Why is it important for educators to understand Tourette Syndrome (TS)?

TS is a neurodevelopmental disorder that is commonly misunderstood and often mismanaged in the school setting. While TS has been misperceived as a behavioral or conduct disorder, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) recognizes TS as a neurological condition, under the category of Other Health Impairment. IDEA has increased the responsibilities of school districts to educate their personnel in working effectively with students with all disabilities, including TS.

How can I bring a program to my school district?

The Tourette Association of America is currently scheduling programs through its partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Members of the Association’s Education Advisory Board will present an overview of TS, common co-occurring conditions, the impact on learning, and strategies that can be implemented based on students’ needs.

Programs can be offered at your school, district, professional organization, or via live web conference.

The Tourette Association does not formally offer continuing education credits. However, we encourage host sites to apply for credits through an appropriate accrediting institution.

If your institution or organization is interested in hosting a CDC Education program, please contact:

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