



New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome  
AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS

*Collaborative Partnerships  
for the Tourette Syndrome Community*

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**\*\*\* ADVOCACY ALERT \*\*\***

**May 15-June 15 is TS Awareness Month**

Please join the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS), the tens of thousands of New Jerseyans and the hundreds of thousands of Americans with TS in celebrating Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, which annually runs from May 15 to June 15.

To help kick off Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month, NJCTS is proud to announce that for the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year, the Governor's Office of New Jersey has issued a proclamation formally declaring May 15 to June 15 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month. NJCTS heartily thanks Gov. Chris Christie for his support of the TS community.

Tourette Syndrome is a misdiagnosed, misunderstood neurological disorder that affects 1 in 100 people, especially teenagers. Marked by involuntary body movements and vocal sounds called tics, Tourette Syndrome affects more than 200,000 American families. Also affecting those families are the many associated conditions such as OCD, ADD, ADHD and anxiety.

So take a moment today, or at any time during this month, to show your support for those who have Tourette. There are scores of different ways to do that. Here are a few:

- Head over to our [TSParentsOnline](#) blog or our [Teens4TS](#) blog and leave a comment for our legion of contributors. They would love to talk with you about Tourette Syndrome.
- Explore to the [NJCTS website](#) and check out the myriad programs and services offered for those with TS — not just in New Jersey, but around the United States and world, too.
- Go to [POPVOX](#) and check out the pending TS legislations – [H.R. 3760](#) and [S. 2321](#)– and leave a comment, which will be sent directly to your U.S. Congressman.
- Head to the [Definite Possibilities website](#), started by a teen with TS, and buy a Tourette Syndrome pin for just \$6.
- Sign up to join our blogs and share your Tourette Syndrome story with the world. Send an e-mail to [parents@njcts.org](mailto:parents@njcts.org) or [teens@njcts.org](mailto:teens@njcts.org) and ask to be a blog contributor.
- Go to our [Facebook](#) page and “like” us, or head to our [Twitter](#) page and “follow” us.

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