## **Cognitive**

- executive functioning
- · reasoning and problem solving
- · learning and spatial memory

## Social-Emotional & Behavioral

- processing of social and emotional info and memory
- · emotion and rewardbased learning
- socially appropriate behaviors

# Music Therapy Science



#### Motor

- voluntary movement
- motor control
- coordination, balance and motor memory

# Speech/Language

- · complex language *functions*
- · speech production
- speech comprehension

## Sensory

- hearing, sight, touch and other sensations
  - sensory input
- vital body functions



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NeuroRhythm specializes in developmental and neurological challenges including autism spectrum disorder and other cognitive, speech/language and motor delays. We are a research-based behavioral music therapy practice, and the only company that integrates the scientific fields of Neurologic Music Therapy (NMT) with Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).



# What is Music Therapy?

Music therapy is an established allied healthcare profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship by a **Board Certified Music Therapist** (MT-BC) to address the **physical**, **cognitive**, **communication**, **social and emotional** needs of individuals of all ages.

Neurologic Music Therapy (NMT) is the therapeutic use of music to address the cognitive, speech/language, and sensorimotor function of individuals with neurological diseases or disorders. Treatment techniques are based on a neuroscience model and the influence of music on functional changes in the brain and behavior.

# Music Therapy and the Brain

- Music is processed in all areas of the brain and has the ability to access and stimulate areas of the brain that may not be accessible through other modalities.
- Research shows that music enhances and optimizes the brain, providing more efficient therapy.
- Research supports parallels between non-musical functioning and music-assisted tasks, which provides a **scientific rationale** for the use of music in therapy.
- Music improves performance of cognitive, motor, and speech/language tasks. Studies show that people perform these tasks better with music than without.