



Professional Association of Therapeutic  
Horsemanship International

# FACT SHEET 2020

**Founded in 1969**

## **About PATH Intl.**

PATH Intl. was formed in 1969 as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association to promote equine-assisted services (EAS) for individuals with special needs. Since that time, the association's work to credential professionals and accredit centers has expanded, as have the categories of individuals served EAS. Through the work of 813 member centers and more than 5,424 professionals credentialed through PATH Intl., 53,399 children and adults, including more than 5,900 veterans, find a sense of health, wellness, a sense of independence and fun through EAS. Member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several credentialed instructors and licensed therapists. In addition to horseback riding, a center may offer any number of EAS such as hippotherapy, carriage driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition and more. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful programs. There are 49,705 volunteers, 6,781 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world making a difference in people's lives.

## **Mission Statement**

We lead the advancement of professional equine-assisted services by supporting our members and stakeholders through rigorously developed standards, credentialing and education.

## **Vision Statement**

To ensure universal recognition of professional equine-assisted services and their transformative impacts that enrich lives.

# 2020 PATH Intl. Statistics

Data valid as of 12/2/19 based on 607 centers reporting statistics

## TOTAL CENTER MEMBERS

# 813



Premier Accredited Centers ..... **263**  
Not-for-Profit Centers ..... **550**

## TOTAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

# 6943

## TOTAL PATH INTL. CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS

# 5424

Certified Driving Insructors ..... **115**  
Certified Vaulting Instructors ..... **46**  
Certified Equine Specialists  
in Mental Health and Learning .. **1222**  
CTRI ..... **3703**  
Advanced ..... **311**  
Master ..... **27**

## TOTAL CENTER EMPLOYEES

# 3675



Total Centers Offering Internships. .... **364**  
Total Number of Center Volunteers. . **49,705**  
Total Value\* of Volunteer Hours  
..... **\$177,555,234,735**  
Average # of employees. .... **6.05**  
Average # of volunteers ..... **81.9**

\*The value of volunteer hours is based on the number of volunteers X center reported volunteer time X 28.54 as stated by independent sector.

## TOTAL EQUINES



# 6781

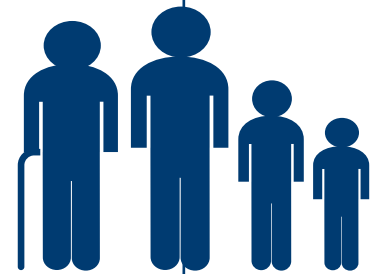
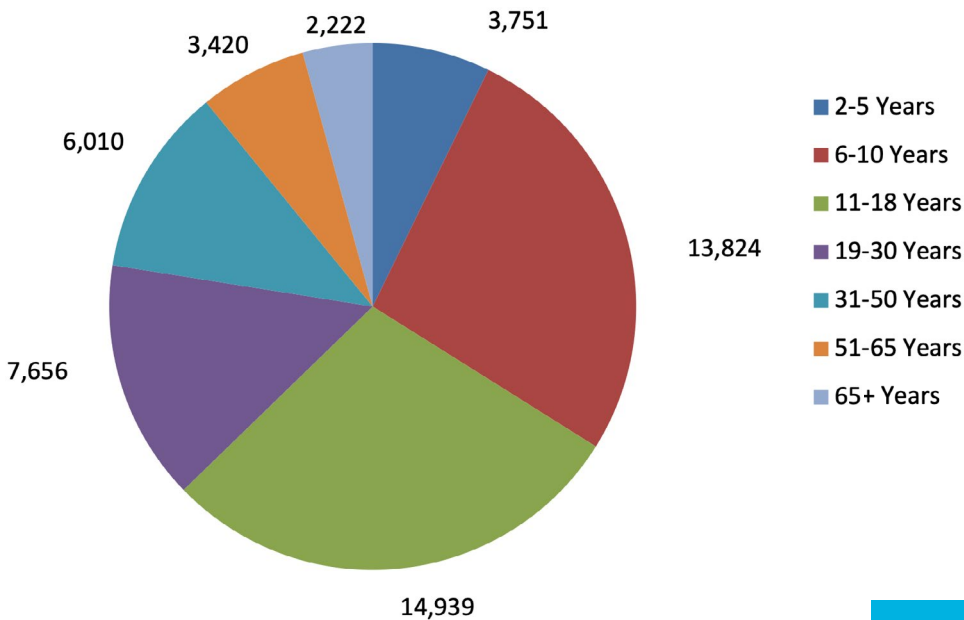
**5030** Horses, **1036** Ponies, **469** Minis,  
**136** Donkeys, **30** Mules, **80** Mustangs



