PATSA NEWS

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NEW RESEARCH SHOWS 36 GENETIC MARKERS FOR TS

PATSA was contacted on September 1st, 2026 by Dr. Gary Heiman of Rutgers University about newly published research. This research was made possible by the gene repository in New Jersey and PATSA families have contributed DNA samples to this research.

This research has found 36 individual genetic markers that are related to Tourette syndrome, other chronic tic disorders, and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Previously, there were only a few genetic markers that were implicated in Tourette syndrome.

This new finding will help pinpoint more possible areas for research and should open new avenues for treatments as well.

To read the full research article please go to: https://www.nature.com/articles/s41593-026-02419-5

To read the press release that explains the article in layman's terms go to:
https://www.rutgers.edu/news/researchers-discover-dozens-genes-tied-ocd-and-tic-disorders

SAVE THE DATES

TS Family Camp is scheduled to be held June 11 - 13, 2027
at Black Rock Retreat Center
Quarryville, PA.

Registration includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, all activities, materials, snacks and a T-shirt.

Something for everyone! Parents attend workshops, children with TS and their siblings have camp activities, and everyone has time to talk with others who share their struggles.

TRAINING IMPACT

Over the last 6 months, (Mar - Oct) these schools and communities have received training on Tourette. Will your school or community be next?

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit
Rockwood Area Elementary, Somerset County
Urban Academy, Allegheny County
Brookville Area SD, Jefferson County
PASNAP North East Regional meeting
Tidioute Community Charter School, Warren County
Greenwoods Charter School, Philadelphia
Caskey Torah Academy, Montgomery County
Lincoln Elementary, Allegheny County
McMurray Elementary, Washington County
Greencastle-Antrim SD, Fulton County
Rose Tree Media SD, Delaware County
Perkiomen Valley SD, Montgomery County
Pottsgrove SD, Montgomery County
Garfield Middle School, Cambria County
The Watson Institute, Allegheny County
Glenside Elem, Montgomery County

PATSA hosted Webinar Trainings during School In-Service Days

August 18 -- 94 Educators registered
August 19 – 14 Educators registered
August 21 – 41 Nurses registered

Watch for our hosted Webinar Trainings for schools in summer and February each year.

ANNUAL REPORT

PATSA's Annual report is available to you online. This shows our impact, results of our programs, income and expenses so you can evaluate our organization on your own. Please read through and consider supporting our good work!
Link to report online.

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