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Business Developer
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Curriculum Author
Therapist
Hospice Palliative
At-Risk Populations
Psychiatric

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Non-Profit Experience
Board-Certified
Autistic Spectrum
Pediatrics
Forensic

Clinical Supervisor
Internship Supervisor
Grant Writing
Music Therapy
Behavior Disorders
Geriatrics
Early Memory Loss

SUMMARY:

Accomplished music therapist with extensive background in the development and implementation of therapeutic programs with diverse populations. Award recipient in music therapy for innovative business strategies and outcome-based results.

Founder/Director for Atlanta Music Therapy www.atlantamusictherapy.com

Program Director for The Center for Creative Therapeutic Arts in Las Vegas, Nevada

Founder/Director of Under Musical Construction, Inc. The first music therapy agency in the state of Georgia.

Founder/Director of Kindermusik of Gwinnett, Cobb, Buckhead and Fulton

Behavior Disorder Resource Therapist

Hospice Palliative Music Therapist

Brookwood High School/Snellville, Georgia-Community School Keyboard Lab Instructor

Metropolitan Ballet Theatre/Atlanta, Georgia-Dalcroze Eurythmics Instructor

Music Enrichment Provider to Child Development Centers throughout Atlanta

Instructor of Online Courses Pre-approved by Certification Board of Music Therapy

Music Therapist/Contractual with Atria of Buckhead

Elementary School Teacher of both Gifted and Self-Contained Autism Classrooms

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Six month clinical experience in Forensic Division at Central State Psychiatric Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee

Co-Director of Music Camps for Friends in the West, African Children's Choir in Kampala, Uganda

Music Therapist with PEOTSI, the National Autism Program of the year (2005) Autism Society of America

National teaching faculty member for Kindermusik International as the authority on the special learner.

Skilled Credentialed Early Interventionist Level II State of Georgia

CAREER STRENGTHS:

Leadership: Founded first Music Therapy agency in the state of Georgia, one of five in the country at time of inception. Employed 9 music therapists and served as supervisor for the National Internship Site.

Key Strengths: Diverse in Music and Therapeutic skills which support children, adults, and family members with excellent management, organizational and communication skills.

Authored: "Tickles, Giggles, and Lullabies"® "Rockin' Rattles and Baby Bottles"®, the use of music to enhance the acquisition of skills needed for language development. Granted U.S. Patent and Trademark Registrations for both curricula. (Trademark is current.)

Awards: *Professional Practice Award Southeastern Conference of American Music Therapy Association**

EDUCATION:

HPMT: Hospice Palliative Music Therapy Credential

Music and Integrative Therapies in Hospice Care

- Pediatric Palliative Care
- Grief and Loss Counseling
- Bereavement Management
- Drumming Strategies for Transcendence

MT-BC Music Therapist-Board Certified (certification #00307)

Post-graduate coursework towards Masters in Special Education

Valdosta State University - Bachelor of Arts in Music Therapy Florida State University

Coursework completed (2 years) for Bachelors in Music Education Shorter College

Through contractual music therapy with children and adults from age's newborn to 95 in clinics, assisted living facilities, schools, community service boards, and hospitals; Ms. Distelhurst has worked with over 85 entities providing a structured and outcome-based therapeutic setting.

***The highest award in the music therapy profession for the region.**