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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## Georgia Department of Public Health

Georgia's Part C Program | Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Public Comment Period: March 1 – May 1, 2019

ATLANTA (GA) – 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. The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is the lead agency for administration of 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. The State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) meeting is being held:

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.** We want to hear your ideas, concerns and thoughts related to the Babies Can't Wait Program.

## **Public Comment**

- (1) Written comments will be received until May 1, 2019: Babies Can't Wait Attn: Akilah Heggs Lee, Part C Coordinator 2 Peachtree Street NW, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Atlanta, GA 30303-13422
- (2) Email comments will be received until May 1, 2019 DPH-MCHDO@dph.ga.gov (Subject line: Part C or Public Comment)
- (3) Facsimile comments will be received until May 1, 2019 State BCW Office Fax: (404-657-2773) Attn: Akilah Heggs Lee

## (4) In Person verbal comments at a Public Hearing

March 14, 2019 3:30 – 5:30 Macon District Office, 201 Second St., Macon, GA 31201 March 21, 2019 3:30 – 5:30 Dekalb District office, 440 Winn Way, Decatur, GA 30030 March 28, 2019 3:30 – 5:30 Dalton District Office, 1710 Whitehouse Ct., Dalton, GA 30720

DPH invites interested persons to attend Public Hearings and present public comments. To allow an opportunity for all to be heard, comments will be limited to five minutes.