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Increased Access to Music Therapy in Annapolis

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On July 10th, Annapolis Music Therapy Services celebrated the opening of their new location at The Offices At Riva, 2568A Riva Road, with an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. There were over 100 people in attendance, including current music therapy clients and their families, Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation, the Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce, and elected officials who supported legislative bills that brought state licensure to all music therapists working in Maryland.

Music therapy is an established allied health profession that utilizes clinical, evidence-based, and relationship-focused music experiences to help meet physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of an individual across the lifespan. Now with state licensure in Maryland, there are increased possibilities for consumers to access music therapy services for themselves, a loved one, or a community in which they serve. Though state licensure does not guarantee coverage or reimbursement from private health insurance carriers, in some cases there has been success for some clients. In addition to a growing number of music therapy private practices in the region, licensed professional music therapists are also employed by state and local agencies who provide services to the public. Since the music therapy licensure bill passed last year, music therapists can also be found in hospital systems like Johns Hopkins, with a rapidly growing interest within health systems across the state.

Annapolis Music Therapy Services launched in 2013, specializing in adapted music lessons with neurodivergent children. In less than ten years the practice has expanded services into settings such as school-based programs, supported housing, day programs for those with developmental disabilities or acquired brain injury, assisted living, hospice, and mental health counseling. With their recent relocation and expansion, Annapolis Music Therapy Services is now able to increase capacity to receive new client referrals at The Offices at Riva.

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