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## NJCTS TO PRESENT EDUCATOR WORKSHOP AT OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

October 15, 2009 - NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders, working in partnership with Ocean County College will present Tourette Syndrome An Educators' Workshop.

**When:** October 26, 2009, 4:00pm to 7:00pm  
**Where:** Ocean County College  
**Presenter:** Janine Howley, MA  
**Cost:** \$59.00  
**Register:** [www.ocean.edu](http://www.ocean.edu), SRED 107-01

The Workshops are designed to introduce educators to Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders with an emphasis on school-related issues. The criteria for diagnosis/clinical assessment will be explained to help teachers begin to understand the behavior of some children. The Workshops will enable educators to recognize students' difficulties, strengths, and potential. Interventions and modifications for behavior will also be addressed. Professional Development Credits will be offered for participation in the Workshops.

### BACKGROUNDER:

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is an inherited neurological disorder that is manifested in involuntary physical and vocal tics. Symptoms generally appear before an individual is 18 years old. TS affects people of all ethnic groups with males affected 3 to 4 times more frequently than females.

It is estimated that 200,000 Americans have full blown TS and that as many as 1 in 200 show a partial expression of the disorder. There is no cure for TS.

The mission of NJCTS is to support the needs of families with TS, to advocate for individuals with TS, and to educate the public and professionals on TS. NJCTS has a membership of 2,500 families and medical professionals. The organization relies completely on its membership, corporations, government, and foundations to fund its mission.

Currently NJCTS operates 6 support groups at regional medical centers across New Jersey; conducts awareness training for teachers, school nurses, students and community leaders; manages a TS help line for disseminating information about TS to parents, teachers, doctors, and others; sponsors a state-wide Family Contact Program; and works with Rutgers University at the nation's only student clinician TS clinic, developing support programs and treatments for families dealing with TS.

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