

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 dealing with TS.”

*School Personnel,
Shaler Area School District*



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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 it 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.

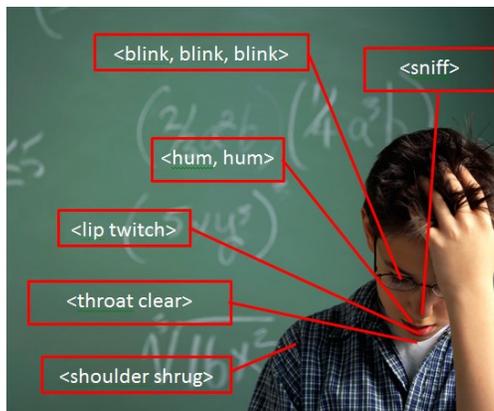
Tourette Syndrome can have a great impact on education. Many children are misunderstood and sometimes mistreated by peers and Educators. It is important to have a thorough understanding of the condition and strategies at the ready that can help.

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 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

The Pennsylvania Tourette Syndrome Alliance 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 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

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.