



New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome
AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS

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NJCTS to present at New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children's annual spring conference

Center's professional educators will discuss strategies and accommodations for students with TS and associated disorders at March 30 event

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) will lead its first presentation at the New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children's (CEC) annual spring conference March 30, at Ramapo College in Mahwah. The conference is titled "Bridging The Gap: Special Education Meets General Education" and will take place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NJCTS Education Outreach Consultant Melissa Fowler, MA, M.Ed., will present "Strategies and Accommodations for the Student with ADHD, OCD, Tourette Syndrome & Related Disorders" to the parents, CEC members, students, educators, doctors and other professionals expected to be in attendance.

"Our partnership with the New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children is exciting," Fowler said. "Their expansive definition of 'exceptional' is a great fit with our framework for looking at students with Tourette Syndrome. In this model, the child whose brain requires learning accommodations in the school setting might be understood not as in some way 'disabled,' but as exceptional or gifted, as many of the students we service through the Center are."

The CEC focuses on refining professional practices to better educate exceptional students, including those with disabilities such as TS. The CEC includes about 1,800 New Jersey members and advocates for students politically, and offers training and guidelines for educators.

"The conference is a great opportunity to expand our outreach to educators at all levels and with varying experience," Fowler added. "It is an opportunity to provide background knowledge about TS and its co-morbid disorders, and to offer a number of strategies and accommodations that will benefit all students."

To register or for more information, please visit <http://njcecbridgingthegap.eventbrite.com>.

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