

## NJCTS launches new blog just for parents!

As you know, the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders is in the business of providing new and innovative resources for parents of children with TS, a neurological disease that affects as many as 1 in 100 kids -- most of them undiagnosed, misdiagnosed and misunderstood.

To help further achieve those goals, NJCTS -- which provides answers for these kids and their families through referrals to programs and services, education and training so that families, peers and professionals will be better qualified to help those with TS -- is pleased to announce the successful launch of the TSParentsOnline blog at <http://www.njcts.org/tsparents>.

TSParentsOnline is a place for parents of kids with TS to share ideas, opinions, stories and expertise, as well as connect on ways to support each other. The blog, which went live on the Internet on Monday, Nov. 7, will initially feature parent bloggers from New Jersey, but is open to anyone worldwide.

KarenP, one of TSParentsOnline's bloggers, had this to say in her first entry:

"My doctor told me when Zack was diagnosed that it would get 100 percent worse before it got any better. He was right. It has been almost 2 years, and I have watched my son getting worse -- sometimes by the day, it seems. He has pulled muscles in his sides from ticking, thrown his head back and forth so hard I was afraid he would hurt himself and become extremely verbal. I have watched as strangers have stared at my son and pulled their children away from him as if he had something they could catch. Tourette's has changed all our lives so much."

Those wishing to participate as a contributor to the blog should contact NJCTS' blog administrator at [parents@njcts.org](mailto:parents@njcts.org). Please help us spread the word about this worthwhile new venture, one that has all of us at NJCTS very excited!

More information about TSParentsOnline is available by visiting [www.njcts.org](http://www.njcts.org), by calling 908-575-7350 or by clicking on the social media links below.

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