

# Using Music to Improve Literacy and Communication Skills

Presented by **Kathy Schumacher, MT-BC, WMTR**

And WCMT Business Meeting  
Sponsored by WCMT  
In cooperation with GLR-AMTA

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

**8:30 – 3:30 ~ 8 hour CMTE**

Lutheran Home and Health Services  
244 N Macy Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935



**Description:** This workshop provides an overview of teaching literacy skills to typically developing kids and struggling readers. A primary focus will be on using music and movement to teach the foundational skill of phonological awareness. In this workshop, you will learn how to teach literacy skills to typically developing kids and struggling readers. You will also develop readiness skills by teaching phonological awareness and make that learning stick by using music and movement based strategies. Evidence will be provided for how development of literacy skills results in improved communication abilities. Concepts will be illustrated through case studies of children with autism and vignettes of neurotypical kids. Leave this workshop with multiple music-based interventions to improve communication and literacy skills.



## **Schedule:**

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast  
9-12 CMTE  
12-1 Lunch and Facility Tour  
1-3:00 CMTE  
3-3:30 WCMT Business Meeting

**Meals:** A continental breakfast will be served during registration. Lunch will be provided as well. All meals are included in registration cost.

## **Early Bird Registration deadline is Wednesday, August 31, 2016**

Included in your registration is a copy of Kathy's e-book, *Alphabet Stew and Chocolate Too: Songs for Developing Phonological Awareness, Literacy, and Communication Skills*

## **Learner Objectives:**

- 1) Understand the difference between phonics and phonological awareness.
- 2) Become familiar with the Phonological Awareness Developmental Continuum.
- 3) Learn how to teach phonological awareness through music-based interventions.
- 4) Learn strategies for teaching handwriting and letter sound correspondence.
- 5) Be introduced to several literacy assessment tools.



## **Presenter:**

Kathy Schumacher is a Board Certified Music Therapist with clinical experience in a variety of settings. Kathy holds a bachelor's degree in music therapy from UW-Eau Claire and has additional training in Brain Gym, Literacy Link, and sign language. She has worked in private practice the majority of her 20 year career with a focus on children with diverse learning styles and those on the autism spectrum. Kathy has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President of WCMT. Kathy has written over 250 songs to meet specific client needs and has presented at numerous conferences, both locally and nationally. She is author of *Alphabet Stew and Chocolate Too - Songs for Developing Phonological Awareness, Literacy, and Communication Skills*.

**Using Music to Improve Literacy and Communication Skills** is approved by the Certification Board for Music Therapists (CBMT) for 8 Continuing Music Therapy Education credits. The Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association, #P-021, maintains responsibility for program quality and adherence to CBMT policies and criteria.

**Any Questions? Contact:**

Rachel Miller at 608-220-9447 or [continuingeducation@musictherapywisconsin.org](mailto:continuingeducation@musictherapywisconsin.org)

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**Cancellation/Refund Policy:**

100% of the registration fee will be refunded if you cancel up to 4 days before the event. After that date, a 75% refund will be given.

**This course requires 3-credits of pre-reading, which will be emailed to you prior to the CMTE.**

**On-line registration & PayPal payment available at:**

[www.musictherapywisconsin.org](http://www.musictherapywisconsin.org)

**Mail Registration (Registration Deadline: 9/3):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Make Check Payable to:**

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Mail check by Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to:  
Rachel Miller, MT-BC, WMTR  
WCMT Continuing Education Chair  
401 N 89<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

**Total amount enclosed for CMTE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Lutheran Home and Health Services

244 N Macy Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  
920-921-9520

**Directions:** Parking is located in the main lot on the corner of W Arndt and N Macy, or on the street. Come in main entrance on N Macy. Signs will be posted to direct you to the class.

## From the North East/Green Bay Area:

- Take I-41/US-41 S
- Take exit 99 and turn left onto WI-23 E/W Johnson Street
- Turn left onto N Macy Street
- Destination will be on the left

## From the North West/Eau Claire Area:

- Take US-53 N
- Take exit 95A to merge onto WI-29 E/WI-29 Trunk E toward Green Bay
- Merge left onto US-51 S toward I-39
- Continue onto I-39 S/US-51 S
- Take exit 158 toward Waupaca
- Turn right onto US-10E
- Take the exit toward US-45 S
- Merge left onto (-41
- Take exit 99 and turn left onto WI-23 E/W Johnson Street
- Turn left onto N Macy Street
- Destination will be on the left

## From the South West/Madison Area:

- Take US-151 N
- Take the Country Road D N exit toward Military Road
- Merge onto Co Rd D
- Continue onto S Military Road
- Slight left onto S Brooke Street
- Turn right onto W Arndt Street
- Turn right onto N Macy Street
- Destination will be on your right

## From the South East/Milwaukee Area:

- Take I-41/US-45 N
- Take I-41/US-41 N
- Take exit 99 and turn right on WI-23 E/W Johnson Street
- Turn left onto N Macy Street
- Destination will be on the left

