



For Immediate Release

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT
ON BABIES CAN'T WAIT EARLY INTERVENTION GRANT APPLICATION**

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 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) 2010 Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) from **March 10, 2010 to May 10, 2010**. The public may review the revised policies online (<http://health.state.ga.us>) or at locations throughout the state and comment in four ways:

(1) Written comments will be received until May 10, 2010:

Babies Can't Wait
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 11-112
Atlanta, GA 30303-3186;

(2) Email comments will be received until May 10, 2010:

chbolds@dhr.state.ga.us

(3) Facsimile comments will be received until May 10, 2010:

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:

Chase Bolds, Babies Can't Wait Program Manager
2 Peachtree Street NW, #11-112
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3186
Email: chbolds@dhr.state.ga.us
Facsimile: (404) 657-2763

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
2 Gainesville	April 15, 2010 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Babies Can't Wait Office 1856-3 Thompson Bridge Rd Gainesville, GA 30501 (770) 531-4053	Mary McIntosh/EIC (770)531-4053
3-1 Cobb/Douglas	April 13, 2010 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Marietta Health Center 1650 County Services Pkwy Marietta, GA 30008 (770) 514-2462	Beth Mathison/EIC (770) 514-2462
3-3 Clayton	April 14, 2010 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM	117 Battlecreek Road Jonesboro, GA 30236 (678) 610-7638	Nona Lindberg/EIC (678) 610-7638
6 Augusta	April 14, 2010 4:30 PM – 7:00PM	Richmond County Board of Health 1916 North Leg Road/Building C Child Health Conference Room Augusta, GA 30909 (706) 667-4280 1-800-653-2229	Tammy Seigler/EIC (706) 667-4278
7 Columbus	April 15, 2010 4:30PM- 7:00PM	Columbus Public Library 3000 Macon Rd Columbus, GA 31906 (706) 243-2669	Bradley Lawrence/EIC (706) 327-0189
9-2 Waycross	April 12, 2010 4:30PM- 7:00PM	3 West Altman Street Statesboro, GA 30458 (912) 688-6051	Tracy Weeden/EIC (912) 284-2552