

REGION 2 PATH Intl. CONFERENCE

March 31, 2017
& April 1, 2017
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(Health and Recreation
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at Crowne Plaza Hotel
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Registration Form

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Online registration will be available through March 17, 2017. After March 17, 2017, registration will need to be completed onsite.

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- OR -

Fax it to
(303) 252-4610

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You may register online at www.pathintl.org

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You will be sent a confirmation via email

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Kimberly Price at
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CONFERENCE INFO & LODGING

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by March 10, 2017. Refer to "PATH
Intl Conference" when making your
reservation to secure the discounted
rate of \$89 plus 15% tax. Contact
the hotel line directly at 609-655-
4775 and transfer to reservations.*

Additional information regarding
things to do in the area and local
eateries can be located under the
events tab of the HRH of NJ website
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\$185 (\$215 onsite)	\$235 (\$265 onsite)

Student Rate
(ID required at pick up)
\$170 <small>(not available onsite, students will pay the applicable member or non-member rate, so register early.)</small>

Military/Veteran Rate
(ID required at pick up)
\$170

PATH Intl. Standards Course: **FREE**

Mental Health First Aid: **\$130.00**

WELCOME & SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HRH of NJ and PATH Intl. Region 2 welcome you to
two days of learning. Join us as we share collective
practices and research dedicated to celebrating our
equines, instructors, therapists, programs, riders,
families and volunteers.

On Friday night there will be a welcome reception with
light appetizers. Breakfast and a buffet lunch will be
served on Saturday. These meals are included in your
registration fee. Conference ends and auction item pick
up is at 5:15p.m.

As we transition to new CEU requirements for instructor
renewal, please note that sessions meeting the specific
disabilities education requirement are marked with *DE.
If you have questions about these requirements, please
contact Bret Maceyak at the PATH Intl. office.

Region 2 PATH Intl. CONFERENCE

Agenda

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who supported the development of this conference. We would like to give a **SPECIAL THANKS** to all of our presenters, without your contribution this conference would not be possible!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 31

(Sessions at Crowne Plaza Hotel Monroe/South Brunswick)

7:30a.m. to 9a.m.

**REGISTRATION OPEN/SILENT AUCTION
ITEMS DROP OFF**

8a.m. to 5p.m.

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR VETERANS
COURSE** ^{DE}

To register contact Dina Parrello at dmparrello@comcast.net. Course fee of \$130.00. It is not necessary to attend the conference to participate in this program. Class is limited to the first 30 registrants. A boxed lunch comes with this course.

Mental Health First Aid USA is a live training program-like CPR and First Aid, designed to give people the skills to help someone who is developing mental

health problems or experiencing a mental health crisis. Mental Health First Aid for Veterans offers family members and personnel working with veterans a simple proven combination of information and techniques for effective interventions. A tailored module builds upon the effectiveness of the standard Mental Health First Aid curriculum by focusing on the unique experiences and needs of the military, veteran and their families.

Ruth Kaluski, MS, CRC, LMHC has over 25 years of experience in the field of vocational rehabilitation. Ms. Kaluski is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. She was the Associate Director of Job Placement and Veteran's Services at ICD, a community-based outpatient rehabilitation facility in New York City. Currently she is the Director of the Career Connection Employment Resource Institute at the Mental Health Association in New Jersey Inc. Ms. Kaluski is a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor with designations to teach the Adult, Youth, Veteran, and Public Safety Curriculums. Michael Allora, MAS, EFO is a 23-year veteran with the Clifton, NJ Fire Department. He is the Fire Science Program Coordinator at Passaic County Community College in Paterson, NJ. He was honorably discharged as a Boatswain's Mate Second Class from the U.S. Naval Reserves. He earned the warfare designator 5351, Special Warfare Combatant

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Agenda

Craft Crewman (SWCC) while attached to Naval Special Warfare, Special Boat Unit 20 in Little Creek, VA. Deputy Chief Allora is certified as a Mental Health First Aid Instructor with designations to teach the Adult, Veteran, Public Safety, and Higher Education curricula. He holds a Master of Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

8:00a.m. to 4p.m. PATH INTL. STANDARDS COURSE CE --LUNCH ON YOUR OWN ^{CE}

Course is free but attendees must pre-register with PATH Intl. and bring a copy of the 2016 PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation manual.
Faculty, Octavia Brown

3:45p.m. to 5p.m. SO YOU WANT TO START A THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM? ^{CE}

This presentation is designed to enlighten attendees about the process (and pitfalls) in starting a nonprofit therapeutic riding program. Attendees will leave with a basic roadmap of steps to consider in starting their own program. Topics discussed will be broad recruitment, volunteer training, herd management, marketing, programming, strategic planning and infrastructure.

