

Our Impact on PA Schools

CONSULTANT SERVICES:

“(Our consultant) was very thorough and knowledgeable. She provided us with a wealth of information both general and specific to our child here at school. She provided us with manageable strategies and different perspectives to think of when analyzing all aspects of his challenges.”

*School Personnel,
South Butler County School District*

“I am so happy and thankful we have (our consultant) helping us this school year. My son would have been left behind this school year again if we wouldn't have (our consultant)”

York County mother

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:

“I came away with an increased awareness of the complexity of the disorder, some management strategies.....much more confidence that we can do it!.....a new respect for people (children) dealing with TS.”

*School Personnel,
Shaler Area School District*

“Prior to PA-TSA's intervention, Isaac was being bullied by his peers and repeatedly told to stop his tics, which were annoying others or perceived by his teachers as deliberately disruptive. The response to the in-services from the faculty, staff and students was overwhelmingly positive. Several of the children who had bullied Isaac in the past came up to him and personally apologized.”

*Debbie Dickinson,
Chester County*



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What is Tourette Syndrome?

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



There are several reasons why TS is misunderstood and can be a very complex disorder. There are several conditions that 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 or adult can succeed.

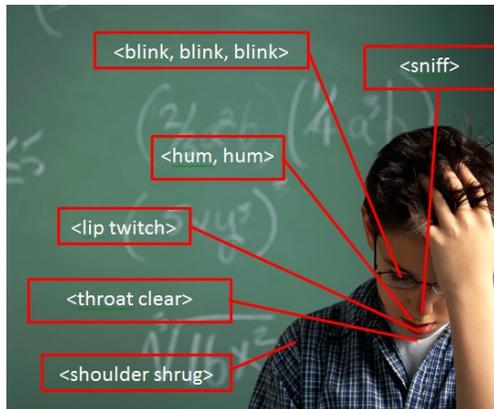
Tourette Syndrome can have a great impact on education and many children are also misunderstood and mistreated by peers and Educators. It is important to have a thorough understanding of the condition and strategies at the ready that can help.

Training Programs for Schools

EDUCATOR'S IN-SERVICE

120-minute program—appropriate for Educators, Administrators, School Psychologists, School Nurses, and support personnel

Topics include Tourette Syndrome, other co-morbid 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

The Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Alliance provides an age appropriate in-service program for the classmates of a child with Tourette Syndrome. The presentation focuses upon different disabilities children may encounter in their lives and emphasizes the appropriate response to those with differences. The length of the program is adapted to the age of the classmates and the length of the classroom period.

Consultant Services for Schools

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. A Professional Tourette Consultant from PA-TSA will provide the following:

Observe the student within the school setting (4 Hours)

Consult with school personnel to gather information

A report including 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 the student.