



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
- 8 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

Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from Oct – Dec 2019 vs. Jan – Mar 2020

	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar
Birth-1 year old	0%	10%
1-2 years old	0%	18%
2-3 years old	50%	10%
3-6 years old	50%	31%
6 years and older	0%	31%

We are looking for parents of children that are deaf or hard of hearing to join our team! If you are resourceful, unbiased and looking to help other families then you may be a good fit as a future Parent Guide! Ask for the link to the recorded webinar to learn more about the organization and the Parent Guide role.

Now Hiring




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Parent to parent support allows families to learn, process and act on information and resources in a comfortable and supportive environment. In addition, the guidance and friendship of another parent who has experienced similar emotions, events and responsibilities often allows families to feel more at ease with an understanding that everything is going to be okay.

Guide By Your Side (GBYS) focuses on providing support and resources for Illinois families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. GBYS works one on one with families matching a trained Parent Guide with each family. The Parent Guide meets with the family to discuss concerns, needs and share their personal journey of raising a child that is deaf or hard of hearing.

Are you interested in learning more about the role of the Parent Guide and how to apply? On the backside of this flyer is the job description of the Parent Guide and how to receive an application. **We will also be holding an online informational webinar on June 2nd at 8:30 pm.** The webinar will explain more about the GBYS program and time will also be available to ask questions. If you would like to participate in the webinar please contact Carrie Balian to RSVP.

Applications will be accepted from applicants until June 9th, 2020.

We are specifically looking for applicants from the colored regions numbered 1-6 on the map.

Applicants must be available, if hired, to attend the annual GBYS in-person training this August in Normal, IL.

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



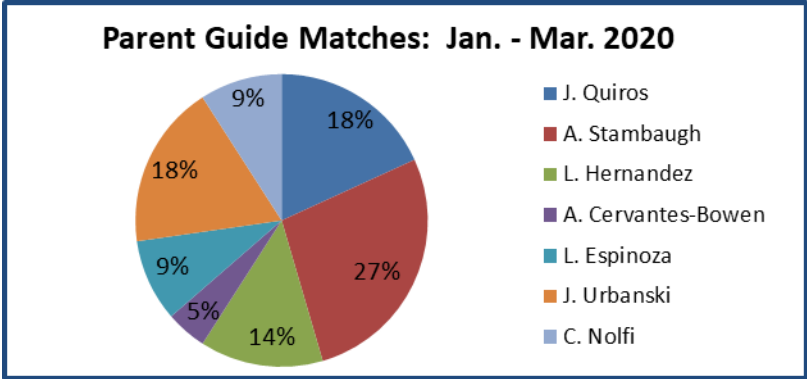
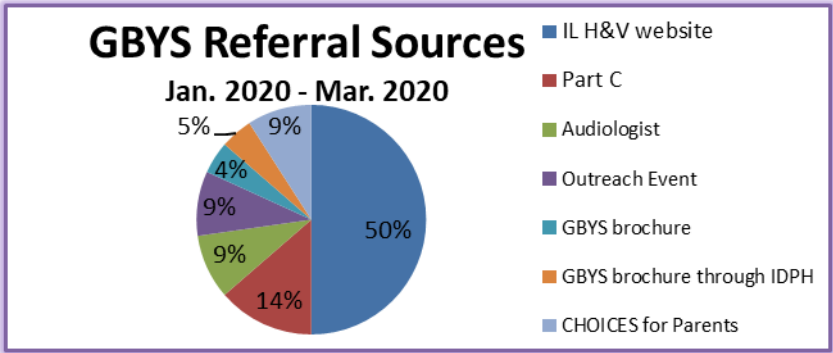


Quarterly Report Jan – March 2020

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Quarter Reporting for: Jan 2020 – Mar 2020

- 27 Families referred; 22 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:
 - 54% Caucasian (12 families)
 - 31% Latino (7 families)
 - 5% Pacific Islander (1 family)
 - 5% Asian American (1 family)
 - 5% Multiracial (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 10% Birth-1 year old
 - 18% 1-2 years old
 - 10% 2-3 years old
 - 31% 3-6 years old
 - 31% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
 - English – 14 families
 - Spanish – 3 families
 - Dual language – 4 families
 - ASL – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
 - Did Not Pass – 13 children
 - Passed – 8 children
 - Was not screened – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
 - 9 males and 13 females
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
 - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 6 children
 - No known syndrome or etiology - 14 children
 - Hereditary – 2 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
 - Bilateral – 20 children
 - Unilateral – 2 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
 - Private – 14 families
 - All kids/Medicaid – 7 families
 - Dual coverage – 1 family



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