

For Immediate Release

ATLANTA (GA) – The Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Program is Georgia's statewide early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs, ages birth to 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. 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. The public may review the grant application and revised policy online (<http://health.state.ga.us>) or at locations throughout the state and comment in four ways:

(1) **Written comments will be received until April 18, 2013:**

Babies Can't Wait
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 11-204
Atlanta, GA 30303-13422

(2) **Email comments will be received until April 18, 2013 :**

embryant@dhr.state.ga.us

(3) **Facsimile comments will be received until April 18, 2013:**

State BCW Office Fax: (404-657-2763)

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

(5) 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.

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

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More information about Georgia’s BCW early intervention program is available at
<http://health.state.ga.us/programs/bcw>.

Dates and Locations for Public Hearings:

District	Date/Time	Location	BCW Contact
1-2, North Georgia, Dalton	Tuesday 3/26/13 4:30 – 7:00 pm	Whitfield County Health Department Education Room 800 Professional Blvd Dalton, GA 30720	Debbie Coleman, EIC (706)272-2219 dacoleman@dhr.state.ga.us
3-4, East Metro,	Wednesday 3/27/13 4:30 – 7:00 pm	Collins Hill Library Meeting Room 455 Camp Perrin Road , Northeast Lawrenceville, GA 30043 (770) 822-2040	Lisa Hardy, EIC (770)822-9115 lhardy@esng.org
8-1, South Valdosta	Thursday 3/28/13 4:30 – 7:00 pm	Babies Can’t Wait Office 206. S. Patterson Street 3 rd Floor Valdosta, GA 31603	Judy Threlkeld, EIC (229)245-6565 jlthrelkeld@dhr.state.ga.us

