Meet Your Parent Guides:

Scarlett Giles, GBYS

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Parent Guides:

- are specially trained parents of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- work directly with families in need of the unique support that comes from someone else who has walked the path him/herself
- provide emotional support at the time of confirmation of a hearing loss, as well as provide a continuity of support to families throughout the child’s life, especially at times of transition
- offer resources, information, encouragement, and an opportunity to network with other families.

“Our Guide was outstanding in every aspect. She made us aware of programs and gave us support to pursue them.”

-Parent of GBYS program

Guide By Your Side Provides:

- a Parent Guide to listen and share resources, one-on-one
- unbiased support - listening without judging
- compassion and knowledge from parents who also have a child with hearing loss
- workshops, trainings, and events for parents and children
- networking opportunities with other families
- referrals to other programs that serve Deaf or Hard of Hearing children.

Who is eligible for the Guide By Your Side Program:

- Georgia families and families receiving services here
- Families who have a child with hearing loss

This is a free service to families!

“Parents reporting social networks with other parents of children who are deaf were associated with less isolation, greater acceptance of their child, and improved interactional responsivity.”

(Hintermaier, M., 2000)

For more info: Terri Patterson, Georgia Hands & Voices GBYS Program Director
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http://www.gahandsandvoices.org/Guide_By_Your_Side.html
**Request for Services**

**Georgia Hands & Voices™ Guide By Your Side™ (GBYS)** is a family support program that embodies the mission of Hands & Voices, which is to provide support in an unbiased manner to families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

For more information about Georgia Hands & Voices and the Guide By Your Side Program, please visit our website at [www.gahandsandvoices.org](http://www.gahandsandvoices.org). For more information about the Hands & Voices organization please visit [www.handsandvoices.org](http://www.handsandvoices.org).

Georgia Hands & Voices and the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) partner to provide the Georgia Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side (GBYS) Program. In order to receive Guide By Your Side services, information collected here will be shared with these three entities. Information will not be shared with any other organizations or individuals. (*Provider referrals must have signed parent permission with provider’s name and contact information, included.*)

**Name of person who will receive services (Parent/Guardian):**

First:/Last Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: Street: __________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ___________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Primary Phone: ___________________________________________________________________

Secondary Phone: ___________________________________________________________________

County/Local School District: _________________________________________________________

Please provide some details about how we can support this family: __________________________
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Thank you for your request. Once the request is received, a GBYS Parent Guide will be in contact within 5 business days.

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