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# EAS Outreach and Partnership Opportunities

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# Overview

- Intro
- Who's here?
- Who has partnerships in place?
- Bison Strides
  - Programming partnerships
  - Outreach

# Programming Partnerships

## Regular programming

- Physical and occupational therapy
- Community and school transition volunteer program

## Special programming

- Field trips
  - K-8
  - K-5
- Horse Powered Reading

# Regular Programming: PT and OT

## Bison Strides Responsibilities

- Horses (fee)
- Arena (fee)
- Volunteer training and scheduling
- Note MMH standards

## Beyond Boundaries Responsibilities

- Client assessment
- Treatment plan
- Billing



# Regular Programing: Volunteer Program

- Program emergence
  - Lack of community volunteer opportunities for adults with disabilities
  - Weight limits for mounted programs

# Regular Programing: Volunteer Program

## Community

- Agencies that serve adults with disabilities
  - Creative Care for Reaching Independence
  - Red River Human Services Foundation
- Agencies provide transportation

## School Transition

- 18-21 year old students with IEP
  - West Fargo Transition Academy
- School provides transportation

# Regular Programing: Volunteer Program

- Program benefits
  - Physical activity and strength building
  - Social interactions with peers
  - Horse time
  - Job skills
  - Discuss importance of hygiene
  - Opportunity to give back
- Funding opportunities
  - Workforce development grants

# Regular Programing: Volunteer Program



1 to 1 ½  
hours per  
week



# Special Programming: Field Trips

- 1 to 2 hours three to five times a year
- Ground-based
- School transports
- Staff accompanies
- Fee assessed

# Special Programming: Field Trips

## Explorer Academy

- K-8 special education public school with integrated STEAM and gross motor opportunities



## Full Circle Academy

- K-5 private school with integrated education and therapy



# Special Programming: Field Trips

- Stations and activities
  - Time and student-dependent
  - High emotional, behavioral and social needs



# Special Programming: Field Trips

- Watch the herd 😊
  - Observation vs. interpretation



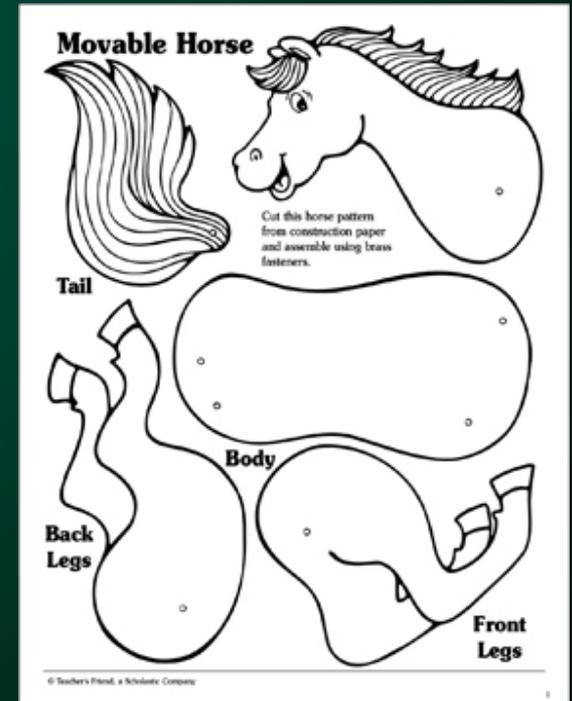
# Special Programming: Field Trips

- Grooming horses
  - Safety
  - Meet horses
  - Grooming tools
    - Rubber curry
    - Dandy brush
    - Body brush
    - Mane/tail brush and comb
    - Hoof pick\*
  - SEL prompts



# Special Programming: Field Trips

- Equine themed learning
  - Student-dependent
  - Art
  - Anatomy



# Special Programming: Field Trips

- Equicizer
  - Helmet
  - Mounting
  - Exercise cards
  - Movement
  - Dismounting



# Special Programming: Field Trips

- Obstacle course design
  - Heavy work
  - Cooperation
  - Creativity



# Special Programming: Field Trips

- Leading
  - Safety
  - Meet horses
  - Position
  - Natural aids
  - Obstacle course



# Special Programming: Horse Powered Reading Camps

- Reading
- Social-emotional learning
- ½ day camps
- Grades
  - K-3
  - 4-6



# Horse Powered Reading: Reading River



# Horse Powered Reading: Synonyms and Antonyms



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  - Counseling Center
  - Parades
  - Schools
  - Happy Rollers multiple sclerosis support group

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# Questions?



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