Part-Time Music Therapist and Early Childhood Music Specialist

Music Works Northwest is a non-profit community music school whose mission is to change lives through accessible music education and experiences. We serve all ages and abilities at Music Works through virtual and in-person music lessons, music classes for all ages, music therapy services, and summer camps. We are located in Bellevue just north of I-90 and west of I-405 off the SE 8th exit.

At Music Works, our music therapy approach is client-centered, and our first priority is to create a safe space where each client can explore, grow and make personal discoveries within the therapeutic relationship. In addition, we hold a neurodiversity-affirmative approach to music therapy. For us this means that:

❖ We view Neurodiversity simply as a part of human diversity, not as a problem to be fixed.
❖ As we continue our self-education as music therapists, we prioritize learning from Neurodivergent communities, which informs our language, our goals and priorities in therapy, and everything about our practice. We prioritize and center Neurodivergent voices above Neurotypical voices in our work.
❖ We recognize that we will make mistakes as we do this work, and will strive to acknowledge them and fix them as we continue to learn.
❖ We will not encourage individuals to try to fit into neurotypical norms. We do not engage in social skills training, encourage masking, or use behavioral strategies in our practice.
❖ We default to identity-first language unless person-first language is preferred/requested by the individual or
❖ community that we're referring to.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

Music Therapists and Early Childhood Music Specialists at Music Works Northwest provide direct services for clients in individual and group sessions and additional program support as described below.

❖ **Direct Music Therapy Services:** Plan, implement and document individual and group sessions via in-person and telehealth for music therapy clients, including Neurodivergent and Disabled children, teens and adults. Provide mobile music therapy services for schools, clinics, long-term care facilities and non-profits.
❖ **Early Childhood Classes:** Plan and lead early childhood music therapy classes via in-person and virtual platforms. Plan and lead private music lessons, summer camps and other group classes.
❖ **Curriculum Development:** Assist Music Therapy and Early Childhood Program Manager with curriculum development, including early childhood programming, music therapy groups, and special events for community partners.
❖ **Intern and Practicum Student Supervision:** Provide feedback and supervision to music therapy interns and practicum students.

QUALIFICATIONS

❖ Board-Certified Music Therapist or Board Eligible (Board Eligible applicants are expected to attain Board Certification within 6 months of hire date)
❖ Available to work Saturdays (additional hours available and flexible depending upon availability)
❖ Clinical experience working with Neurodivergent and Disabled individuals and/or experience working with individuals seeking mental health support
❖ Understanding of the safety and ethical considerations around working with Neurodivergent and Disabled individuals and individuals seeking mental health services
❖ Excellent in-person and virtual group facilitation skills
❖ Willingness to commit to continuous self-education on the impact that racism, ableism and other forms of oppression have on the clients we serve and implications for music therapy work

COMPENSATION

❖ Private Music Therapy: $35 per clinical hour plus $10 (50min) and $5 (25min) documentation pay per client.
❖ Group & Mobile Music Therapy: $45 per clinical hour plus enrollment bonus or travel fee
❖ Early Childhood Classes: $38.25 per hour plus enrollment bonus

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply, send a cover letter and current resume Tigran Arakelyan, Executive Director, at tigran@musicworksnw.org. For questions or to learn more about the position, please send an email to the same, or call 425.644.0988.