



Year Founded: 1969

Executive Director: Sheila Kemper Dietrich

Mission Statement: NARHA is a membership organization whose goal is to promote safe, professional, ethical and therapeutic equine activities for people with and without disabilities, through education, communication, standards and research.

About NARHA: The North American Riding for the Handicapped Association was formed in 1969 to promote equine assisted activities for individuals with disabilities. At nearly 700 member centers, a total of more than 35,000 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 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 riding programs. There are more than 26,000 volunteers, 2,600 instructors, 5,900 therapy equines, and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at NARHA centers

2005 Statistical NARHA Center Information

Statistics valid as of 12/31/04 based on annual statistic reports

Total Center Members: 692

598 Not-For-Profit Centers
 94 For-Profit Centers

Total Budgets for all Centers: \$77,060,437

Budgets between: \$1,000-\$9,999	53
\$10,000-\$19,999	78
\$20,000-\$49,999	144
\$50,000-\$99,999	105
\$100,000-\$149,999	59
\$150,000-\$199,999	33
\$200,000-\$499,999	77
\$500,000-\$1 million	18
Over \$1 million	10
Did not report	115

Total Equines: 5,911

Donkeys	53
Horses	4,807
Minis	177
Mules	34
Ponies	840

Total Number of Volunteers: 26,474

Total NARHA Certified Instructors: 2,620

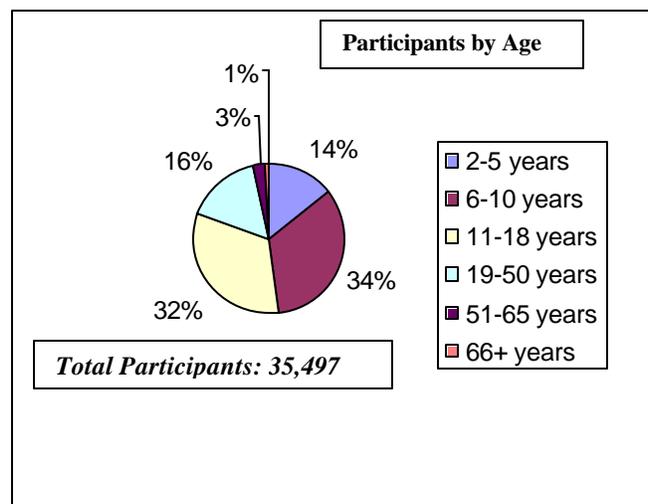
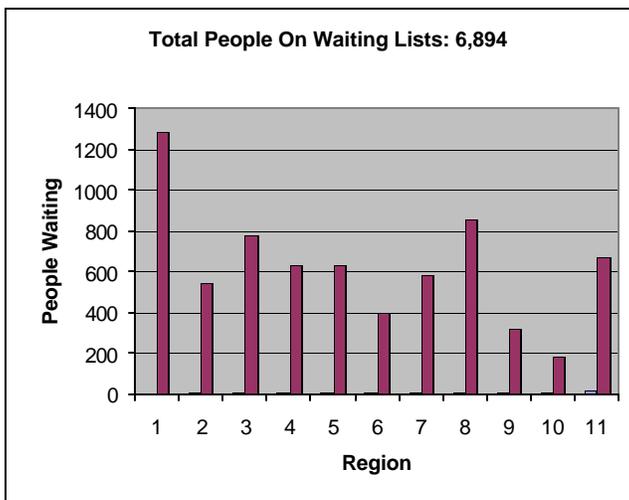
Physical Therapists at Centers	427
Occupational Therapists at Centers	313
Speech Language Pathologists at Centers	72
Psychiatrists at Centers	11
Psychologists at Centers	48

Total Number of Employees: 2,007

Registered Therapists	648
Hippotherapy Clinical Specialists	33
Social Workers at Centers	135
Other Mental Health Professionals	83

Total Centers Offering Internships: 222

Participants



SPECIAL NEEDS SERVED:

