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## Therapeutic Recreation Workshops

*Together, Supporting our Professionals with  
Educational Opportunities in Therapeutic Recreation*



### Licensure for TR

How Bad Do We Want It?  
What the Profession Must  
Do to Pursue It.

### Music Therapy

Want to Reach Treatment Goals  
with the Creative Arts?

Discover the Instruments You  
Need for Music-Assisted  
Recreation Therapy.



*September 12, 2003*

*Holiday Inn Carrier Circle • Syracuse, NY*

*September 19, 2003*

*St. Joseph's College • Long Island, NY*



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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration	8:30 to 9AM	
<b>Music Therapy</b> .....	<b>9AM to 12PM</b> .....	<b>.3 CEU</b>
Lunch	12:00 to 1PM	
<b>Licensure for TR</b> .....	<b>1PM to 4PM</b> .....	<b>.3 CEU</b>

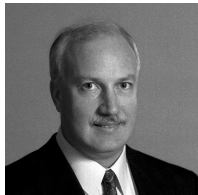
## Music Therapy: Using the Music Connection

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM • Presented by: Laurie Crosse, M.A. MT-BC

Music Therapy is a creative and effective method for Therapeutic Recreation Professionals to utilize to reach treatment goals with consumers, while promoting improved functioning. Whether working with individuals or small groups, this workshop will explore valuable implementation techniques for use with special populations at various stages of the development cycle. Bring your creative energy to join with Laurie, as she presents an in-depth and interactive demonstration of the value of Music Therapy. Topics will include an overview of music therapy as a creative arts modality, effective uses of recreation therapy, creative arts therapy and activities staff, and the design of music-assisted recreation therapy. Group discussion of case studies will provide an opportunity to discuss topics covered in the workshop.

Laurie Crosse, M.A., MT-BC, is a Music Therapist working with the North Shore Health System, Center for Extended Care and Rehabilitation. In this capacity and in her private practice, she has utilized music therapy for treatment with many populations including the elderly, hospice patients, disabled children and adults, as well as homeless individuals. In addition, she supervises undergraduate music therapy interns and lectures locally about music therapy and wellness. She earned her master's degree from New York University and is a current member of the American Music Therapy Association (AMTA). Laurie is the winner of Eileen Fisher's *Change Your Life* essay contest for the winter of 2002, sponsored by *More* magazine.

## Professional Licensure: An Overview of the Process



1:00 PM - 4:00 PM • Presented by: Ron Becker, MS ED., CTRS, President of NYSTRA; Diana Georgia, J.D., M.A., Lobbyist (September 12th); Charlynn Willis, M. ED, CTRS, Chief Recreation Therapist; and

David Hamilton, Ph.D, CSW, NYS ED, Office of the Professions

This session aims to inform TR professionals of the value of defining their professional practice in human service with licensure. Various perspectives will be presented by a panel of distinguished professionals in exploration of the goals of state regulated licensure. Goals of professional licensure in New York State will be discussed and include the establishment of standards of practice, consumer protection and defining the scope of TR practice. Uniting of the profession, organizing within the TR community and effective lobbying for change are some of the benefits of this process.

Following the panel presentation, an interactive discussion of the techniques necessary to promote the advancement of the TR profession will occur. Topics will include advocacy practice, effective communication with legislators, and navigating the legislative system from the TR perspective.

**Ron Becker, MS ED., CTRS**, currently serves as President of NYSTRA, while employed as Director of Therapeutic Recreation at Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital and Nursing Facility and Gouverneur Nursing Facility. His accomplishments include his role as a featured speaker at various state conferences and at Lehman College.

During her 25-year involvement in New York State government, **Diana Georgia, J.D., M.A.**, has lobbied for the licensure of mental health professionals, while successfully maintaining strong relationships with key members of the state legislature, the State Education Department and the Governor's Office.

**David Hamilton, Ph.D, CSW**, serves as Executive Secretary to the State Boards for professions including Physical Therapy, Social Work and Mental Health Practitioners, in the NYS Education Department. In this capacity, he works with the Board of Regents, which has the legal authority for the licensure, practice, and discipline of individuals in "learned professions."

**Charlynn Willis, M.ED, CTRS**, is an active member of NYSRPS and as a leader in the TR community for over 20 years, she is committed to the professional development of the TR industry. Among her many accomplishments, she serves as Legislative Chair for NYSTRA and Vice-President of METRO, the professional recreation association for the New York City area.



# DIRECTIONS

## **Holiday Inn Carrier Circle • Syracuse, New York**

### **From Down Town Syracuse**

Route 690 East to the Thompson Road North Exit. Follow Thompson Road North to Carrier Circle; take the 298 East Exit off of Carrier Circle. The Holiday Inn is located on Old Collamer Road South.

### **NYS Thruway (I-90)**

Take NYS Thruway to Exit 35, after the tollbooth go around the traffic circle to Route 298 East. The Holiday Inn is located on Old Collamer Road South.

### **Route 81 North**

Take I-81 North into Syracuse to Interstate 481 North to exit 7, Route 298 West. Follow Route 298 West for about 3 miles. The Holiday Inn is located on Old Collamer Road South.

### **690 East and West**

Take Exit 16N to Thompson Road North/Carrier Circle. Exit Carrier circle at 298 East. The Holiday Inn is located on Old Collamer Road South.

## **St. Joseph's College • Patchogue, Long Island, New York**

### **From the Long Island Expressway**

Travel East on Long Island Expressway to Exit 61 (Route 19/Patchogue-Holbrook Road). Travel South to Sunrise Highway. Turn left on Route 27 service road, approximately 1000 feet to college entrance on right.

### **From the Southern State Parkway**

Take the Southern State Parkway to Exit 44E (Sunrise Highway/Route 27), continue on Sunrise Highway to Exit 52. Remain on service road, cross Waverly Avenue, approximately 1000 feet to college entrance on right.

### **From Veteran's Highway South**

Veteran's Highway South (Nicolls Road) to Sunrise Highway East on Sunrise Highway (Route 27) to Exit 52. Remain on service road, cross Waverly Avenue, 1000 feet to college entrance on right.

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