# PATH INTL. CENTERS OFFERING SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2019	2020
Driving	49	59	60	65	57	66	66	40	45
PT, OT, SLP, Rec. Therapy Program	177	237	243	237	217	216	205	136	346
Equine-Assisted Learning	197	281	303	335	333	357	362	331	119
Psychotherapy/Counseling	96	125	129	149	143	155	158	137	147
Interactive Vaulting	34	48	39	47	32	40	31	20	24
Veterans Programs	178	233	267	317	315	335	316	280	267

## PARTICIPANTS BY AGE



# OF VETERANS SERVED

**5981**

TOTAL # OF PARTICIPANTS

**53,399**

AVG # PER CENTER

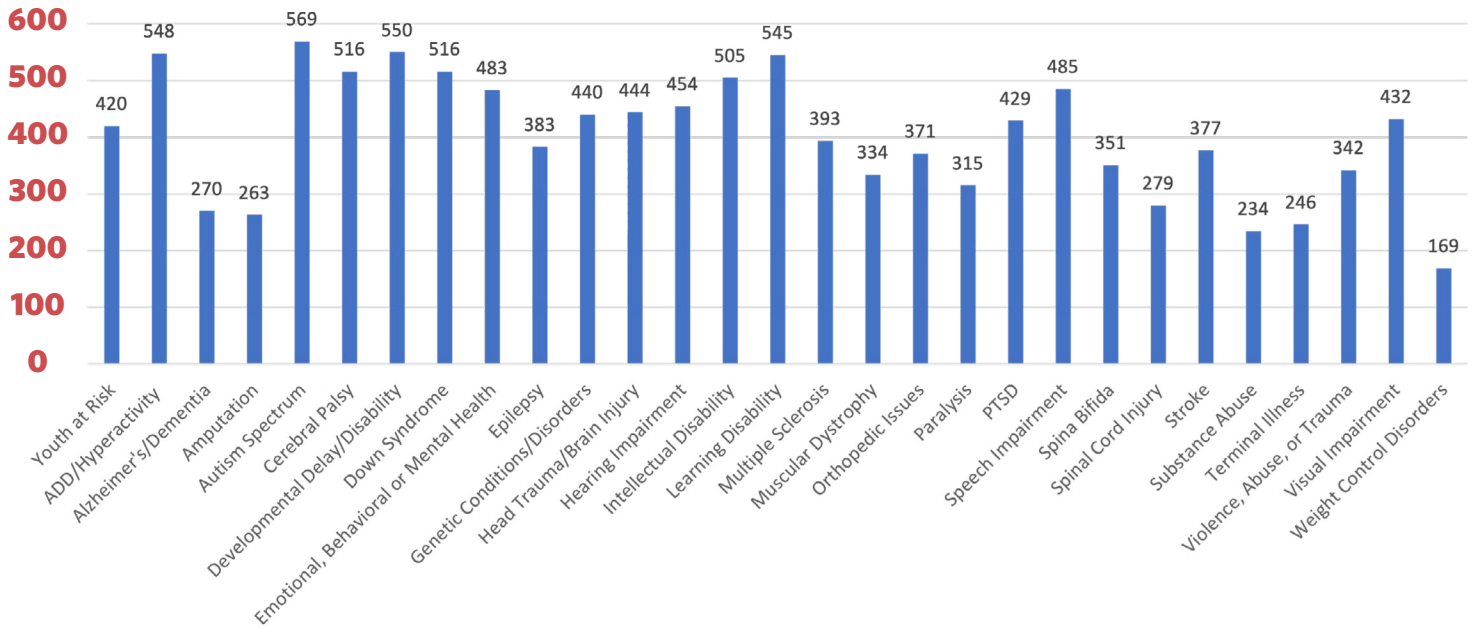
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CENTERS WITH WAITING LISTS **309**

