



# Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship Intl.<sup>®</sup>

*Ensuring excellence and changing lives through equine-assisted activities and therapies<sup>®</sup>*

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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 (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 881 member centers and more than 5,000 instructors credentialed through PATH Intl., 66,179 children and adults, including more than 6,200 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 62,469 volunteers, 5,011 instructors, 7,800 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world making a difference in people's lives.

## 2016 PATH Intl. Statistics

*Data valid as of 12/31/16 based on 767 centers reporting statistics*

### Total Center Members 881

Premier Accredited Centers	272
Not-For-Profit Centers	667



# Total Individual Members 8,056

### Total PATH Intl. Certified Professionals 5,011

Certified Driving Instructors	100
Certified Vaulting Instructors	35
Certified Equine Specialists in Mental Health and Learning	707

### Total Number of Center Employees 3,823

Total Centers Offering Internships	478
Total Number of Center Volunteers	62,469
Total Value* of Volunteer Hours	\$5,062,361,573
Average # of employees	4.98
Average # of volunteers	81.5

\*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.



### Total Equines 7,800

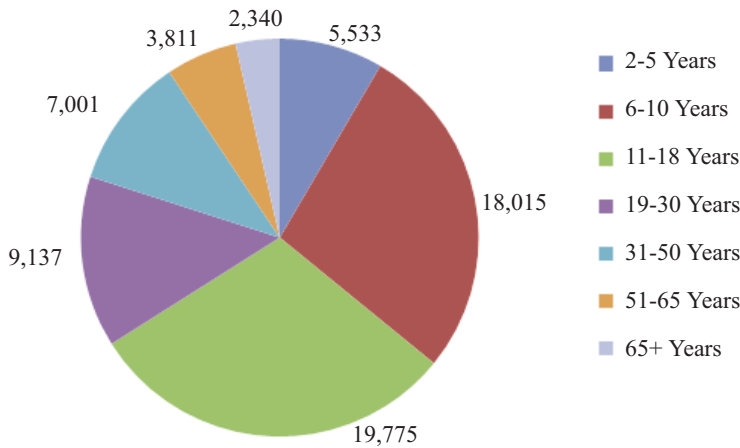
Horses	6,176
Ponies	1,209
Minis	453
Donkeys	119
Mules	30
Average #	10.2

### PATH Intl. Centers Offering Specialty Programs

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Driving	51	48	49	59	60	65	57	66
Equine-Assisted Learning	185	172	197	281	303	335	333	357
Equine-Facilitated Psychotherapy	83	85	96	125	129	149	143	155
Hippotherapy	184	187	177	237	243	237	217	216
Interactive Vaulting	46	40	34	48	39	47	32	40
Veterans Programs	89	154	178	233	267	317	315	335

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## Participants by Age



## 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

## PATH Intl. 2016 Sponsors

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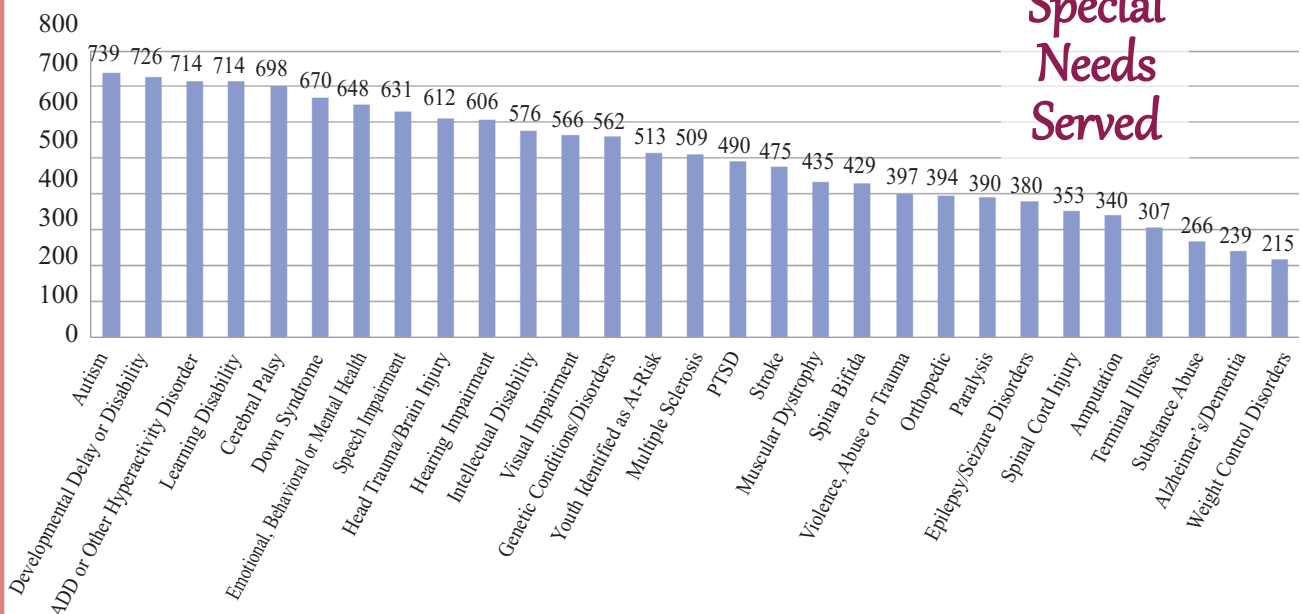
Total number of participants: 66,179  
Average number of participants: 86.3

