

WHAT IS TOURETTE SYNDROME (TS)?

TS is an inherited, neurological disorder characterized by tics - involuntary, rapid, sudden movements or vocalizations that occur repeatedly in the same way.

Tourette syndrome is often misunderstood and can be a very complex disorder. Several conditions tend to accompany the diagnosis of TS. These include ADD/ADHD, OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder), sensory processing disorder, learning disabilities and handwriting difficulties.



These added diagnoses can make survival in school, the workplace and society even more difficult. The services provided by PA-TSA are focused on increasing understanding of the disorder and providing proven accommodations and strategies so the child can succeed.

Tourette Syndrome can have a great impact on education. Many children are misunderstood and sometimes mistreated by peers and educators. It is important to have a thorough understanding of the condition and strategies at the ready that can help.



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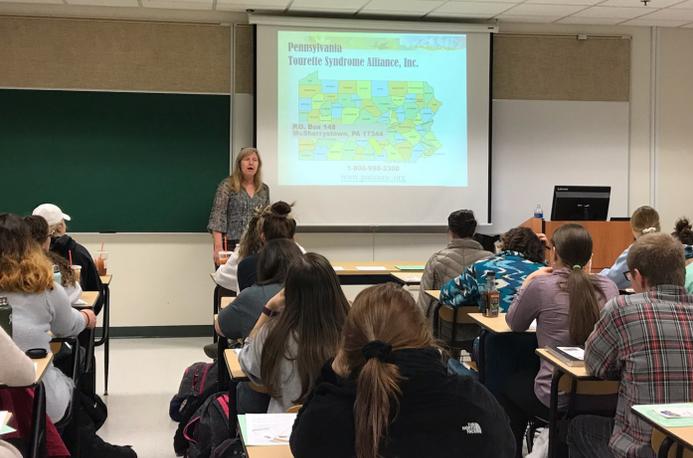
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TRAINING PROGRAMS



EDUCATOR'S IN-SERVICE

Interactive program for 1 or 2 hours in-person or via webinar—appropriate for Educators, Administrators, School Psychologists, School Nurses, and Support Personnel. Topics include Tourette Syndrome, other comorbid conditions, classroom accommodations and more. Presenters offer their professional experiences gained while helping school districts across the state accommodate students with this complex disorder.



PEER TRAINING

Provides an age appropriate in-service program for the peers of a child with Tourette Syndrome. The presentation focuses upon differences, including disabilities, children may encounter in their lives and emphasizes the appropriate response to those with differences. The length of the program is generally 60 minutes but can be adapted to fit the age level, group size and length of the classroom period.

CONSULTANT SERVICES

Individuals with Tourette Syndrome are often very complex with their multitude of diagnosis and tics that change without forewarning. Differentiating tics from behaviors can become a real challenge especially in the school setting. In order to assist schools with these issues, the Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Alliance (PA-TSA) offers consultant services.



When available, a professional Tourette Consultant will provide the following:

- Observe the student within the school setting (4 Hours)
- Consult with school personnel to gather information
- Produce a report that includes summarization of the observation, conclusion, and recommendations
- Attend a Team Meeting to discuss the report and answer questions(2 Hours)

PA-TSA professional consultants are also available to assist schools by phone or by attending meetings to provide insight into the symptoms of Tourette Syndrome and appropriate accommodations to meet the needs of their student.



1 in every 100
CHILDREN
between the ages of
6-17 may be affected



affects
3xs
more boys
than girls



75%
also have
ADD/ADHD



60%
also have
OCD



Symptoms are generally
MOST SEVERE
between
ages **10-12**



Only
10-15%
experience **Coprolalia**
(swearing tic)

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