INDIVIDUALS ON WAITING LISTS **4886**

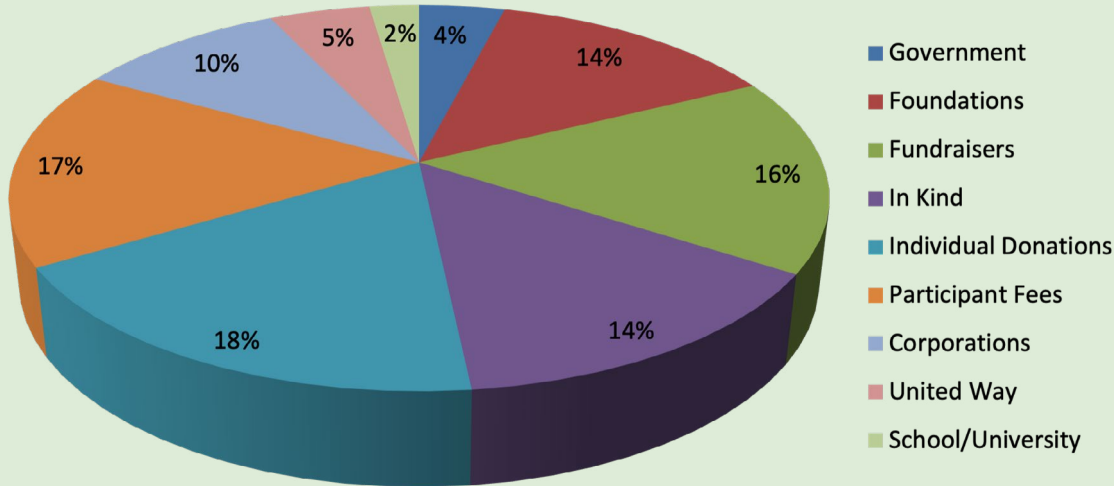
# SPECIAL NEEDS SERVED



## CENTERS PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2019	2020
Schools/Universities	371	444	467	486	459	512	477	321	326
Rehab Centers	179	219	227	243	224	268	244	157	170
Group Homes	388	444	471	475	450	476	463	313	328
Govt. Agencies	221	269	270	297	263	312	294	164	166
Nursing Homes	71	92	102	120	126	154	166	125	134
Hospices	42	44	61	70	70	85	82	54	57
Hospitals	124	141	150	163	157	163	154	108	117
Leadership Programs	-	162	216	241	247	287	284	152	160
Wellness Programs	-	76	109	135	138	159	158	137	138

# FUNDING SOURCES



## # OF CENTERS IN BUDGETS BETWEEN



\$0-\$999	<b>4</b>	\$100,000-\$149,999	<b>79</b>
\$1,000-\$9,999	<b>33</b>	\$150,000-\$199,999	<b>41</b>
\$10,000-\$19,999	<b>53</b>	\$200,000-\$499,999	<b>120</b>
\$20,000-\$49,999	<b>97</b>	\$500,000-\$1 million	<b>54</b>
\$50,000-\$99,999	<b>101</b>	OVER 1 million	<b>25</b>

## CENTER BUDGETS BY SIZE



	0-25K	25K-149,999	150K-299,999	300K-1M	OVER 1M
2011	244	243	85	71	10
2012	270	287	98	77	14
2013	280	276	104	84	15
2014	256	294	106	96	16
2015	215	295	93	97	20
2016	215	318	105	109	20
2017	213	306	99	111	20
2019	131	264	88	104	28
2020	141	226	100	115	25

**\$144,944,475**

TOTAL BUDGET  
FOR ALL PATHWAY INTL.  
CENTERS

**Instructor Certification:** Three levels of riding instructor certification, two levels of driving certification and one level of interactive vaulting certification ensure that instructors have the skill and knowledge to provide safe and effective services.

**Accreditation:** The PATH Intl. Center Accreditation process ensures that member centers strive for the highest level of safety and proficiency.

**International/Regional Conferences:** The PATH Intl. Conference and Annual Meeting offers academic sessions with CEUs for instructor compliance, hands-on demonstrations at the Preconference and networking opportunities. PATH Intl. Regional Conferences offer a more intimate, local conference experience within each region for members to attend educational seminars, connect with others in their geographical region, receive updates on safety standards and share teaching ideas. The region conferences are also excellent outreach opportunities to gain new members and promote awareness of PATH Intl.