### Number of veterans served: 6,252



PATH Intl. Center Members with participant waiting lists: 318

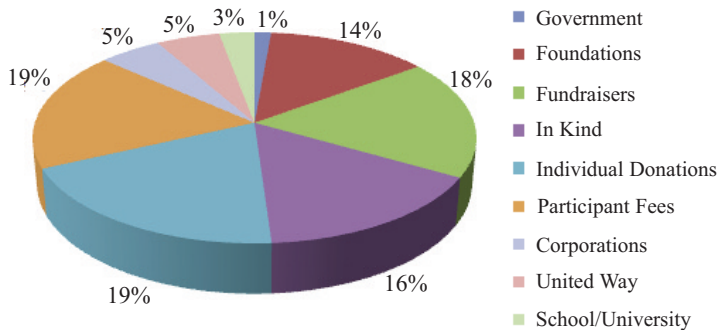
Individuals on waiting lists: 7,082



## PATH Intl. Centers Partnering With Community Organizations

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Schools/								
Universities	266	337	371	444	467	486	459	512
Rehab Centers	152	145	179	219	227	243	224	268
Group Homes	253	371	388	444	471	475	450	476
Govt. Agencies	170	241	221	269	270	297	263	312
Nursing Homes	39	63	71	92	102	120	126	154
Hospices	23	34	42	44	61	70	70	85
Hospitals	76	106	124	141	150	163	157	163
Leadership Programs	--	--	--	162	216	241	247	287
Wellness Programs	--	--	--	76	109	135	138	159
	<b>979</b>	<b>1,297</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,230</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,416</b>

## 2016 Center Funding Sources



## 2016 PATH Intl. Volunteer Committees and Task Forces With Number of Members

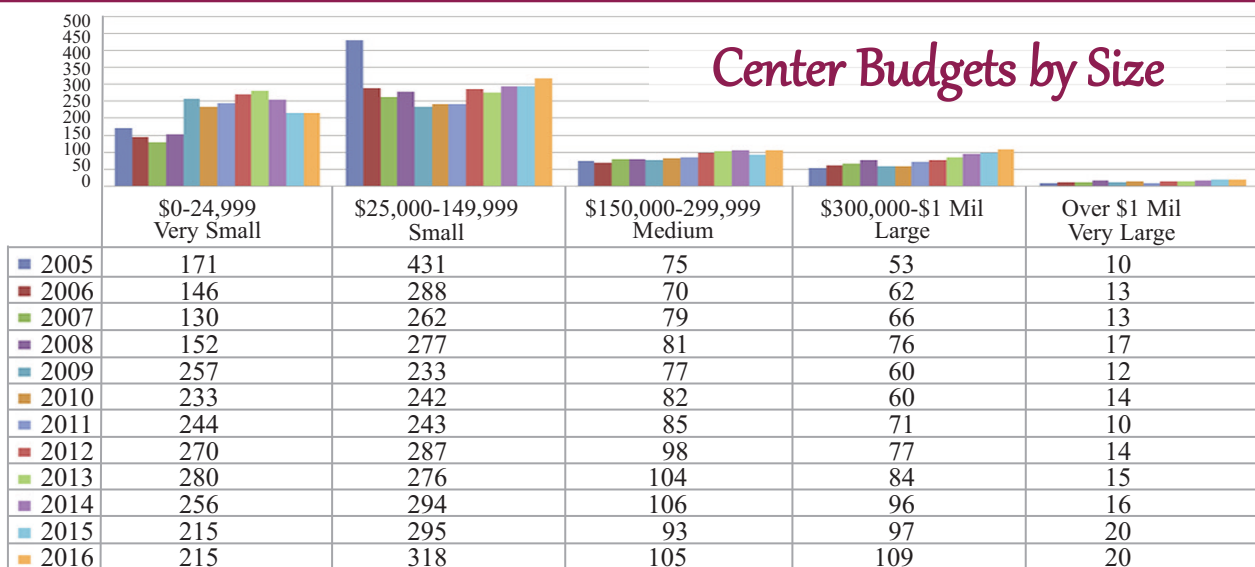
Accreditation Subcommittee	5
Certification Oversight Committee	5
Conference Host Committee	7
Driving Certification Subcommittee	6
PATH International Equine Services for Heroes® Committee	7
Equine Specialist Certification Subcommittee	7
Equine Welfare Committee	10
Faculty Development Task Force	5
Finance 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	5
Standards Review & Development Task Force	6
State Chairs	51
Strategic Planning Committee	6
Vaulting Certification Subcommittee	5