Cathy Schmidt, Founder and Executive Director of Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding in Harford County, MD. Life-long horseman and a 30+ year career in sales and marketing. She has been a Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor since 2004 and an EAGALA-certified Equine Specialist since 2009.

4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. REGISTRATION OPEN/SILENT AUCTION ITEMS DROP OFF

5:30p.m. to 6:00p.m. STATE MEETINGS

6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. WELCOME RECEPTION-LIGHT APPETIZERS DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

(Sessions at Crowne Plaza Hotel Monroe/South Brunswick)

6:30a.m. to 9:00a.m. REGISTRATION OPEN/SILENT AUCTION ITEM DROP OFF

6:45 to 7:45a.m. BREAKFAST

7:15 to 7:45 a.m. WELCOME AND TREK TO ACCREDITING THE PATH INTL. REGISTERED THERAPEUTIC RIDING INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION ^{CE}

Jeff Kelling

8:00 to 9:15a.m. SESSION 1

8:00 to 9:15a.m. 1A • FROM THE OFFICE TO THE BARN: NAVIGATING THE USE OF EXPERIENTIAL PSYCHOTHERAPY IN EAP TREATMENT ^{DE,EMSHL,CR}

Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy is an experiential therapy, but is it more? We will cover ways to incorporate and utilize evidence based treatment modalities in EFP sessions, as well as activity ideas for each, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Family Systems Theory, and Somatic Therapy. We will cover the special consideration needed in working with populations with trauma histories including youth, veterans, and abused adults.

Shannon Pinkerton, M.Ed, LPC is the Clinical Director of Equine Assisted Therapy of NJ. Shannon has been practicing EFP since 2007 and is a PATH Intl. instructor. Shannon specializes in at risk youth, persistent mental illnesses, families, and trauma.

Jeanne Mahoney RN, LPC is the Executive Director of Equine Assisted Therapy of NJ. Jeanne began practicing EFP in 2005 and is a PATH Intl. instructor. Jeanne specializes in addictions, family and couples, grief and loss, and veterans.

8:00 to 9:15a.m. 1B • SADDLE UP: INITIAL RIDER EVALUATIONS IN 20 MINUTES OR LESS ^{DE}

Every instructor can learn what is needed in a 20 minute horsemanship evaluation to determine horse type, equipment, and short and long term goals for a new rider. Initial evaluations for horsemanship skills include posture, balance, mode of learning, limitations, and abilities.

Sue Adams. BA in education. Has worked in the EAAT industry for 28 years including as past chair of PATH certification sub-committee, former member of accreditation committee, advanced instructor, lead faculty/evaluator for registered instructor certification, accreditation lead visitor, advanced instructor certification apprentice, EAAT Consultant, founder of ARCH, co-founder of Hearts TRC.

1C • SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF EQUINES FOR LONGEVITY IN THEIR CAREERS ^{CE}

Centers receive inquiries regarding potential program horses which come with varied health histories and levels of soundness. It can be overwhelming to identify candidates that have the potential to be successfully maintained in therapeutic programs. By gaining a better understanding of certain conditions, analyzing cost to benefit ratio and learning feasible methods for implementing proactive preventive care, attendees will leave the training with tools to make sustainable decisions regarding program horse health.

Joanna L. Becker, PhD, is a psychologist at Green Chimneys and researcher at the Sam and Myra Ross Institute for Human-Animal Interaction. As a PATH Intl. Registered instructor, she works with therapists and educators to integrate mindfulness-based animal activities and sensory-based approaches into traditional treatments for children with emotional disorders. Christina Horn is the Equine Program Coordinator at Green Chimneys and leads the team in program horse selection and management. She is a PATH Intl. Advanced instructor, ESMHL, Mentor and active member of the PATH Equine Welfare Committee.

