Strengthening Inclusive Early Childhood Programs with Music Therapy Strategies: The Director’s Role in Tuning up Music to Turn on Inclusion

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POLL

TUNING UP MUSIC

HAPPY 2018!

Enjoyment & Entertainment  Activation & Motivation  Relaxation & Calm Down
MUSIC IS FOR EVERYONE!

INTENTIONAL USE OF MUSIC

MOTOR SKILLS

COMMUNICATION

SOCIAL SKILLS

ACADEMIC SKILLS

FUNCTION OF MUSIC

* to CUE an activity or event
* to PROMPT a sequence of steps
* to STIMULATE learning in all developmental areas
* to DISTRACT from undesired behaviors
* to REINFORCE positive behavior
* to CREATE a stimulating or relaxing environment.

Kern, 2008
Since 1986, quality preschool inclusion is stagnant; only 7.2% increase for children ages 3-5 who are eligible for special education services (ChildCare Aware of America, Division for Early Childhood, & the Ounce, 2017).

Between 1975-2009, only 22 articles by a few scholars have been published on inclusion practice and research in music therapy (Brown & Jellison, 2012).

HUMAN RIGHT!

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QUALITY INCLUSION

DEC/NAEYC, 2009

Access
Participation
Supports

Through Music Therapy

This is David, a 3-year-old boy with visual impairments.

This is Sam, a 5-year-old boy with Pfeiffer Syndrome.
This is Susie, a 3-year-old girl with Cornelia Lange Syndrome.

Phillip, a 4-year-old boy with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

EVERYONE CAN MAKE MUSIC!

Children at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center at UNC at Chapel Hill
INCLUSION ACROSS GENERATIONS

Detmer & Kern, 2017

Intergenerational Music Therapy

PARENT SUPPORTS

UofL’s Early Learning Campus

IN SUMMARY

Music Therapy Service = Related Service under IDEA

How?
Consultation
e.g., with early childhood administrators
Coaching
e.g., with early childhood educators in childcare programs
Direct Services
e.g., with the child in different environments

What?
Environmental Modifications
e.g., musical playgrounds, sensory friendly concerts
Curriculum Adaptations
e.g., on-line music activities
Systematic Music-Based Strategies
e.g., peer mediated song interventions
Music Therapy Interventions
e.g., IFSP/IEP goals
CONSIDERATIONS
* TUNE UP MUSIC TO TURN ON INCLUSION

Would music-based interventions support your inclusion programming?
Which service would be best for your staff?
Where can you find a certified music therapist?

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