ADD or other Hyperactivity Disorder	Developmental Delay	Learning Disability	Amputees	Down Syndrome
Mental Retardation	At Risk Youth	Emotional, Behavioral	MS	Stroke/CVA
Muscular Dystrophy	Autism	Head Trauma/Brain Injury		Cerebral Palsy
Hearing Impairment	Orthopedic	Paralysis	Speech Impairment	
Spina Bifida	Spinal Cord Injury	Substance Abuse	Terminal Illness	
Visual Impairment	Weight Control Disorders			

Total Center Partnerships With Outside Agencies or Organizations: 1,103

Government Agency	148	Rehabilitation Center	156	Hospice	16	Group Home	262		
Residential Facility	12	Nursing Home	37	Schools/Universities	324	Hospital	78	Other	70

Programs

Instructor Certification: Three levels of certification ensure that instructors have the skill and knowledge to provide safe and effective services.

Accreditation: The NARHA On-Site Accreditation Process encourages member centers to strive for the highest level of safety and proficiency.

National/Regional Conferences: The National NARHA Conference is our premier educational opportunity, offering academic sessions, research posters, hands on demonstrations at the Horse Fair and networking opportunities. NARHA 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.

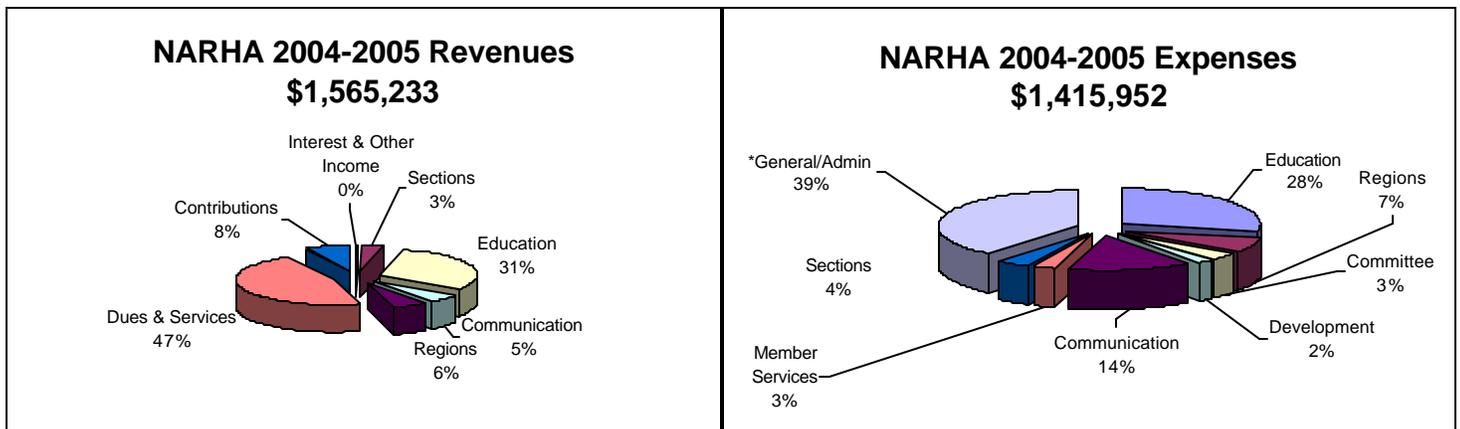
Communications: NARHA's *Strides* quarterly magazine, *NARHA E-News*, *The Instructor's Voice*, *The Administrator's Voice*, and other publications provide valuable educational information and updates to the NARHA membership. Additionally, the NARHA website offers an indispensable tool for communication with the NARHA membership and the general public.

Distance Education: An important and ever growing component of our website is the distance education program. Three courses, Center Accreditation Training, Instructor Self-Study, and Volunteer Training, are currently offered through this program.

EFMHA: The Equine Facilitated Mental Health Association section is dedicated to advancing the field of equine facilitated mental health and learning through support, education, and training of professionals who work with equines and humans so that they implement mutually beneficial standards of safe, ethical, effective practices.

NARHA Affiliate Partner Program: This program is designed to create partnerships between NARHA and non-commercial organizations that share NARHA's vision and support NARHA's mission. NARHA was proud to welcome The American Hippotherapy Association, AHA, Inc. as its first nationally recognized Affiliate Partner.

NARHA Financials



*The high percentage in General/Administrative expenses was due to one time costs related to an office move, and salaries/contractual costs.