Music Therapy & mental health

The specialized use of music with a credentialed therapist to restore, maintain, & improve cognitive, emotional, social, communicative, & psychological function

**Approach**

Goal-directed, music-based interventions augment hope, meaning, purpose, and recovery through:

- managing symptoms & arousal
- providing psychosocial support & education
- supporting healthy socio-emotional development
- fostering relationships

**Process**

Assess → Plan → Implement → Evaluate → Adapt

**Methods**

- Improvisation
- Songwriting
- Group drumming
- Structured music listening
- Music to refocus attention
- Song lyric discussion
- Music-assisted relaxation & breathing techniques
- Music-guided imagery
- Singing and/or chanting
- Instrument play
  ...and others

For selected references & other music therapy resources, visit:
https://www.musictherapy.org/research/sound_health_initiative/