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BETH ISRAEL'S LOUIS ARMSTRONG CENTER FOCUSES ON MUSIC THERAPY AND PEDIATRIC TREATMENT INTEGRATION, AUGUST 4

New York, NY – July 10, 2009 – The effective integration of music therapy and child life programs in hospital settings is the focus of an all-day program hosted by The Louis Armstrong Center for Music & Medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 4, at the Phillips Ambulatory Care Center, 10 Union Square East, between 14th and 15th Streets in Manhattan.

“Children who are hospitalized experience various kinds of pain,” said Joanne V. Loewy, DA, LCAT, MT-BC, Director of the Louis Armstrong Center, who will discuss music therapy and pediatric pain. “The inclusion of music therapy within child-life and social work programming expands our understanding of integrative treatment and there is much that can be learned from family-centered care.”

The keynote speaker is Beth Israel Medical Center's Pediatrician-in-Chief Edward E. Conway, Jr., MD, MS, Chairman, Milton and Bernice Stern Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Conway is also Chief of BI's Division of Pediatric Critical Care, specializing in pediatric neurological disorders and head injury. BI's Pediatric ICU incorporates medical, spiritual and psychological aspects of healing. Under his leadership, the unit received the 2007 Family-Centered Care Award from the Society of Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Conway is an advocate of music therapy and in 2008 was honored by the Louis Armstrong Center with its “What A Wonderful World” Award.

Program is being organized by John Mondanaro, MA, LCAT, MT-BC, CCLS, Clinical Director of BI's Louis & Lucille Armstrong Music Therapy Program, who will discuss music therapy in the psychosocial care of pediatric patients with epilepsy.

Also presenting are BI's Honey Shields and Marcia Graham; Erika Leeuwenburgh, LPC, LCADC, ATR-BC, CCLS, Center 36 in Waldwick, NJ; Danny Marain, MT-BC, Hackensack University Medical Center; and Diane Rode, MPS, CCLS, LCAT, ATR-BC, Mount Sinai Kravis Children's Hospital.

Space is limited and pre-registration by July 31, 2009 is recommended. Program fee is \$125 for professional and others; \$100 for students. Major credit cards accepted.

For more information about the program, team/group rates, and to pre-register, please call Sherry Williams at (212) 420-2704 or email shwillia@chpnet.org or info@musicandmedicine.org.

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