



New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome

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NJCTS is a collaboration among TSANJ, Rutgers University and health professionals throughout New Jersey

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Young Adult Advocacy Training - August 5th

The second in the series of training programs for young adults ages 14 and up who are interested in learning to advocate for themselves and others with TS will be held at the Life Sciences Building on the Piscataway Campus of Rutgers University on August 5th, 2009 from 6:30 to 9:30pm. The presenter for the workshop will be Janine Howley, MA who is a special education teacher and also an inservice presenter for NJCTS.

The workshop will include instruction, role playing and interactive breakout groups that will equip participants with skills to advance their interest in advocacy. Participation in the first workshop is not a prerequisite.

RSVP required call 908-575-7350 or email mbutterfield@njcts.org for information and registration.

Light refreshments will be served beginning at 6pm.

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TS Clinic - St. Clare's Hospital, Denville

The Rutgers University Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP) is seeking families for the Tourette Syndrome Clinic starting in October at St. Clare's Hospital in Denville. The groups below will run concurrently and are designed to provide support for the entire family. Group size is limited, so early registration is advisable.

- The **Social Skills Program** is intended to provide a supportive environment where children and adolescents can meet to share advice and skills with peers.
- The **Parent Group** will offer the opportunity for parents to meet in a setting that will facilitate discussion on topics related to raising a child with TS.
- The **Sibling Group** will focus on skills that allow brothers and sisters to better empathize and cope with having a family member with a neurological disorder.

When: 10 weeks beginning on October 6th - 7:30 p.m.

Where: St. Clare's Hospital, Pocono Road, Denville

Cost: Flat fee of \$200 per family to participate in one or all of the workshop offerings

Register: GSAPP 732-445-6111 ext. 930

Registrations for the TS Clinic at Rutgers-Piscataway will be solicited in September 2009 and group sessions will begin in February 2010.

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TS Medical Conference - October 2, 2009

NJCTS in cooperation with the Life Sciences Institute of Rutgers will present "Signs of Progress in Diagnosing and Treating Tourette Syndrome". The conference is aimed at doctors, psychologists and school professionals and will be held on October 2, 2009. Invited speakers from the Yale University Child Study Center TS/OCD Clinic include Robert King, MD, James Leckman MD, Larry Scahill PhD. Dr. Jay Tischfield from Rutgers University will speak about TS research and NJ Dept of Health Commissioner Heather Howard has been invited to give the keynote address. CME credits will be offered for physicians; CEU's will be offered for social workers, psychologists and teachers. Please share this information with your child's doctor and school. Have them mark their calendar for October 2nd. Information on registration will be included in an upcoming NJCTS News Alert.

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Educator Workshops

NJCTS is again partnering with several colleges throughout the state to offer workshops for school professionals and interested parties. Professional development credits will be offered. Teachers, nurses, child study team members and parents are encouraged to attend.

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| <p>Oct. 1 Raritan Valley Community College
 6:00pm - 9:00pm Thursday
 Presenter: Cheryl Ludwig, MA
 Course # CRN 12571 AH402-10,
 Cost \$59.00
 Register at: www.rvcc.edu/cce</p> | <p>Oct. 26 Ocean County College
 4:00pm - 7:00pm Monday
 Presenter: Janine Howley, MA
 Course # SRED-107-01, Cost \$59.00
 Register at: www.ocean.edu or
 732.255.0477</p> |
| <p>Oct. 17 Bergen Community College
 10:00am - 1:00pm Saturday
 Presenter: Ann L. Deutsch, MSN
 Course #SD 759, Cost \$50.00
 Register at: www.bergen.edu</p> | <p>Oct. 29 Bergen Community College
 4:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday
 Presenter: Ann L. Deutsch, MSN
 Course #SD 759 Cost \$50.00
 Register at: www.bergen.edu</p> |

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Wednesday Webinar Series

Our Fall Webinar Series will kick off in September with a webinar on "Back to School Strategies for parents of kids with TS and Associated Disorders".

A webinar is a seminar that you can do with a phone and a PC from the comfort of your home. A schedule for the webinar series will be included in an upcoming NJCTS News Alert. See our website www.njcts.org to register.

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