**Year Founded:** 1969

**Executive Director:** Sheila Kemper Dietrich

**Mission Statement:** NARHA is a membership organization whose goal is to promote safe, professional, ethical and therapeutic equine activities for people with and without disabilities, through education, communication, standards and research.

**About NARHA:** The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association was formed in 1969 to promote equine assisted activities for individuals with disabilities. At nearly 700 member centers, a total of more than 35,000 children and adults find a sense of independence through involvement with horses. These member centers range from small, one-person programs to large operations with several instructors and therapists. In addition to horseback riding, a center may offer any number of equine activities such as driving, vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work, or stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful riding programs. There are more than 26,000 volunteers, 2,600 instructors, 5,900 therapy equines, and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers.

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**2005 Statistical NARHA Center Information**

Statistics valid as of 12/31/04 based on annual statistic reports

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<th>Total Center Members: 692</th>
<th>Total Budgets for all Centers: $77,060,437</th>
<th>Total Equines: 5,911</th>
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**Total Number of Volunteers:** 26,474

**Total NARHA Certified Instructors:** 2,620

- Physical Therapists at Centers: 427
- Occupational Therapists at Centers: 313
- Speech Language Pathologists at Centers: 72
- Psychiatrists at Centers: 11
- Psychologists at Centers: 48

**Total Number of Employees:** 2,007

- Registered Therapists: 648
- Hippotherapy Clinical Specialists: 33
- Social Workers at Centers: 135
- Other Mental Health Professionals: 83

**Total Centers Offering Internships:** 222

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**Participants**

- **Total Participants:** 35,497
- **Participants by Age**
  - 2-5 years: 1%
  - 6-10 years: 34%
  - 11-18 years: 32%
  - 19-50 years: 16%
  - 51-65 years: 14%
  - 66+ years: 1%

**Region**

**People Waiting**

**Total People On Waiting Lists:** 6,894
SPECIAL NEEDS SERVED:

ADD or other Hyperactivity Disorder  Developmental Delay  Learning Disability  Amputees  Down Syndrome
Mental Retardation  At Risk Youth  Emotional, Behavioral  MS  Stroke/CVA
Muscular Dystrophy  Autism  Head Trauma/Brain Injury  Cerebral Palsy
Hearing Impairment  Orthopedic  Paralysis  Speech Impairment
Spina Bifida  Spinal Cord Injury  Substance Abuse  Terminal Illness
Visual Impairment  Weight Control Disorders

Total Center Partnerships With Outside Agencies or Organizations: 1,103

Government Agency  148  Rehabilitation Center  156  Hospice  16  Group Home  262
Residential Facility  12  Nursing Home  37  Schools/Universities  324  Hospital  78  Other  70

Programs

Instructor Certification: Three levels of certification ensure that instructors have the skill and knowledge to provide safe and effective services.

Accreditation: The NARHA On-Site Accreditation Process encourages member centers to strive for the highest level of safety and proficiency.

National/Regional Conferences: The National NARHA Conference is our premier educational opportunity, offering academic sessions, research posters, hands on demonstrations at the Horse Fair and networking opportunities. NARHA Regional Conferences offer a more intimate, local conference experience. These are opportunities for individuals within each region to attend educational seminars and network with others in their geographical region.

Communications: NARHA’s Strides quarterly magazine, NARHA E-News, The Instructor’s Voice, The Administrator’s Voice, and other publications provide valuable educational information and updates to the NARHA membership. Additionally, the NARHA website offers an indispensable tool for communication with the NARHA membership and the general public.

Distance Education: An important and ever growing component of our website is the distance education program. Three courses, Center Accreditation Training, Instructor Self-Study, and Volunteer Training, are currently offered through this program.

EFMHA: The Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association section is dedicated to advancing the field of equine facilitated mental health and learning through support, education, and training of professionals who work with equines and humans so that they implement mutually beneficial standards of safe, ethical, effective practices.

NARHA Affiliate Partner Program: This program is designed to create partnerships between NARHA and non-commercial organizations that share NARHA’s vision and support NARHA’s mission. NARHA was proud to welcome The American Hippotherapy Association, AHA, Inc. as its first nationally recognized Affiliate Partner.

NARHA Financials

**NARHA 2004-2005 Revenues**

$1,565,233

- Education: 31%
- Regions: 5%
- Communication: 5%
- Dues & Services: 47%
- Contributions: 8%
- Sections: 3%

**NARHA 2004-2005 Expenses**

$1,415,952

- Education: 28%
- Communication: 14%
- Regions: 7%
- Member Services: 3%
- Development: 2%
- Committee: 3%
- General/Admin: 39%

*The high percentage in General/Administrative expenses was due to one time costs related to an office move, and salaries/contractual costs.*