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 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?

- Education Programs are given by one of the TAA’s Education Advisory Board members who presents an overview of TS, common co-occurring conditions, the impact on learning, and strategies that can be implemented based on students’ needs.

- These programs are typically 2-3 hours in length and can be offered at your school, district, professional organization, or via live web conference.

- All attendees receive a selection of educational materials and resources.

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

For more information, or if your institution or organization is interested in hosting a CDC Education program, please email Programs@tourette.org.