

Jacob Stern

HOSPICE MUSIC THERAPIST

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SUMMARY

Board-certified music therapist with 5 years in hospice, palliative care and memory care, carrying 32 home and facility patients across the Kansas City metro. Uses live music, legacy songwriting and guided relaxation to ease pain, anxiety and isolation, and is able to work independently on the road while following the hospice philosophy of the team.

SKILLS

Other Skills: Music Therapy, Hospice Philosophy, Focus of Care, Palliative Care, Legacy Recordings, Guided Relaxation, Guitar, Clinical Documentation, Compassionate, Work Independently

EXPERIENCE

Hospice Music Therapist

02/2023 - Present

Prairie Light Hospice

Kansas City, MO

Nonprofit hospice serving 260 patients at home, in nursing facilities and in a 12-bed inpatient unit.

- Manage a caseload of **32** patients, driving to about 25 home and facility visits a week across 4 counties.
- Assess pain, anxiety and spiritual needs and set music therapy goals that match each plan and focus of care.
- Create legacy recordings and heartbeat songs with 60 families a year, delivered as keepsake audio files.
- Present patient updates at weekly IDG meetings with nursing, social work and chaplains and chart each visit the same day.

Music Therapist

06/2021 - 01/2023

Riverbend Palliative and Senior Care

Overland Park, KS

Palliative care and memory care provider with 5 communities.

- Led **18** group and individual sessions a week for residents with dementia, Parkinson's and end-stage heart disease.
- Tracked as-needed anxiety medication use with nursing, which fell 20% on 1 memory care unit over 6 months.
- Trained 30 caregivers to use personalized playlists during bathing and evening care.
- Played bedside vigil sessions for 45 actively dying residents, giving compassionate support to families.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music

05/2021

University of Kansas

Lawrence, KS

Music Therapy

CERTIFICATES

Music Therapist-Board Certified (MT-BC)

Certification Board for Music Therapists

08/2021

Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider

American Heart Association

02/2025