



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** June 14, 2010

**To:** Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Stakeholders and Interested Parties

**From:** Debbie Cheatham, Program Director *DC*  
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**Re:** U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs – Georgia  
Determination Status

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), under sections 616(d) and 642 requires states to report annually to the Secretary on the performance of the state under the targets established in the state's performance plan (SPP) under Part C of the IDEA. Each state must also report its progress towards meeting the targets annually in the Annual Performance Report (APR). Each state submitted its third Annual Performance Report (APR) on February 1, 2010.

Under IDEA, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education is required to make an annual determination as to whether each state is meeting the requirements of the statute based on the data submitted in the APR and other available information.

Georgia's Part C early intervention program, BCW, has been determined to be in "needs intervention" status for a third consecutive year. Therefore, the state must submit a corrective action plan as well as other information.

The state has made considerable progress over the last year, which will be reflected in the next APR to be submitted February 2011. It is imperative that we continue to move forward with improving the program and data. We are confident that Georgia's BCW program will receive an improved determination status next year.

We appreciate your continued support and commitment as move the program forward in meeting the federal requirements.

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