

## For Immediate Release

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### **Georgia Department of Public Health's Babies Can't Wait Program Seeks Public Comment** *Public Comment Period Until April 10, 2017*

**ATLANTA** - The Georgia Department of Public Health's (DPH) Babies Can't Wait (BCW) program invites interested persons to participate in a 60-day public comment period for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Stakeholders, early intervention providers, parents and members of the public are encouraged to comment and may review the [grant application and revised policy](#) online or at locations throughout the state.

Comments will be accepted in four ways:

- 1. Written comments will be received by mail until April 10, 2017:**  
Babies Can't Wait  
Attn: Sally Cannon, Part C Coordinator  
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 11-456  
Atlanta, GA 30303-13422
- 2. Email comments will be received until April 10, 2017:**  
[DPH-MCHDO@dph.ga.gov](mailto:DPH-MCHDO@dph.ga.gov) (Subject line: Part C or Public Comment)
- 3. Comments submitted by fax will be accepted until April 10, 2017:**  
State BCW Office fax: (404) 657-7307
- 4. In Person comments at a Public Hearing:**  
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. (*See locations listed below.*)

The Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Program is Georgia's statewide early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs, age birth to three, and their families. This program enhances the capacity of families to meet the special needs of their child in order to ensure that each young child with significant developmental delays achieves his or her maximum developmental potential.



To learn more about DPH's Babies Can't Wait program, please call (404) 657-2850 or (888) 651-8224 or visit <http://dph.georgia.gov/Babies-Cant-Wait>.

District	Date/Time	Location	Contact
<b>Gainesville (2)</b>	March 7, 2017 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Gainesville Health District Children with Special Needs Conference Room 440 Prior St SE Gainesville, GA 30501 (770) 531-4053	Patricia (Dru) Thomas, Early Intervention Coordinator (770) 531-4053 <a href="mailto:Dru.Thomas@dph.ga.gov">Dru.Thomas@dph.ga.gov</a>
<b>Clayton (3-3)</b>	March 8, 2017 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Clayton Cty Board of Health Peach Room 1117 Battle Creek Road Jonesboro, GA 30236 (678) 610-7417	Fanthnechia Dunbar Early Intervention Coordinator (678) 610-7417 <a href="mailto:Fanthnechia.Dunbar@dph.ga.gov">Fanthnechia.Dunbar@dph.ga.gov</a>
<b>Waycross (9-2)</b>	March 9, 2017 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Waycross Health District 1123 Church Street Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 688-6051	Tracy Weeden Early Intervention Coordinator (800) 429-6307 <a href="mailto:Tracy.Weeden@dph.ga.gov">Tracy.Weeden@dph.ga.gov</a>

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