Year Founded: 1969

Mission Statement: The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.) promotes safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs.

PATH Intl. Vision Statement: PATH Intl. is a global authority, resource and advocate for equine-assisted activities and therapies and the equines in this work that inspires and enriches the human spirit.

About PATH Intl.: PATH Intl. was formed in 1969 as the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association to promote equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. Since that time, the association’s work to credential professionals and accredit programs has expanded, as have the categories of individuals served through EAAT. Through the work of 873 member centers and more than 4,700 professionals credentialed through PATH Intl., 68,929 children and adults, including more than 6,700 veterans, find a sense of health, wellness, independence and fun through EAAT. 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 EAAT 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 61,642 volunteers, 4,776 instructors, 7,943 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world making a difference in people’s lives.

PATH Intl. Centers Offering Specialty Programs

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Total Equines: 7,943
- Horses: 6,062
- Ponies: 1,234
- Minis: 482
- Donkeys: 142
- Mules: 41
- Mustangs: 69
- Average #: 10.6

Average # of employees: 4.90
Average # of volunteers: 82.2

Total PATH Intl. Certified Professionals: 4,776
- Certified Driving Instructors: 106
- Certified Vaulting Instructors: 38
- Certified Equine Specialists in Mental Health: 838
- and Learning

Total Number of Center Employees: 3,676
- Total Centers Offering Internships: 463
- Total Number of Center Volunteers: 61,642
- Total Value* of Volunteer Hours: $4,545,955,723
- Average # of volunteers: 82.2
- Average # of employees: 4.90

*The value of volunteer hours is based on the number of volunteers X center reported volunteer time X $24.14 as stated by independent sector.

2017 PATH Intl. Statistics
Data valid as of 12/31/17 based on 750 centers reporting statistics
Thank You!

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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 activities
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 activities and therapies

Total number of participants: 68,929
Average number of participants per center: 91.9

Number of veterans served: 6,724

PATH Intl. Center Members with participant waiting lists: 342
Individuals on waiting lists: 6,145

Special Needs Served
PATH Intl. Centers Partnering With Community Organizations

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2017 Center Funding Sources:

- Government: 18%
- Foundations: 14%
- Fundraisers: 18%
- In Kind: 15%
- Individual Donations: 7%
- Participant Fees: 5%
- Corporations: 3%
- United Way: 2%
- School/University: 2%

Total Budgets for All PATH Intl. Centers: $164,369,769

2017 PATH Intl. Volunteer Committees and Task Forces With Number of Members

- Accreditation Subcommittee: 5
- Certification Oversight Committee: 5
- Conference Host Committee: 7
- Driving Certification Subcommittee: 8
- PATH International Equine Services for Heroes® Committee: 7
- Equine Specialist Certification Subcommittee: 5
- Equine Welfare Committee: 10
- Faculty Development Task Force: 5
- Finance Committee: 7
- Governance Committee: 6
- Grievance Committee: 4
- Health and Education Advisory: 6
- Membership Oversight Committee: 11
- PATH Intl. Board of Trustees: 12
- Programs and Standards Oversight Committee: 9
- Quality Assurance Task Force: 11
- Riding Certification Subcommittee: 6
- Standards Review & Development Task Force: 6
- State Chairs: 51
- Strategic Planning Committee: 6
- Vaulting Certification Subcommittee: 7

Center Budgets by Size

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**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 Horse Expo and networking opportunities. PATH Intl. Region 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 Trek to Accrediting the PATH Intl. TRI Certification eNews, the monthly PATH Intl. Education eNews, the quarterly region newsletters, 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 attendance at tradeshows and conventions, the PATH Intl. presence is furthering awareness of EAAT 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 Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA), the Air Force Wounded Warrior Programs (AFW2), CARE Fair, and Equine Affairs 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 25 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:** Several online courses are currently being offered along with webinars and many session recordings from PATH Intl. conferences. PATH Intl. held its first virtual conference for approximately 200 distance learners. More online offerings are continuing to be made available through this ever-growing initiative.

**PATH Intl. Affiliate Partner Program:** This program creates partnerships between PATH Intl. and non-commercial organizations that share the PATH Intl. vision and support the PATH Intl. mission. **Affiliate Partners:**
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