**Communications:** The award-winning PATH Intl. Strides magazine, *PATH Intl. eNews*, the monthly *PATH Intl. Education eNews*, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn provide valuable educational information and updates to the PATH Intl. membership. Additionally, pathintl.org offers an indispensable tool for communication with the PATH Intl. membership and the general public.

**Industry and Association Awareness:** Through partnerships, attendance at tradeshow and conventions, the PATH Intl. presence is furthering awareness of EAS in general and most importantly the vital role PATH Intl. plays in credentialing member centers and professionals. PATH Intl. has presented or had a booth at the American Psychological Association, American Academy of Family Practitioners, American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA), the Air Force Wounded Warrior Programs (AFW2), CARE Fair, All-American Quarter Horse Congress and Equine Affaires in Massachusetts and Columbus, resulting in tens of thousands of individuals having an increased awareness of the industry and association.

**Mentor Training:** The PATH Intl. Mentor Training Workshop assists Instructors-In-Training to link with highly qualified PATH Intl. Certified Instructors to fulfill the required mentored hours for the certification process. This is accomplished by training current PATH Intl. Certified Instructors about the needs of mentees and the responsibilities of being a mentor.

**Distance Education:** Online courses are currently being offered along with webinars and many session recordings from PATH Intl. conferences. More online offerings are continuing to be made available.

#### MEMBERS PER STATE

	Individuals	Centers	Premier Accredited Centers
Alaska	10	4	0
Alabama	47	6	4
Arkansas	18	4	2
Arizona	83	9	4
California	243	38	17
Colorado	207	19	6
Connecticut	90	7	6
Delaware	34	3	1
Florida	226	37	14
Georgia	103	17	7
Hawaii	20	2	1
Idaho	39	5	2
Illinois	132	16	9
Indiana	62	9	7
Iowa	32	6	1
Kansas	27	8	2
Kentucky	49	12	4
Louisiana	27	10	1
Maine	29	2	2
Maryland	77	10	9
Massachusetts	122	7	6
Michigan	81	11	6
Minnesota	52	8	5
Mississippi	16	4	1
Missouri	53	10	5
Montana	28	5	2
Nebraska	27	0	1
Nevada	21	4	2
New Hampshire	52	5	4
New Jersey	109	16	9
New Mexico	32	4	1
New York	172	15	10
North Carolina	149	19	13
North Dakota	18	5	1
Ohio	157	16	15
Oklahoma	36	11	2
Oregon	57	4	3
Pennsylvania	148	22	8
Rhode Island	20	1	0
South Carolina	72	7	4
South Dakota	6	2	0
Tennessee	64	17	4
Texas	326	44	24
Utah	30	4	1
Vermont	34	3	3
Virginia	125	14	13
Washington	102	19	4
West Virginia	35	2	2
Wisconsin	102	19	3
Wyoming	20	3	3
Washington DC	3	0	0
Puerto Rico	4	0	0

#### INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

	Individuals	Centers	Premier Accredited Centers
Argentina	1		
Australia	7		
Bermuda	1		
Bolivia	1		
Canada	47	2	
Cayman Islands	2		
Croatia	1		
Ireland	1		
Israel	2		
Italy	1		
Japan	5		
Kuwait	1		
Norway	1		
Portugal	1		
Saudi Arabia	1		
Taiwan	1		
Slovakia	1		
South Korea	2		1
The Netherlands	1		
United Kingdom	5	1	
Zimbabwe	1	1	

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## **PATH Intl. Core Values**

**Access and inclusion**—promoting diversity and opportunity in equine-assisted activities

**Compassion and caring**—providing a culture of safety, understanding, and ethical treatment of humans and horses engaged in equine-assisted services

**Cooperation and collaboration**—connecting and partnering with those who share the PATH Intl. vision in a mutually beneficial manner

**Education**—sharing valued knowledge with our constituents to facilitate their success

**Excellence**—promoting quality in all undertakings

**Innovation**—encouraging and supporting creativity, inquiry and cutting-edge research

**Integrity and accountability**—ensuring that all business is based on ethical principles and conducted with transparency

**Professionalism**—enhancing the value and credibility of the industry

**Service**—providing effective and responsive information and programs to our constituents

**Holism**—promoting an awareness of body, mind and spirit in equine-assisted services

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