

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders, Inc.

This collaboration among the Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey, Inc. (TSANJ), Rutgers University and health professionals throughout New Jersey, is the first of its kind in the nation to offer comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services for TS families, training opportunities for professionals who can specialize in the disorder, coordination of services and research opportunities for scientists looking for causes, better treatments and possibly a cure.

NJCTS provides on-site, district-wide public and private school in-services, as well as in-service programs at colleges, universities, residential facilities, police departments and other community groups for the purpose of educating New Jersey professionals and the public about Tourette Syndrome and its associated disorders.

In-service Providers:

Individuals providing professional development for NJCTS have been trained to follow a curriculum designed and written by the national Tourette Syndrome Association. Presenters are typically teachers and school nurses, or have a medical background. Most presenters also have first-hand knowledge of Tourette Syndrome through personal experience or through a family member being diagnosed with the disorder.

For additional information about an in-service, or the New Jersey Center of Tourette Syndrome, contact our office at **908-575-7350** or visit our **website: www.njcts.org**.

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Professional Development Program for Educators

Training that will enable
educators to better address
the special needs of students
in the classroom with
Tourette Syndrome and
associated disorders

Faculty in-service

NJCTS offers on-site in-service programs for educators, guidance counselors, child study teams, administrators and support staff. These sessions are designed to inform and enlighten professionals about TS and co-occurring disorders such as OCD, ADHD or ADD and the impact they can make on a child's school performance. The workshops also provide educators with specific classroom strategies and accommodations that can have a positive impact on a student's academic success. Our presenters are usually teachers, school nurses or people with a medical background, and most have first-hand knowledge of TS. *Faculty in-services can be requested by either the school or the student's parents by contacting our office at 908-575-7350.*

Peer in-service

NJCTS offers on-site, age-relevant peer in-services to present information about TS to classmates of the TS student specifically, or to the general student population. This workshop is presented by a trained professional who leads student attendees in several activities designed to broaden their knowledge and understanding of TS. Prior to the presentation, parents of the student with TS are consulted about how the information will be presented to their child's classmates. At the request of the student's parents our presenter will discuss the workshop directly with the TS student and answer any questions he/she may have about the workshop content. Our presenters are usually teachers,

school nurses or have a medical background, and most have first-hand knowledge of TS. *Peer in-services can be requested by either the school or the student's parents by contacting our office at 908-575-7350.*

The in-service program covers the following NJ standards for Professional Development:

2.1-2.9 Improves understanding of the academic, social, emotional and physical needs of each learner and ensures that educators utilize appropriate teaching skills to enable students to meet or exceed their potential

5.1 Empowers educators to incorporate new concepts into practice

12.1 Assists educators in establishing relationships and partnerships with parents and families

NJCTS Guest Lecturer Series

Representatives from NJCTS speak on a variety of TS-related issues. Guest lecturers are available to speak to college and graduate level nursing, education and social work students. Our speakers hold advanced degrees in their area of expertise and have demonstrated in-depth knowledge of their lecture topics. NJCTS presentations are offered to up-and-coming professionals as a way to create a workforce better equipped to recognize the signs of TS and understand the most effective modalities for treating this misunderstood neurological disorder. *NJCTS Guest Lecturer appearances may be requested by course facilitators or students by contacting our office at 908-575-7350.*

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders, Inc. is registered with the New Jersey Department of Education as a Professional Development Provider and, as such, participants who complete our in-services are given a Professional Development Certificate, reflecting hours earned. (On-site programs are typically 1-2 hours.)

Tourette Syndrome: An In-service for Educators

These colleges have partnered with us to offer Educators Workshops on TS:

Bergen Community College

Brookdale Community College

Camden County College

County College of Morris

Kean University

Mercer County College

Middlesex County Community College

Ocean County College

Ramapo College of New Jersey

Raritan Valley Community College

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Rowan University

Rutgers University

Sussex County Community College

Warren County Community College

NJEA Convention