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) 2012 Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Evaluation and Assessment Policy, and Fiscal Policies, from February 10, 2012 to April 10, 2012.

The proposed Grant Application, Evaluation and Assessment Policy, and Fiscal 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 Evaluation and Assessment Policy, and Fiscal Policies or to find the Public Hearing location nearest you. Public Hearings will be held from March 5, 2012 through March 12, 2012. 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 10, 2012 and should be sent to:

Chase Bolds, Babies Can’t Wait Program Manager
2 Peachtree Street NW, #11-222
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-13422
Email: chbolds@dhr.state.ga.us
Facsimile: (404) 657-2763

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON BABIES CAN’T WAIT EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT APPLICATION

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(1) Written comments will be received until April 10, 2012:

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2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 11-222

Atlanta, GA 30303-13422

(2) Email comments will be received until April 10, 2012:

chbolds@dhr.state.ga.us

(3) Facsimile comments will be received until April 10, 2012:

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

(4) In Person verbal comments at a Public Hearing

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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.

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Atlanta, Georgia 30303-14322

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More information about Georgia’s BCW early intervention program is available at [http://health.state.ga.us/programs/bcw](http://health.state.ga.us/programs/bcw).

Dates and Locations for Public Hearings:

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| 2, North     | **March 12, 2012**  
Gainesville | 4:30 PM –  
7:30 PM  
Babies Can’t Wait Conference Room  
1856 Thompson Bridge Road  
Gainesville, GA 30501 | Patricia “Dru” Thomas, EIC  
770-531-4053  
pdthomas@dhr.state.ga.us |
| 3-1          | **March 6, 2012**  
Cobb Douglas | 4:30 PM –  
7:00 PM  
Babies Can’t Wait Office  
1955 Lake Park Drive, Ste 300  
Smyrna, GA 30008 | Beth Mathison, EIC  
770-514-2462  
bymathison@dhr.state.ga.us |
| 3-3          | **March 7, 2012**  
Clayton    | 4:00 PM –  
7:00 PM  
Headquarters Library  
865 Battlecreek Road  
Jonesboro, GA 30236 | Nicole Wilson, EIC  
678-610-7252  
Nhwilson1@dhr.state.ga.us |

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