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PUBLIC NOTICE

Georgia Department of Public Health State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

Georgia's Part C Program | Babies Can't Wait (BCW)

Public Comment Session: Thursday, August 15, 2019

The mission of the Georgia SICC for Early Intervention Programs is to advise the Georgia Department of Public Health and other agencies responsible for serving infants and toddlers, birth to age three with developmental delays and disabilities and their families, in providing an appropriate, family-centered, comprehensive service delivery system which promotes optimal child development and family functioning.

The State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) meeting is being held:

Thursday, August 15, 2019, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Dougherty County Health Department

1710 South Slappey Blvd. Classroom 4

Albany, Georgia 31701

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. We want to hear your ideas, concerns and thoughts related to the Babies Can't Wait Program. **Would you like to attend the State ICC Quarterly Meeting?** Ask your local BCW Service Coordinator about limited financial assistance available to help you with related expenses.

Public Comment

Time is set aside for public comment during each quarterly meeting of the State Interagency Coordinating Council. If you would like to share thoughts or ideas about Babies Can't Wait with the council, please **choose one** of the options below.

1. Written Comment:

Fax or email written comments, clearly marked "**PUBLIC COMMENT**" to 770-342-7699 or email to Phyllis Turner, SICC Coordinator, at phyllis.turner@dph.ga.gov **no later than Wednesday, August 14, 2019**. Your comments will be read aloud during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

2. Remote Participation:

Register to make Public Comment via **remote participation by conference line or telehealth** during the meeting. (See instructions below for remote participation.) Email Phyllis Turner, SICC Coordinator, at phyllis.turner@dph.ga.gov **no later than Wednesday, August 14, 2019**. You will be recognized to provide public comment remotely during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

3. **In person:**

At registration sign-in on the day of the meeting **check “Yes”** to the question, “*Would you like to make public comment?*” You will be recognized to provide public comment during the public comment portion of the meeting.

For more information, please email Phyllis Turner, SICC Coordinator, at phyllis.turner@dph.ga.gov

Remote Participation

For remote participation during the SICC meeting, please use one of the following options:

Free Conference Line

- Participants can listen to the public portion of the meeting and make public comment by telephone when announced by the council chair at the time set aside for Public Comment on the meeting agenda.

Dial (641) 552-9446, enter access code: 988041

Telehealth Network

- View and listen to the public portion of the meeting by video conference (VICS) by going to one of the following locations around the state. Participants who register can make public comment when recognized by the council chair at the time set aside for public comment on the meeting agenda. See registration instructions under Public Comment via **remote participation**. Early Intervention Coordinators from the district and local Interagency Coordinating Council members will be given an opportunity to provide updates and information in the order listed on the meeting agenda.

Northwest Health District 1309 Redmond Rd Rome, GA 30165 Conference Room #253 VICS # 10.11.1.104	North Georgia Health District 1-2 1710 Whitehouse Court Dalton, GA 30701 Building B CWSN Conference Room
Cobb & Douglas County Board of Health 1738 County Services Parkway Marietta, GA 30008 Building B WIC Classroom B	College Park Regional Health Center 1920 John E. Wesley Ave., College Park, GA 30337 Location Supervisor: Janice Wright
North Central Health District 201 Second St. Macon, GA 31201	District 4 Public Health 301 Main Street Lagrange, GA 30240

Room #805	
South Health District 206 S. Patterson St. Valdosta, GA 31601 3 rd Floor BCW Conference Room	West Central Health District 2100 Comer Avenue Columbus, GA 31904
Coastal Health District 420 Mall Blvd Savannah, GA 31406 Large Conference room	Dougherty County Health Department 1710 South Slappey Blvd. Classroom 4 Albany, GA 31701
North Health District 2 1280 Athens Street Gainesville, GA 30507 Large Conference Room	Southeast Health District 1123 Church Street Waycross, GA 31501 Annex B
Richmond County Health Department 1916 North Leg Road Augusta, GA 30909 Building B Small training room	South Central Health District 5-1 105 E. Jackson Street Dublin, GA 31021 Conference Room
Northeast Health District 189 Paradise Blvd. Athens, GA 30607 Athens District WIC Conf. Rm.	Ga Dept. of Public Health 2 Peachtree St Atlanta, GA 30303 10 th Floor DPH-10-104 WIC Conference Room
Clayton County Board of Health/BCW District 3-3 1895 Phoenix Blvd. College Park, GA 30349	

About Babies Can't Wait

The Babies Can't Wait (BCW) program is Georgia's statewide early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs, from birth to age three, and their families. BCW enhances the capacity of families to meet the special needs of their child to ensure each young child with significant developmental delays achieves his or her maximum developmental potential. To learn more about DPH Babies Can't Wait program, please call (404) 657-2850 or (888) 651-8224 or visit dph.georgia.gov/Babies-Cant-Wait.

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