiracial (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 25% Birth-1 year old
 - 12.5% 1-2 years old
 - 12.5% 2-3 years old
 - 12.5% 3-6 years old
 - 37.5% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 8 families
 - Spanish – 0 families
 - Dual languages (English plus another) – 0 families
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 4 children
 - Passed – 3 children
 - Pass/DNP – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 6 male and 2 female
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 1 child
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 7 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 7 children
 - Unilateral – 1 child
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - Private – 6 families
 - All kids/Medicaid – 2 families

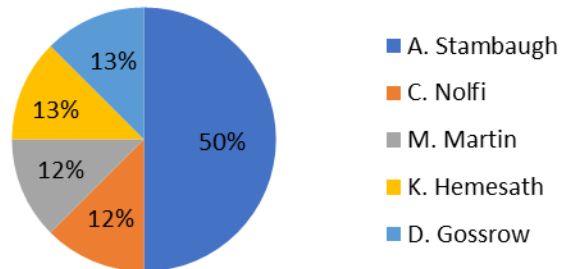


GBYS Referral Sources

Jan. 2019 - Mar. 2019



Parent Guide Matches: Jan. - Mar. 2019



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