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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 23, 2018

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 23, 2018, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Georgia Department of Public Health
Southeast Health District
206 South Patterson Street
Valdosta, GA 31603

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:**

Send written comments, clearly marked "PUBLIC COMMENT" to fax number 770-342-7699 or email to Phyllis Turner, SICC Coordinator, at phyllis.turner@dph.ga.gov or email Jan Stevenson, SICC Chairperson, at jstevenson@doe.k12.ga.us **no later than Wednesday, August 22, 2018**. Your comments will be read aloud during the public comment portion of the meeting.

2. **Remote Participation:**

Pre-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 or email Jan Stevenson, SICC Chairperson, at jstevenson@doe.k12.ga.us **no later than Wednesday, August 22, 2018**. You will be recognized to provide public comment remotely during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

3. **In person:**

At registration and 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 recognized by the council chairperson at the time set aside for public comment on the meeting agenda.

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

Telehealth (VICS)

- 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 pre-register can make public comment when recognized by the council chairperson at the time set aside for public comment on the meeting agenda. See pre-registration instructions under Public Comment via **remote participation**. District Early Intervention Coordinators 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 Conference Room #253 Rome, Ga. 30165 VICS # 10.11.1.104.	North Georgia Health District 1-2 1710 Whitehouse Court Building B, CSN Conference Room Dalton, GA 30701
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Cobb & Douglas Public Health 1650 County Services Parkway Marietta, GA 30008	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., Room 805 Macon, GA 31201	District 4 Public Health 301 Main Street Lagrange, GA 30240
South Health District 206 S. Patterson St. 3 rd Floor, BCW Conference Room Valdosta, GA 31603	West Central Health District 2100 Comer Avenue Columbus, GA 31904
Coastal Health District 420 Mall Blvd Large Conference Room Savannah, GA 31406	Southwest Health District 8-2 Georgia Department of Public Health 1306 S. Slappey Blvd., Suite A Albany, GA 31701
North Health District 1280 Athens Street Large Conference Room Gainesville, GA. 30507	Southeast Health District 1123 Church Street, Annex B Waycross, GA 31501
Richmond County Health Department 1916 North Leg Rd. Building B- Small training room Augusta, Ga. 30909	South Central Health District 5-1 District Office Conference Room 2121- B Bellevue Road Dublin, GA 31021

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 <http://dph.georgia.gov/Babies-Cant-Wait>.

About the Georgia Department of Public Health

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