



**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.

**Save The Date!**

**MOM'S NIGHT INN**  
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APRIL 25, 2020

Sheraton Hotel, Naperville

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Mom's Night Inn is an overnight retreat for moms or female caregivers who are raising children of ALL ages who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is a way to meet and share experiences with other moms who are on a similar journey.

**Program Information:**

- 1 Program Coordinator
- 1 Outreach Liaison
- 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



Don't miss this fun opportunity to meet other moms, learn more about caring for your child that is deaf and hard of hearing and get pampered at the same time!

**Comparison of ages of children enrolled in GBYS from April – June vs. July - Sept**

	<u>April - June</u>	<u>July - Sept</u>
<b>Birth-1 year old</b>	21%	34%
<b>1-2 years old</b>	16%	16%
<b>2-3 years old</b>	16%	8%
<b>3-6 years old</b>	21%	0%
<b>6 years and older</b>	26%	42%

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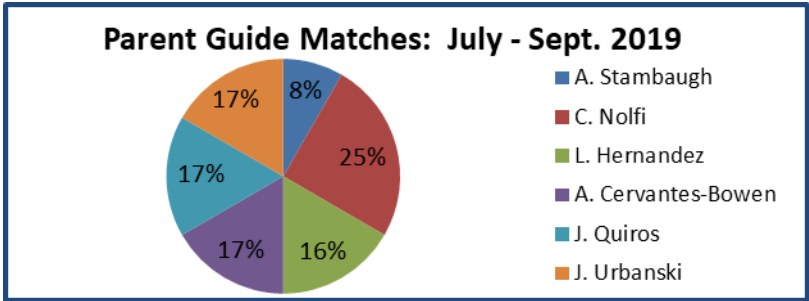
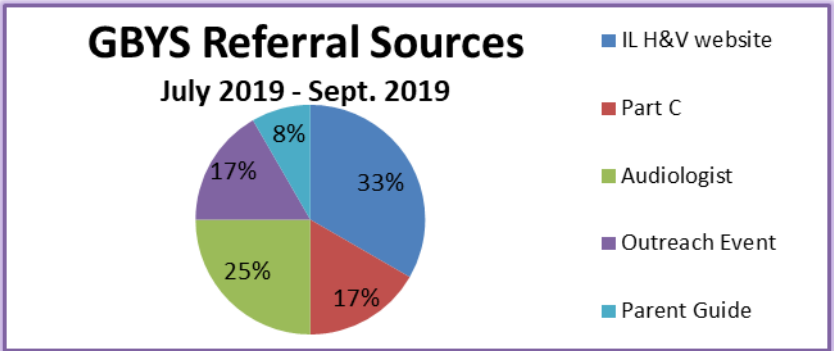
Please make sure you share with families who have children with a hearing loss!





### Quarter Reporting for: July 2019 – Sept 2019

- 12 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:
  - 67% Caucasian (8 families)
  - 25% Latino (3 families)
  - 8% Multiracial (1 family)
- **Age** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 34% Birth-1 year old
  - 16% 1-2 years old
  - 8% 2-3 years old
  - 0% 3-6 years old
  - 42% 6 years and older
- **Primary Language** in the home:
  - English – 9 families
  - Spanish – 2 families
  - Dual languages (English plus another) – 1 family
- **Newborn Hearing Screening** results as reported by the parent:
  - Did Not Pass – 10 children
  - Passed – 1 child
  - Was not screened – 1 child
- **Gender** of children enrolled in GBYS:
  - 6 males and 6 females
- **Medical History** suggestive of:
  - Condition assoc. with a hearing loss, 5 children
  - No known syndrome or etiology - 7 children
- **Unilateral vs. Bilateral** hearing loss:
  - Bilateral – 8 children
  - Unilateral – 2 children
  - Auditory Neuropathy – 2 children
- **Insurance** information of enrolled families:
  - Private – 7 families
  - All kids/Medicaid – 5 families



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