

## CLASSMATE IN-SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

PATSA offers an age appropriate in-service program for the classmates of a child with Tourette Syndrome. The presentation focuses upon differences that children will encounter in their lives which include disabilities. An emphasis is placed on understanding and accepting differences. The length of the program is generally 1 hour which includes approximately 15-20 minute Q & A. The length can be slightly modified to suit the age of the classmates or the length of the classroom period.

The presentation can include the identified child in any manner for which they are comfortable. PATSA presenters can meet with the child and family prior to the training via phone or web to explain the training and offer them all options for involvement.

### Training Overview

- A general dialogue of differences
- Overview of Medical conditions that may cause differences
- A discussion of Tourette Syndrome and what makes it unique
- Excerpt of a video such as “I Have Tourette’s But Tourette’s Doesn’t Have Me” by HBO
- Discussion of understanding and accepting those who are different or with disabilities
- Discussion of teasing/bullying
- Interactive Activity to experience a tic
- Question and Answer Session
- Handouts included depending of the size of the audience



*“Prior to PATSA’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 of Chester County

Other references available upon request.

## FEE SCHEDULE

Speaker Fee of \$50

Mileage Reimbursement of .545 cents/mile

**FREE TRAINING MAY BE POSSIBLE IF GRANT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE**