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## NJCTS and the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network to present session on bullying prevention strategies

DENVILLE – New Jersey has the strongest set of anti-bullying laws in the country. Learn what they are and how to apply them to bullying situations that may come up in your child's life when the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) and the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) team up to host "Bullying Prevention Strategies" from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at St. Clare's Hospital, 25 Pocono Road in Denville.

This workshop, which will be presented by Diane Bolton and serve as the bi-monthly Morris/Sussex County Family Support Group meeting, will provide an overview of the NJ Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act that was created to combat bullying in public schools. Bullying is a harmful action toward another student or any act that infringes upon a student's rights at school. It is important to know ways to prevent and, when necessary, respond to bullying in school.

This presentation also will discuss what schools are required to do under the law, including creating a positive environment for students. NJCTS and SPAN invite you to join the conversation regarding what students, families, educators and communities can do to help in providing a safe and welcoming environment for all students.

SPAN's mission is to empower and support families, and inform and involve professionals and others interested in the healthy development and education of children and youth. NJCTS is committed to the advocacy of children and families with Tourette Syndrome and associated disorders such as OCD, ADHD, anxiety and depression. Dedicated to delivering high-quality services to these individuals, NJCTS recognizes the importance of educating the public, medical professionals and teachers about this disorder through programs and affiliations with public schools, health centers, universities and organizations such as SPAN.

The deadline to <u>register for this free event</u> is 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, and more information is available by calling 908-575-7350 or by e-mailing NJCTS Program Coordinator Martha Butterfield at <u>mbutterfield@njcts.org</u>.

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