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## Educational Outreach Continues...

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders is pleased to announce that educational outreach has been on the rise in 2015. Our outreach, which includes presentations to faculty, students, and health care professionals, has expanded to include schools and community organizations across the state.

### JANUARY

In January, longtime NJCTS volunteer and TS parent Carolyn Baldwin presented an informational session about NJCTS to the **Bay County Child Study Team Directors**.

### FEBRUARY

In February, Michelle Lubonski, an educator and mom of children with TS, made a presentation to the **Haddon Township High School** faculty and the school's Psychology Club. Students from the club found the information to be interesting and helpful, as they have a few students in their community with Tourette Syndrome.

Also in February, Gina Maria Jones, the new Education Outreach Coordinator, presented her first faculty in-service at the **Teaneck Community Charter School**. The faculty walked away with a deeper understanding of Tourette syndrome and how to use strategies and accommodations to help those students with TS and associated disorders, especially during the upcoming test season. Included in the faculty feedback was praise for some of the classroom strategies and accommodations. One teacher wrote: "I especially loved the task involving the Pledge of Allegiance. Brilliant!"

### MARCH

On March 9, Youth Ambassador Sarah Ethridge presented to over 75 fourth grade students on the topic of TS at **Hilldale Elementary School in Pine Brook, NJ**. The students not only had chance to listen and talk with Sarah, but they also had an opportunity to ask their peer who has TS some questions about the condition.

Sarah was happy to find that the students were enthusiastic about her presentation. "[The presentations] arm kids with the knowledge necessary to empathize with and tolerate people's differences. They were a great group of fourth graders with lots of questions."

On March 11, NJCTS's Youth Program Development Coordinator Melissa Fowler presented to staff at the **Center School in Somerset, NJ**, during their most recent Professional Development seminar. Faculty and staff discussed Tourette Syndrome and strategies for making accommodations in the classroom.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

In the next few weeks, NJCTS will present at in **Montclair, Newton, Old Bridge and Long Branch**.

**To arrange for a presentation for your organization,  
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