

Music Therapy Job: Riverside Academy, New Haven, CT – Independent Contractor Position
Beginning Date: August 2022 – June 2023
Music Therapist: Riverside Academy, New Haven, CT
Reports to: Music Therapist will report to Principal Derek Stevenson and Jackie Smaga, Director, The Michael Bolton Charities

Job Overview:

This is an 18 hours/week position funded by The Michael Bolton Charities (MBC) for a music therapist in an alternative public high school in New Haven, CT. The music therapist meets with individuals and small groups to work on social emotional goals, such as self-awareness and expression, self-regulation, relationship skills, empowerment and initiative. The ideal candidate understands and can successfully incorporate the elements of appropriate and meaningful connection with students to ensure their trust and comfort during a session. This program is the first of The MBC's "Beyond Trauma-Youth Music Therapy-Andie Koplik Residency in Music Therapy" program. The initiative was created in 2016.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Provide individual and small group music therapy sessions for high school students.
- Recruit, assess and develop appropriate goals for students for music therapy sessions,
- Provide documentation, treatment planning and tracking of statistics for reporting,
- Write detailed notes and evaluation progress of program to the program evaluator who will write up bi-annual reports to be used for further replication funding
- Communicate with staff and participate in staff meetings,
- Order and maintain instruments

Qualifications:

- Board Certified Music Therapist
- At least 5 years experience preferred
- At least 3 years experience preferred working with individuals with significant trauma and experience working with adolescents
- Experience in improvisation with individuals and small groups
- Advanced skills in guitar or piano
- Able to give basic lessons in guitar and piano
- Experience facilitating songwriting/writing raps in music therapy sessions
- Experience with Garageband or similar software, either current or willing to learn
- Flexible with initiative and being able to be proactive

Send resume and cover letter to:

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