Centers must be able to effectively answer the question "Why Horses?"

Be prepared to provide concrete examples to help potential participants/organizations/schools conceptualize the practical application of your program to address their specific goals and challenges.

Example for an academic EAL progam:

For a presentation to a homeschool organization, in which the parents already valued experiential learning, we needed to demonstrate how an EAL program supports the learning process to meet specific core curriculums. For the example, I connected a state 5th grade history core standard with a respected equine related resource. I then provide the EAL lesson plan outlines and the equine activities and farm environment experiences that would bring the learning to life for the students.

1) **Tennessee Common Core Standards**
   Website link: http://tncurriculumcenter.org/common_core
   Fifth Grade - The History of America (from 1850); <u>Industrial America and Westward Expansion</u>

   Students explain the various causes and consequences of the Second Industrial Revolution and events in Tennessee, and describe the nation's growing role in world affairs.

   5.27 Explain the need for the South and Tennessee to move toward industry and mechanization after the Civil War and identify examples of the effort, including Coca Cola bottling in Chattanooga, mining on the Cumberland Plateau, coal and iron processing, the growth of urban areas, and the increase in railroads. (G, E, H, TN)

2) **Equine related resource from the American Museum of Natural History** ** great resources for exploring history through the equines who were by our side.

   http://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/horse

Among the equines at the center I currently work at, we have minis (ancestors worked in the mines), donkeys (used for pack animals), quarter horses, and team driving horses. WHAT A GREAT WAY to explore this era of our American history… through the eyes of the equines. Looking at the above standard, it is easy to see what a great fit this is. It would be easy to add a language arts component to this, too.