

## Who is eligible for this program?

Families of Alabama children who have a hearing loss.

## How much does it cost?

Nothing, the services provided by the Alabama Hands & Voices GBYS program is provided at no cost.

## Contact/ Join Us

@ By Email:  
alabamahinfo@gmail.com

📞 By Phone (Call or Text)  
1-205-677-3136

📍 By Mail:  
Alabama Hands & Voices  
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Birmingham, AL 35213



## Our Parent Guides Offer:

- Direct parent support and networking
- Unbiased information and resource sharing specific to hearing loss, including insights on having navigated the system from a parent perspective
- Support to families as they secure early intervention services and then transition to the school districts for services by combining a parent's insight with knowledge of early intervention and educational systems
- Information about other parent support opportunities
- Information about parent training and leadership opportunities
- Information about family social events



## Guide By Your Side™

Parent to parent mentorship for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing



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## Guide By Your Side™

At Alabama Hands & Voices, we understand the power of parents sharing and connecting. The Guide By Your Side™ Program of Alabama Hands & Voices (GBYS) is dedicated to directly supporting families and their children who are identified with hearing loss by offering them the opportunity to talk to or meet face-to-face with a trained Parent Guide.

## What is a Parent Guide?

GBYS Parent Guides are specially trained parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. The special training Parent Guides receive prepares them to function in this important capacity.

This training provides a strong foundation in supporting families without bias towards communication modes or methods, as well as a functional understanding of formal systems and services available to families and their children. Parent Guides are able to bring their experiences, specialized knowledge and personal compassion to their roles while making the family's needs their primary focus.

They have been where you are!

## How do I Request a Parent Guide?

- Complete the GYBS Referral Form here and mail to:  
P.O. Box 130627 Birmingham, AL 35213
- Call the Alabama Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side program coordinator at:  
205-677-3136
- Email [alabamahinfo@gmail.com](mailto:alabamahinfo@gmail.com)



## My family would like to be matched with a Parent Guide.

Name of Child

Child's Date of Birth

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Names

Address

City, Country, State, Zip

Phone

E-mail

Preferred method of contact:

Phone call  Email  Text

Best time to be contacted

How did you learn about us?

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Audiologist: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor or other healthcare professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Call from GBYS

Letter from GBYS

Alabama Department of Public Health Newborn Screening Program

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services/ Early Intervention

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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