NEW TOURETTE SUPPORT GROUP

STARTING IN YOUR AREA!

The Tourette Association of America – Texas Chapter is very excited to announce the start of **a brand-new Support Group in Corpus Christi, Texas to serve the children, families, and adults living with Tourette Syndrome (TS) in Corpus Christi, Rockport, Aransas Pass, Portland, Robstown, Beeville, Alice, and other surrounding areas.**

What is Tourette Syndrome (TS)?

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a neurological movement disorder characterized by motor and vocal tics. Beginning in childhood, it causes those affected to make movements and noises they cannot control. Many with TS additionally have associated obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention-deficit-hyperactivity disorder and learning differences. Just as importantly, many experience serious self-esteem and social issues due to their often puzzling, misunderstood or disruptive symptoms**. The current estimates are that 1 out of every 160 children between the ages of 5-17 years in the United States has TS and that 1 out of every 50 children has TS or another persistent Tic Disorder**. Although symptoms usually diminish in adulthood, TS is considered a lifelong disorder.

Our first official support group meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Driscol Children's Hospital, 3533 S. Alameda, Corpus Christi, TX. This meeting will be a "Meet and Greet" Pizza Party hosted by your Support Group Leader **Lisa Morris**, BPharm, MS, BCGP, FASCP; **Marcos Valdez, M.D.,** Medical Liaison; and a "Back to School" In-Service with **Sheryl Kadmon**, Executive Director /Educational Specialist for Tourette Texas.

ALL MEETINGS ARE FREE. Meetings are open to children with TS, their parents, adults with TS, educators, physicians, or anyone interested in learning more about TS and associated disorders.

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