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EXPERIENCE

**January 2014-
Current**

**Director of Music Therapy
Indiana Wesleyan University
Marion, Indiana**

Starting and building a music therapy program at the university level. Responsibilities include teaching music therapy specific classes, program development, teaching both class guitar and private lessons, advising students, partnering with community organizations to set up practicum sites, supervising practicum placements and advocating for music therapy on campus and in the community.

March 2025-Present

**Music Therapist
Healing Arts Program
Honeywell Center/Parkview Hospital
Wabash, Indiana**

This part-time position is funded by a gift to Parkview Hospital in Wabash and overseen by the Honeywell Community Arts Program. It consists of making visits to patients either on the inpatient floor or in the Infusion clinic. The responsibilities of the position require planning and performing music, being able to work independently, collaborating with the other disciplines (administration, medical staff, OT, PT, volunteers).

June 2024-Current

**Director of Music Therapy Camp
Indiana Wesleyan University
Marion, Indiana**

This weeklong experience for high school students (entering freshman year through graduating seniors) provided a broad overview of the field of music therapy. Responsibilities included planning curriculum and hands-on experiences for the week that would engage and not overwhelm campers. In addition, there were opportunities to create marketing flyers, recruit for potential interested campers at high schools in Indiana and the surrounding states, and create and administer assessments to determine the success of the camp experience.

**October 2016-
2020**

**Riley Hospital for Children
Music Therapist
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Hired on as a supplemental music therapist to provide extra case load support for those on maternity leave and vacation. Responsibilities included providing music therapy to patients (newborn to 18 years), assessing and charting progress towards specified goals and objectives and maintaining

communication between other hospital staff regarding observations during music therapy sessions.

**May 2007-
May 2014**

**Music Therapist
Great Lakes Caring Hospice (acquired In-House Hospice and
Palliative Care 2011)
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

My roles were to provide music therapy services to appropriate patients, orient new music therapy staff, educate newly hired clinical staff, participate in Interdisciplinary team meetings, present complimentary therapies to facilities and vendors, serve as a patient advocate, crossing multidisciplinary lines to meet patient needs, documents care / teaching on the patient record in a manner consistent with documentation guidelines, assisting with marketing the interdisciplinary hospice approach.

**May 2011-
May 2012**

**Pilot Research Study: The benefit of collaborative music and
Massage therapy on Hospice Patients**

This study examined the integration of music and massage therapy in the treatment of individual hospice patients over a one-year period. The findings revealed a reduction in both anxiety and pain following a single combined session. Additionally, there was a notable improvement in patients' range of motion, including an extended duration for massage therapy and an overall enhancement in flexibility.

**January 2007-
April 2007**

**Pilot Music Therapy Program Development: Great Start of Michigan
Kalamazoo, Michigan**

As part of the requirements for the master's program, a music therapy program was implemented within the Great Start of Michigan. Great Start of Michigan serves clients that range in age from 0-5 and represent many different levels of functioning. They have all been identified as "at risk" due to deficiencies in speech, cognitive, and/or motor domains. Staff was given an in-service on the benefits of music therapy, shown how the program would be implemented through a four-month pilot program and then shown how a grant could be implemented to fund this program.

**August 2005-
April 2007**

Music Therapy Graduate Assistant: Western Michigan University

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Teacher of record, teaching three to four guitar classes a semester, supervising undergraduate students in their fieldwork placements (fieldwork sites included schools, hospitals, and private clients), performance monitoring, counseling, and corrective action to students.

PRESENTATIONS/IN-SERVICES

Creating Evidence-based Interventions around Executive Functioning Needs

*Great Lakes Region of AMTA Conference
Columbus, IN March 2025*

Scholarship Poster Presentation: The Scholarship Poster Presentation: The Effect of Short-Term Music on the Executive Skills of Preschool Children

*Great Lakes Region of AMTA Conference
Columbus, IN March 2025*

Exploring Music Therapy: A Pilot Summer Camp Program for High School Students

*Great Lakes Region of AMTA Conference
Columbus, IN March 2025*

Harnessing the Power of Music in Early Childhood Classrooms

*Grant County Early Childhood Coalition Conference
Marion, IN January 2025*

Melodies for the Mind: Music Therapy and Emotional Well-being

*American Association of Service Coordinators National Conference
Indianapolis, IN October 2024/Recorded and presented at Online Conference April 2025*

Creating Evidence-based Interventions around Executive Functioning Needs

*Association Indiana Music Therapists
Marion, IN September 2023*

The Effects of Short-Term Music Programming on the Executive Functioning Skills of Preschool Children

*Faculty Research Symposium
Indiana Wesleyan University
Marion, IN October 2022*

Things are “Fine”: Challenges and Successes of the Multi-Faceted Music Therapist’s Life

Co-Presenters: *Sharon Boyle, MM, MT-BC* and *Edward Schwartzberg, MEd, MT-BC*
Great Lakes Region of AMTA Conference
Virtual, March 2021, AMTA Virtual Conference November 2021

The Impact of Music Therapy

Embrace the Orphan Conference
Virtual, September 2020

Teaching Through Music

Embrace the Orphan Conference
Marion, IN November 2019

Enhancing Your Songwriting Superpowers

Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association Conference
Minneapolis, MN April 2015

Enhancing Your Songwriting Superpowers

Association of Indiana Music Therapists Spring Workshop
Marion, IN March 2015

Music Therapy's place among the Expressive Arts

Expressive Arts Workshop
Marion, IN, March 2015

Bicycle Built for Two: Singing outside the box

American Music Therapy Association National Conference
Louisville, KY, November 2014

Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association Conference
Rosemont, Illinois, March 2014

The Role of Music Therapy in Hospice

Great Lakes Caring Hospice/ In-house Hospice -Michigan facilities and Vendors
2007-2014

Sing Me Home: The use of Songwriting at the end of life

American Music Therapy Association National Conference
Jacksonville, FL, November 2013

Music Therapy and Hospice

Guest Lecturer, Lourdes University
Toledo, OH, Spring 2013

Hospice Assessments

Michigan Music Therapists Fall Workshop
Kalamazoo, Michigan, October 2012

Music Therapy: A Non-Pharmacological Approach to Treating Patients with Dementia

*Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Conference: Hospice Aide Conference
Mount Pleasant, MI, April 2011*

AWARDS

2024 Great Lakes Region of American Music Therapy Association Service Award
2021 Lily Faculty Scholarship Award

ORGANIZATIONS AND CHAIRS

American Music Therapy Association

GLR Past President 2021-2023
GLR President 2019-2021
GLR President Elect 2017-2019
GLR Vice-President 2015-2017
GLR Vice President Elect 2013-2015
Assembly Delegate/Alternate 2013-Present
Affiliate Relations Committee 2006-2016
Member, 2000-Present

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra Executive Board

Secretary 2016-2017
Executive Board Member 2014-2017

Indiana Music Therapy Association

Member 2015-Present

Michigan Music Therapists Association

Past President 2012-2014
President 2008-2012
Treasurer 2006-2008
Member, 2004-2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D Educational Psychology

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Development

Capella University
Graduated December 2022

Dissertation

The Effect of Short-Term Music Programming on the Executive Functioning Skills of
Preschool Children

Master of Music in Music Therapy

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Graduated December 2011

Master's Thesis

The Effect of Music on Working Memory in Children Diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol
Syndrome

Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy

Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Weatherford, Oklahoma
Graduated May 2005

Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance

Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Weatherford, Oklahoma
Graduated July 2003

CERTIFICATIONS

Music Therapy Board Certification
Orff Schulwerk, Levels 1-3
Kodaly, Level 1
NICU Music Therapist

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2024-Present	Babe of Wabash County Bi-Monthly Community Music Groups for Families with Children 0-5 Wabash, Indiana
2023-Present	GROW: Thriving Grant County, Thriving Mill Township Bi-Monthly Community Music Groups for Families with Children 0-5 Gas City, Indiana
2020-2025	Calm Corner Bi-Monthly Community Music Groups for Families with Children 0-5 Marion, Indiana

INSTITUTION SERVICE**Indiana Wesleyan University**

2014: Music Therapy Program Development, IWU Interprofessional Education Committee, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association
2015: Music Therapy Program Development, IWU Interprofessional Education Committee, Collaborative Workshop Opportunities with Pre-Art Therapy, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association
2016: Music Therapy Program Development, IWU Interprofessional Education Committee, Committee for Student Success, Student Life Council, two Presentations to the Nursing Department, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association
2017: Music Therapy Program Development, IWU Interprofessional Education Committee, Committee for Student Success, Student Life Council, one Presentations to the Nursing Department, Review Committee for the Alders Gate Prize, Review committee for Triangle Award, Senior Seminar Research mentor for 2 students, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee
2018: Music Therapy Program Development, IWU Interprofessional Education Committee, Committee for Student Success, Student Life Council, one Presentations to the Nursing Department, Review Committee for the Alders Gate Prize, Review committee for Triangle Award, Senior Seminar Research mentor for 4 students, participated on 5 recital committees, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee
2019: Music Therapy Program Development, Two Presentations to the Nursing Department, one presentation to the OT department, One presentation to the psychology department, Review Committee for the Alders Gate Prize, Review committee for Triangle Award, Senior Seminar Research mentor for 3 students, participated on 4 recital committees, JWHC Research Mentor, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association

2020: Music Therapy Program Development, Accreditation Council, Review Committee for the Alders Gate Prize, Senior Seminar Research mentor for 4 students, participated on 5 recital committees, JWHC Research Mentor, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association

2021: Music Therapy Program Development, Accreditation Council, Review Committee for the Alders Gate Prize, Committee for Student Success, Senior Seminar Research mentor for 5 students, participated on 4 recital committees, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association

2022: Music Therapy Program Development, Accreditation Council, Senior Seminar Mentor for 4 students, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, participated in 5 Recital Hearings, MT Presentation to Play Therapy Class, MT Presentation to Nursing Complementary Therapies Course, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association, Faculty Research Symposium, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee.

2023: Music Therapy Program Development, Accreditation Council, Senior Seminar Mentor for 3 students, Recital Committee Member for 5 students, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, MT Presentation to Nursing Complementary Therapies Course, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee, Scholarship Committee, Student Success Committee, JWHC Committee

2024: Music Therapy Program Development, Accreditation Council, Senior Seminar Mentor for 2 students, Recital Committee Member for 2 students, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, MT Presentation to Nursing Complementary Therapies Course, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee, Scholarship Committee, Student Success Committee, JWHC Committee.

2025: Music Therapy Program Development, Accreditation Council, Senior Seminar Mentor for 2 students, Recital Committee Member for 7 students, JWHC Admissions Interviewer, Faculty Advisor to Music Therapy Student Association, Spotlight Day Recruitment Committee, Scholarship Committee, Faculty Senate, Assessment Committee, General Education Committee, General Education Task Force.