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Babies Can't Wait Early Intervention Public Hearing Announcement

The Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Program (<http://health.state.ga.us/programs/bcw>) is Georgia's statewide early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs and their families. Babies Can't Wait provides a comprehensive, coordinated interagency system of early intervention services for children with developmental delays or disabilities ages birth to three years and their families. The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is the lead agency administrative agency for the BCW system. As required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C section 34 CFR §§303.110-303.113, "the State must publish its Part C application or policy in a manner that will ensure circulation throughout the State at least 60-days prior to the date on which the application or policy is submitted and allow an opportunity for public comments on the application or policy for at least 30 days during that 60-day publication period". In order to meet this requirement, BCW invites interested persons to participate in a **60-day public comment period** for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and Child Find, Personnel Management, and Procedural Safeguards Policies, from **February 18, 2013 to April 18, 2013**.

The proposed Grant Application, and Child Find, Personnel Management and Procedural Safeguards Policies can be reviewed during the public comment period online at (<http://health.state.ga.us>) and at a number of locations statewide. Comments may be made in writing, via email or facsimile, or at a Public Hearing. Please call 1-800-229-2038 to find out where you can review the Grant Application with BCW's Child Find, Personnel Management and Procedural Safeguards Policies or to find the Public Hearing location nearest you. Public Hearings will be held from **March 25, 2013 through March 29, 2013. Times will vary based on locations, beginning at 4:00 PM and ending at 7:30 PM.**

Written, email, and facsimile comments will be received until April 18, 2013 and should be sent to:

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