9:15a.m. to 9:30a.m.

BREAK

9:30a.m. to 10:45a.m

SESSION 2

9:30a.m. to 10:45a.m

2A • CREATING AN EQUINE HAVEN FOR OUR VETERANS ^{DE}

Creating an Equine Haven for Veterans, Service Members, and their Families requires a unique and specific approach. The environment created in addition to the personnel, volunteers, and horses needed are important factors that are critical for center operations and for the recruitment and retention of participants. Obtaining the knowledge and tools required will assist the Center's Executive Director, Personnel, Volunteers, and Board of Directors in creating and managing a center for this population.

Janet Brennan, Founder & Executive Director of Shamrock Reins in Pipersville, PA strongly believes we have a responsibility to our Veterans, Service Members, and their Families and that by bringing horses together with them we will assist in their recovery, healing, and reintegration back into civilian life. Janet is a Registered Nurse and spent 20 years in the pharmaceutical outsourcing industry in various executive leadership roles. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University.

9:30a.m. to 10:45a.m

2B • DEVELOPING VOLUNTEERS AS LIFELONG LEARNERS ^{CE}

Fill that volunteer schedule! Have a waitlist of potential volunteers! Always have volunteers in place who can perform their roles safely and effectively! Cultivating the volunteer as a life-long learner is key to establishing or revitalizing any EAAT center's volunteer program. This session discusses how to integrate principles of adolescent and adult education into volunteer management, ultimately resulting in more satisfied volunteers who have the skills they need to serve your program most effectively.

Karen M. Brittle, M.A., is a PATH Intl. Advanced Instructor, Mentor and Evaluator. Karen has served as the Volunteer Coordinator at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, the Volunteer Training & Intern Specialist at Little Bit Therapeutic Riding. Prior to teaching in the EAAT field, Karen had over ten years of experience teaching community adult education and college courses, often to populations deemed at-risk.

9:30a.m. to 10:45a.m

2C • EQUINE OPHTHALMOLOGY ^{CE}

This presentation will cover what to look for and how to best prevent and treat some of the most common problems associated with the horse's eye.

Dr. Laura Parisio-Wood has been an equine veterinarian with Colts Head Veterinary Services since 2009. After graduating from the Royal Veterinary College in London England, she went on to complete two internship years at Rhinebeck Equine in New York State and at the New Jersey Equine Clinic in Millstone Twp., NJ. Her interests include preventative care, podiatry, and nutrition.

11:00a.m. to 12:15p.m.

SESSION 3

11:00a.m. to 12:15p.m.

3A • EQUINE TEAM THERAPY FOR VETERANS ^{DE,EMSHL,CR}

How to address the specific needs of the military, veterans, first responders and their families as it relates to Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy (EFP). Showing that within the safe container of the EFP session participants can play out scenarios learning healthy tools on an experiential level. The presentation will include role playing, session videos and discussions on ways to identify flashbacks and tools to support grounding and self-regulation for the participant.

Dottie Kelly, RN, MA, LPC is a licensed professional counselor with over 20 years of experience working with children, adolescents and adults in individual, family and group sessions. She specializes

in trauma issues, PTSD, sexual trauma, anxiety and depression using a variety of treatment approaches: CBT, EMDR, Accelerated Resolution Therapy, play/sand tray therapy, expressive arts and equine psychotherapy. She is a member with the American Counseling Association, International Association of Trauma Professionals, National Trauma Grief and Loss Institute and EMDRIA. Vera Dragunas is a PATH Intl. Advanced Instructor and an Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning presently working with Dottie Kelly, and the military, veterans, first responders and their families at Shamrock Reins in Pipersville, PA.

11:00a.m. to 12:15p.m.

3B • PROS AND CONS OF BEING A TRI WITH A DISABILITY AND MAKING BOTH WORK DE, RIDING CR

This presentation will explore the advantages and disadvantages of being an instructor with a disability by highlighting the experiences of an instructor with almost 45 years of participant experience and over 5 years of instructor experience. This will include discussing how to meet the PATH Intl. requirement and where to get the specialized info needed to be an instructor. Also included in the discussion will be problem solving to help with adapting teaching techniques to meet both the needs of the student and the ability of the instructor. This can include everything from mounting and dismounting to learning how to use the ring space to the instructor's best advantage. Learn how to optimally utilize leaders and side walkers and to help your students who may have the potential to become an instructor.

