

# MUSIC THERAPY: MAKING NEW CONNECTIONS

*Over and over again, Music Therapy is proven resourceful in reducing the length and intensity for many children's therapy sessions.*

Many children love and react well to music. They may be playing instruments, moving to the beat, singing, and interacting with others – but no matter the activity, it's impacting their life. Countless studies have been documented in great detail how the human mind reacts to music; numerous areas of the brain activate while participating in musical activities. Since the brain is triggered by music – learning, using, and retaining new skills in real-world situations becomes easier, making Music Therapy an impactful resource to your child's life.

Music Therapy gives children the opportunity to meet therapy goals while exploring music, having fun, and challenging themselves. Even though goals of improving social skills, expressions, coordination, and so much more are the focus of the sessions, children are finding outlets that will stimulate their creativity and grow bonds with their parents, guardians, and friends.

After studying Music Therapy at the University of Pacific, Jennifer Mommerency, MT-BC joined the team at Children's Therapy Services. She has a passion for working with children with special needs, which shines through with her commitment to quality service. Jennifer enjoys using music as a therapy tool for children in both group and

individual sessions.

Jennifer works with special needs children with a variety of diagnosis, including: Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down's syndrome, traumatic brain injuries, and many others. She uses Music Therapy's unique approach to help reach many children who struggle with more traditional therapeutic techniques. Children's Therapy Services is accepting new patients, including group and individual Music Therapy



Meet our newest addition to CTS – Jennifer Mommerency

sessions. The minimum number of children required for a group session is five.

Music Therapy can help to enhance children's lives. It not only makes learning fun, but it engrains lessons into the brain in a positive, effective way. To learn more about Music Therapy, visit [ChildrensTherapyServicesSD.com](http://ChildrensTherapyServicesSD.com).

AT CTS WE BELIEVE IN EMPOWERING KIDS. PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL, AND SPEECH THERAPIES – ALONG WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES – ALLOW KIDS TO CREATE CONNECTIONS THAT HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES.



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Owners Dan and Justin Casey with their sons Hunter and Carson. The Casey's have been providing therapy services in Western South Dakota for the last 10 years.



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