

9. Please describe the nature of your work at the PATH Intl. center or describe your career plan after completing your EAAT coursework.

I was a founding member when we started up our program in 1996, have been a volunteer most of those years and have been Program Director several of those years also. I have assisted in training the lesson horses, helped write up our NARHA program standards and guidelines for our center accreditation, and assisted in setting up the the physical part of the program. I became a registered instructor for several years, then became the Program Director. I now spend most of my time helping with volunteer training, researching grant possibilities and volunteering during program lessons. We had to move our program location due to a land sale and no longer have center accreditation. Since NARHA has changed to PATH Intl., we feel it is important that we attend the Conference for an update in the changes. It is also easier for us to attend since it is on the west coast this year.

10. What are your goals in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies?

My goals are to assist our program to provide education and equine therapy and activities to the disabled and special needs population of Plumas County and its surrounding areas.

11. How do you think attending the PATH Intl. National Conference and Annual Meeting will help you in your work and goals in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies?

I feel that by attending the conference, we will hear updates regarding PATH, hear speakers with new or different ideas and methods, and will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with peers from different parts of the country. By bringing back new information and ideas, we can share those with the Board and other program people.