Tracy Cole has been a participant in therapeutic riding for over 44 years and an instructor with Therapeutic Riding at Centenary (TRAC) since 2011. She was the Independent Adult Rider of the Year for NARHA in 2005. She has presented at PATH conferences and has been a judge at the HRH of NJ state horse show for the past 4 years.

11:00a.m. to 12:15p.m.

3C • STRATEGIC DEWORMING CE

Learn how to combat parasite resistance in your herd. In this very practical session, we will explore the topic of resistance in horses, compare strategic vs. rotational deworming, and discuss deworming best practices. See how you can design and execute a strategic deworming protocol that will improve equine health, save money, and reduce parasite resistance.

Rachel Neff is the Center Director at Great and Small, a Premier Accredited Center in Boyds, MD. She has a B.S. in Agribusiness and minor in Equine Science from Murray State University. Rachel has over seven years' experience using strategic deworming as part of managing equines in boarding barns and EAAT programs.

12:15 to 2:15p.m.

LUNCH AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

GETTING DOWN TO BASICS WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME DE

In this presentation, the audience will gain a basic understanding of Tourette Syndrome. It will describe the symptoms, possible causes, diagnosis and treatments for Tourette Syndrome, and discuss the co-morbidities associated with this condition, as well as important strategies for working with someone with Tourette Syndrome.

Tracy Lederman, M.S., Ed.D., received her Master's in Secondary Education from the University of Pennsylvania, and doctorate in Curriculum and Teaching from Teachers College, Columbia University. She worked eight years as a high school teacher and four as a Supervisor of Curriculum in a NJ public school district. Dr. Lederman recently left her job with a Student Information System Software company, to parent her two children full-time, one of whom has TS and associated disorders. New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome www.njcts.org

2:30 to 3:45p.m.

SESSION 4

2:30 to 3:45p.m.

4A • QUESTIONS OF (DIS) ABILITIES DE

Teaching individuals who learn differently due to challenges in cognition, communication, motor presentation and emotional wellness requires additional knowledge of the disabilities that cause these differences. Explore these (dis) abilities through answers to specific questions that will help you tailor your lesson to meet their unique goals.

Susie Rehr, PT, HPCS, CCI, is the executive director of Special Strides, a PATH INTL. PAC in Monroe, NJ. She has presented at numerous conferences on clinical education, industry terminology and other topics on EAAT.

2:30 to 3:45p.m.

4B • EVENT AND FUNDRAISING PLANNING BOOTCAMP CE

The 5 W's of planning events such as horse shows, clinics and fundraisers will be explained. This session will explore the realities and organizational

necessities of a successful event. Participants will be exposed to templates for timelines, invitations and scripts to ensure strong volunteer presence, professional expertise and satisfaction of participants for various events.

Kara Stark McGrew earned a B.S. in Equestrian Science and a B.A. in Business Administration from Stephens College in MO. Kara manages, trains and instructs as owner of KSM Equestrian Enterprises. Kara is also the founder, director and instructor for The Helping Horseshoe Therapeutic Riding Club, which hosts the Challenged Riders division at The Sussex County Farm and Horse Show. She manages HRH of NJ's state horse show which runs concurrently with Special Olympics of NJ's horse show. Kara holds her coach's certification for SO in equestrian and is a PATH certified instructor. An active member of the Arabian Horse Society of NJ since 1992, she currently holds the president position and is on the show committee. Kara has been a licensed steward for the United States Equestrian Federation since 1994 and officiates at approximately 30 shows per year.

2:30 to 3:45p.m.

4C • COMPARING REACTIVITY IN HORSES CE

Margaret Hall and Dr. Octavia Brown of Centenary University conducted a research project in 2015 that tested the reactivity of horses used in the university's therapeutic riding program compared to horses used in the lesson program. Surprisingly, on average the lesson horses scored as less reactive than the therapeutic horses. The focus shifted to analyzing the extensive past careers of the horses as a link among the least reactive horses.

