Babies Can’t Wait Public Comments & Public Hearing

Notification to Families & Providers
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The Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Program is Georgia’s statewide early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs, aged birth to three, and their families. The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) Division 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) 2011 Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Data Policy, Transition Policy, Service Coordination Policy, Individualized Family Service Plan Policy, Evaluation & Assessment Policy and Hearing Loss Eligibility Memo from March 10, 2011 to May 10, 2011. The public may review the revised policies online (http://health.state.ga.us); at

or at locations throughout the state and comment in four ways:

(1) Written comments will be received until May 10, 2011:
   Babies Can’t Wait
   Attn: Chase Bolds, Babies Can’t Wait Program Manager
   2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 11-222
   Atlanta, GA 30303-13422;

(2) Email comments will be received until May 10, 2011:
    Chase Bolds at: chbolds@dhr.state.ga.us

(3) Facsimile comments will be received until May 10, 2011:
    State BCW Office Fax: (404-657-2763)

(4) In Person verbal comments at a Public Hearing

DCH 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.

Written, email, and facsimile comments will be received until May 10, 2010 and should be sent to:

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