# **Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship**



Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies

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**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 the 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 for individuals with special needs. With almost 850 member centers, 56,036 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-assisted 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 programs. There are nearly 52,000 volunteers, 4,232 instructors, 7,503 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world making a difference in people's lives.

### 2012 PATH Intl. Statistics

Data valid as of 12/31/11 based on 747 centers reporting statistics

# **Total Center Members** 844

Not-For-Profit Centers 672 Accredited Centers 235

<b>Total Equines</b>	7,503
Horses	5,799
Ponies	1,215
Minis	366
Donkeys	94
Mules	29

# Total Individual Members 7,420

# **Total PATH Intl. Certified Instructors 4,232**

Certified Driving Instructors 89
Certified Vaulting Instructors 28

# **Total Number of Employees** 3,401

Total Centers Offering Internships 425
Total Number of Center Volunteers 51,259
Total Value\* of Volunteer Hours \$3,092,532,359

\*The value of volunteer hours is based on the number of volunteers X center reported volunteer time X \$22.14 as stated by independent sector

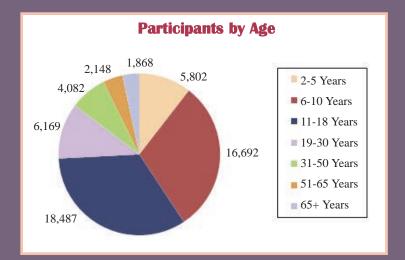


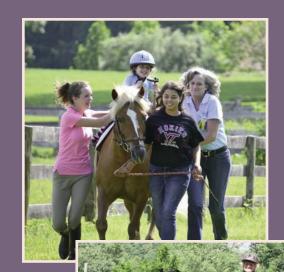
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# **PATH Intl. Centers Offering Specialty Programs**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Driving	46	54	51	48	49	59
Equine-Facilitated Learning	110	140	185	172	197	281
Equine-Facilitated Psychotherap	oy 54	77	83	85	96	125
Hippotherapy	168	227	184	187	177	237
Interactive Vaulting	45	65	46	40	34	48
Veterans Programs			89	154	178	233

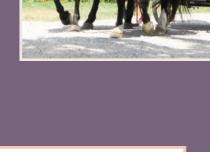
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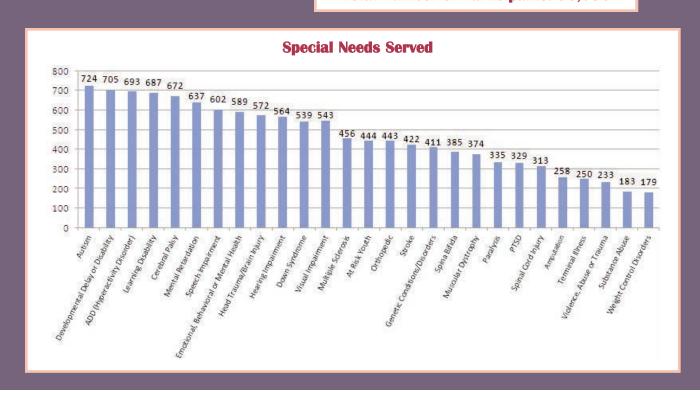


# PATH Intl. Centers Partnering with Community Organizations

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Schools/Universities	261	343	266	337	371	444
Rehab Centers	112	151	152	145	179	219
Group Homes	277	351	253	371	388	444
Govt. Agencies	143	197	170	241	221	269
Nursing Homes	30	37	39	63	71	92
Hospices	21	23	23	34	42	44
Hospitals	72	87	76	106	124	141
Leadership Programs						162
Wellness Programs						76
_	916	1.189	979	1.297	1.396	1.891



PATH Intl. Centers with participant waiting lists: 321 Individuals on waiting lists: 4,971 Total Number of Participants: 56,036





# **Total Budgets for all PATH Intl. Centers:** \$141,544,852

Budgets between: \$0-\$999 13 1,000-\$9,999 57 \$10,000-\$19,999 102 \$20,000-\$49,999 179 122 \$50,000-\$99,999 \$100,000-149,999 84 150,000-\$199,999 33 \$200,000-\$499,999 102 \$500,000-\$1 million 40 14 Over \$1 million 97 Did not report

### **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

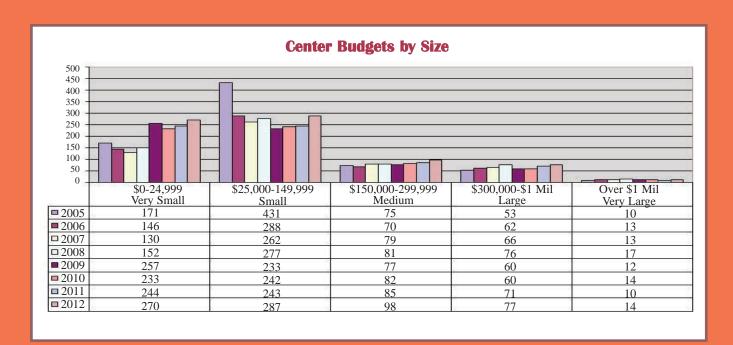
**Innovation**—encouraging and supporting creativity, inquiry, and cutting-edge research

**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





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# Working Hard for PATH Intl. Members and the EAAT Industry

**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 encourages member centers to strive for the highest level of safety and proficiency.



# 2012 PATH Intl. Volunteer Committees and Task Forces With Number of Members

Accreditation Subcommittee	5
Certification Oversight Committee	5
Certification Review & Development Task Force	6
2012 Conference Host Committee Task Force	7
Driving Certification Subcommittee	5
Education Oversight Committee	5
Equine Services for Heroes Committee	11
Equine Specialist Certification Subcommittee	5
Equine Welfare Committee	7
Faculty Development Task Force	6
Health and Education Advisory Group	4
Membership Oversight Committee	13
PATH Intl. Board of Trustees	15
Programs and Standards Oversight Committee	12
Riding Certification Subcommittee	6
Standards Review & Development Task Force	6
State Chairs	51
Strategic Initiative Review Committee	4
Vaulting Certification Subcommittee	8

## **International/Regional Conferences:** The PATH Intl.

Conference and Annual Meeting is our premier educational opportunity, offering academic sessions, hands-on demonstrations at the Horse Expo and networking opportunities. PATH Intl. 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:** *PATH Intl. Strides* quarterly magazine, *PATH Intl. eNews* and other publications provide valuable educational information and updates to the PATH Intl. membership. Additionally, www.pathintl.org offers an indispensable tool for communication with the PATH Intl. membership and the general public.

**Mentor Training:** The PATH Intl. Mentor Training Workshop is designed to assist Instructors-In-Training 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. This developing mentor list will consist of Certified Instructors across the United States and around the world.

**Distance Education:** An important and ever-growing component of our education offerings is the distance education program. Three courses, Center Accreditation Training, Instructor Self-Study and Volunteer Training, are currently offered through this program. PATH Intl. enhances distance education with our webinar system. More online offerings to come in 2014.

**PATH Intl. Affiliate Partner Program:** This program is designed to create partnerships between PATH Intl. and noncommercial organizations that share the PATH Intl. vision and support the PATH Intl. mission. PATH Intl. was proud to welcome The American Hippotherapy Association, Inc., as its first nationally recognized Affiliate Partner. American Quarter Horse Association and American Morgan Horse Association are also affiliate partners of the association.