Margaret Hall is a Presidential Scholar at Centenary University with a planned graduation in May 2017 with her B.S. in Accounting and A.S. in Equine Studies. Currently, she is also working towards becoming a certified PATH Intl. therapeutic riding instructor. Since her freshman year, Margaret has had the privilege of having Dr. Octavia Brown as her mentor for her Presidential Scholarship and therapeutic riding instructor endeavors. Dr. Octavia J. Brown is Professor of Equine Studies at Centenary University in Hackettstown, NJ, where she directs Therapeutic Riding At Centenary (TRAC), a PATH premier accredited center and approved instructor training center. She holds a Master of Education degree from Harvard University and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Centenary University. A founder of NARHA, she is a PATH Master Instructor and ESMHL. In 1998, she received the James Brady Award for Lifetime Achievement in Therapeutic Riding.

4:00 to 5:15p.m.

SESSION 5

4:00 to 5:15p.m.

5A • EQUINE-ASSISTED ACTIVITIES AND THERAPIES: A VETERAN'S PERSPECTIVE DE

How to retain veterans and keep them coming back is a question often asked by programs offering Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT). Providing services that help the veteran to assimilate, feel emotions again, rekindle relationships and develop trust and respect is part of the answer. A panel of veterans will share their expectations, and tell you what they need and look for to help you have a successful program.

Major George W. Paffendorf, U.S. Army, Retired, is a PATH Riding and Driving Instructor, ESMHL and Mentor. Other certifications include EAGALA Level Two Equine Specialist, Special Olympics Equestrian Coach, licensed NYC Carriage Driver and Chris Irwin EAPD. George is an instructor with Therapeutic Riding at Centenary University and oversees TRAC's Veterans Program: "Operation Centaur." He is a member of the Touchstone Farm Veterans Task Force and "Operation Horsepower" and serves on the PATH Driving Subcommittee. Jenni Tevlin, Executive Director, Hoof Prints on the Heart, provides animal assisted therapies (AAT) to veterans. She developed the first AAT course for Monmouth and Rutgers Universities. Jenni's other credentials include PATH certified ESMHL and Riding Instructor, BS and MS degrees in Animal Science, MS degree in Mental Health Counseling, NJ-State Licensed Associate Counselor, NJ Disaster Response Crisis Counselor, National Certified Counselor, Human Resources and Project Management Professional and MCSPCA Pet Therapy team member.

4:00 to 5:15p.m.

5B • ESTABLISHING A SUCCESSFUL EQUINE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR HORSES NEW TO EAAT DE,CR

This presentation will outline the development of a structured Equine Training Program for an equine-assisted activities and therapies center. Included in the presentation will be examples of a Premier Accredited Center's Equine Training program that will include information on a schooling and exercise program, equine training program policies, procedures, and guidelines, and how to set up a trial horse for success with details on boarding policies, procedures, and guidelines. Sample forms, and manuals will be provided to participants to use as a resource as they develop and enhance their current equine training program.

Kelly Rodgers is a PATH Intl. Master Instructor, Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning, Instructor Mentor, and Associate Site Visitor. She has served as the Program Director at Maryland Therapeutic Riding, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center, since 2008 and holds a B.S. in Equine Business Management from Centenary University.

4:00 to 5:15p.m.

5C • THREE VECTORS OF HOOF HEALTH ^{CE}

Horse hoof health is dependent on three supporting vectors: nutrition, exercise and appropriate trimming practices. Nutrition is important in controlling body score and development of metabolic issues. Exercise must be appropriate for conditioning for intended work. The hoof trim should optimize biomechanics of the hoof to prevent common maladies. The influence of each of these areas will be discussed and related to the potential for maintaining optimum horse health. While a good barefoot trim will go a long way to improve the biomechanics of a horse's movement, nutrition and exercise are necessary and often misunderstood and underutilized areas that influence horse hoof health.

Jane Burrows, DPT, HPCS has been involved with EAAT since 2005 and is past president of the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA). She has presented numerous times at the AHA Conference on topics including insurance reimbursement, statements of best practice and standardization of terminology. She has been a barefoot trimmer for 11 years and has recently completed workshops and course work for certification as a barefoot trimmer.

**THANKS FOR COMING.
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