

WHAT IS MUSIC THERAPY?

Music therapy is the clinical application of music, with therapeutic intention, used to address a variety of physical, mental, and developmental issues for people of all ages and ability levels

MUSIC THERAPISTS CAN:



Stabilize the gait of someone with Parkinson's disease



Increase a premature infant's oxygen saturation in the NICU



Help a child with Autism sing "I love you" to their mother

MUSIC THERAPIST TRAINING:



Required college coursework includes music therapy, anatomy, human development & psychology



1200 clinical training hours including a 6-month, full-time, internship



Pass a board certification exam by an independent accrediting agency

WHAT MUSIC THERAPISTS DO



Songwriting
Lyric Analysis
Music & Movement



Use evidence-based research to create individualized treatment plans



Play instruments
Therapeutic Singing
Improvisation

MUSIC THERAPISTS CAN:



Be part of the IEP team to help a child succeed academically



Help a wounded soldier, Army Captain Luis Avila regain his speech



Create a song of legacy as death approaches

QUESTIONS?

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WHY PROFESSIONAL MUSIC THERAPY LICENSURE?

Music therapy is an allied healthcare profession. Licensure would ensure consumer protection for Pennsylvanians and provide greater consumer access to music therapy

MUSIC THERAPY IN PA



9 Universities are training music therapists in PA



Over 49,000 Pennsylvanians receive music therapy



Constituents in 80% of PA counties receive music therapy

CONSUMER PROTECTION



Individuals are required to meet national training and credentialing standards for music therapy



Music therapists receive extensive training that allows the safe provision of therapeutic care

CONSUMER ACCESS

**UNIFIED POLICY STATEWIDE:
Reduced-red tape for
Managed Care Organizations**

Constituents receiving music therapy via managed care who move to another county often cannot receive music therapy in their new home as managed care policies often differ across counties



Licensure would create one unified state policy that protects consumers, increases consumer access, and reduces red-tape

COST-SAVING OUTCOMES



NICU Music Therapy cut an average of \$10,000 off costs of a NICU stay (\$2,000/day)



Music Therapy reduced cost per patient in Hospice by \$2,984



Music Therapy for procedural support cut echocardiogram costs in children by \$74.24/procedure

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