## Total Budgets for All PATH Intl. Centers: \$178,004,259

Budgets between:

\$0-\$999	10
1,000-\$9,999	49
\$10,000-\$19,999	70
\$20,000-\$49,999	159
\$50,000-\$99,999	147
\$100,000-149,999	98
150,000-\$199,999	33
\$200,000-\$499,999	132
\$500,000-\$1 million	49
Over \$1 million	20

## Center Budgets by Size



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

**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 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 tradeshow 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 Council for Exceptional Children convention, American Academy of Family Physicians annual conference, the American Psychological Association convention, the US Pony Club convention, and Equine Affaires in Massachusetts and Columbus, resulting in more than 200,000 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. 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:** American Hippotherapy Association, Inc.; American Morgan Horse Association; Certified Horsemanship Association

### Members Per State

	All	Reg. Inst.	Adv. Inst.	Other Cert.
Alaska	40	15	1	3
Alabama	91	48	2	10
Arkansas	49	26	2	3
Arizona	140	60	4	22
California	676	340	19	62
Colorado	321	175	12	48
Connecticut	182	89	18	45
Delaware	16	9	0	2
Florida	413	207	6	67
Georgia	212	115	6	23
Hawaii	40	25	3	3
Idaho	82	46	2	7
Illinois	260	161	6	15
Indiana	172	104	4	21
Iowa	68	30	1	4
Kansas	75	43	3	11
Kentucky	118	57	4	8
Louisiana	56	24	3	5
Maine	91	51	4	16
Maryland	191	105	5	16
Massachusetts	224	134	7	27
Michigan	211	126	9	20
Minnesota	138	71	2	14
Mississippi	41	22	3	2
Missouri	123	71	5	7
Montana	75	46	2	11
Nebraska	47	31	0	4
Nevada	51	30	0	0
New Hampshire	119	63	5	15
New Jersey	245	156	10	33
New Mexico	34	21	1	3
New York	408	204	15	32
North Carolina	268	152	10	27
North Dakota	32	15	1	5
Ohio	328	185	11	26
Oklahoma	87	51	3	9
Oregon	113	56	2	24
Pennsylvania	289	155	4	23
Puerto Rico	14	4	0	3
Rhode Island	41	18	2	4
South Carolina	120	66	4	12
South Dakota	14	6	0	1
Tennessee	151	81	7	14
Texas	706	341	27	107
Utah	34	15	3	4
Vermont	56	136	2	11
Virginia	269	30	16	29
Washington	230	110	9	20
West Virginia	44	19	1	1
Wisconsin	185	98	4	16
Wyoming	41	22	4	8
Washington DC	6	3	1	0

### International Members

	All	Reg. Inst.	Adv. Inst.	Other Cert.
Australia	8	3	0	1
Bermuda	1	0	0	0
Bosnia	1	1	0	0
Brazil	2	0	0	0
Canada	53	28	2	2
Cayman Islands	4	1	0	0
Chile	1	1	0	0
China	1	1	0	0
Colombia	1	0	0	1
Croatia	1	1	0	0
Czech Republic	2	0	0	0
Denmark	2	1	0	0
Dominican Republic	2	1	0	0
England	1	1	0	0
Finland	1	0	0	0
France	2	2	0	1
Germany	1	1	0	0
Guatemala	1	1	0	0
Ireland	4	3	0	0
Israel	9	6	1	0
Italy	1	1	0	0
Japan	11	5	2	0
Malaysia	1	1	0	0
Mexico	5	2	0	0
New Zealand	2	1	0	0
Pakistan	3	0	0	0
Philippines	1	1	0	0
Poland	1	1	0	0
Saudi Arabia	1	1	0	0
Singapore	9	4	0	0
Slovakia	1	1	0	0
South Africa	3	1	0	1
South Korea	29	18	6	0
Switzerland	1	1	0	0
Taiwan	1	0	0	0
Tanzania	1	0	0	0
The Netherlands	3	2	1	0
United Arab Emirates	7	2	1	0
United Kingdom	5	2	0	0
Uruguay	1	1	0	0
Zimbabwe	1	1	0	0

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