



# 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 877 member centers and more than 4,800 instructors credentialed through PATH Intl., 62,406 children and adults, including more than 5,500 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 54,533 volunteers, 4,846 instructors, 7,546 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world making a difference in people's lives.

## 2015 PATH Intl. Statistics

*Data valid as of 12/31/15 based on 720 centers reporting statistics*

**Total Center Members 877**

Premier Accredited Centers 262  
Not-For-Profit Centers 615



# Total Individual Members 8,037

**Total PATH Intl. Certified Professionals 4,846**

Certified Driving Instructors 104  
Certified Vaulting Instructors 30  
Certified Equine Specialists in Mental Health and Learning 612

**Total Number of Center Employees 3,773**

Total Centers Offering Internships 446  
Total Number of Center Volunteers 54,533  
Total Value\* of Volunteer Hours \$3,975,163,403  
Average # of employees 5.5  
Average # of volunteers 77.8

\*The value of volunteer hours is based on the number of volunteers X center reported volunteer time X \$23.56 as stated by independent sector.

**Total Equines 7,546**

Horses 5,845  
Ponies 1,165  
Minis 411  
Donkeys 106  
Mules 19  
Average # 10.7

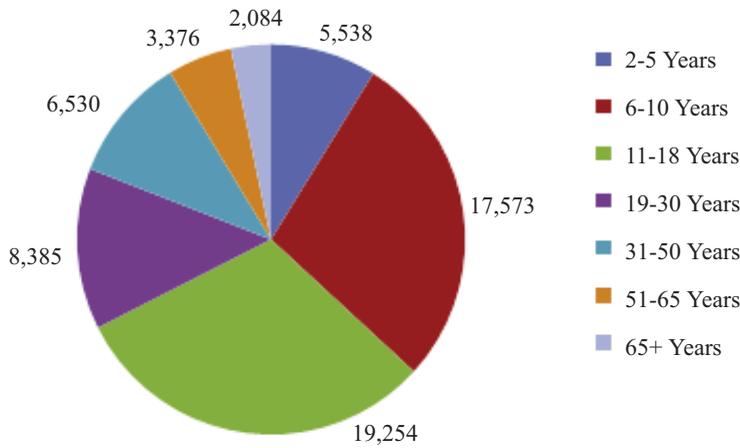


### PATH Intl. Centers Offering Specialty Programs

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

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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. 2015 Sponsors

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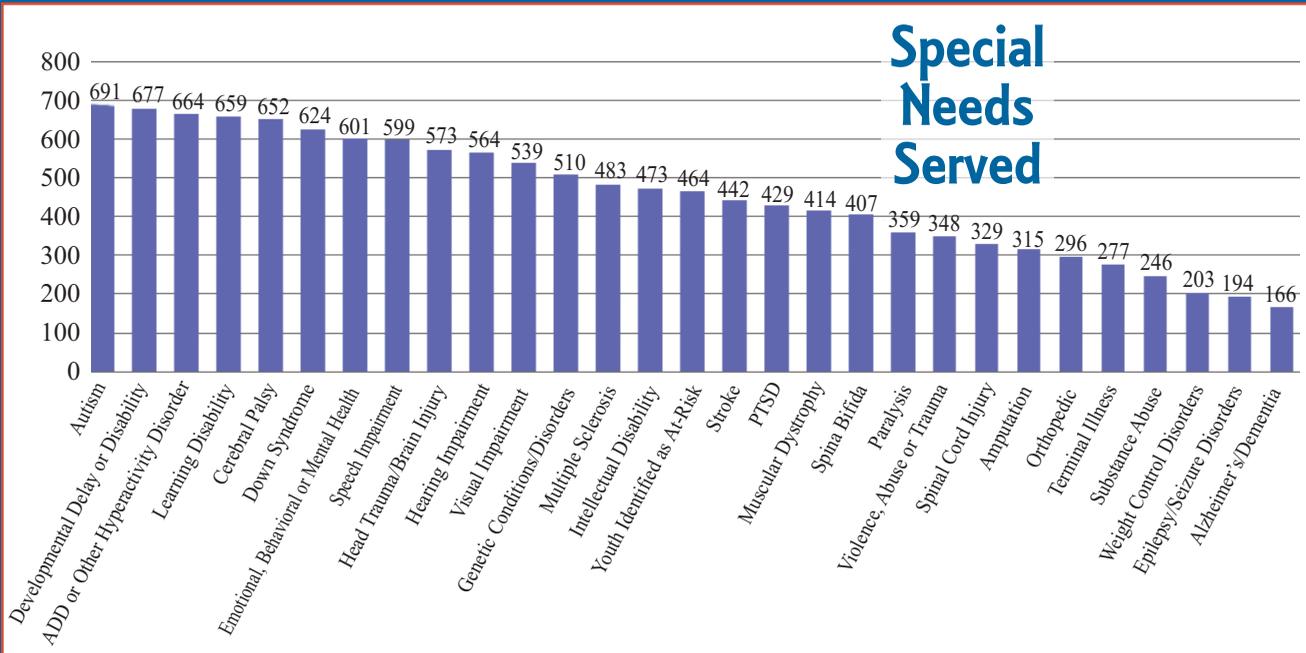
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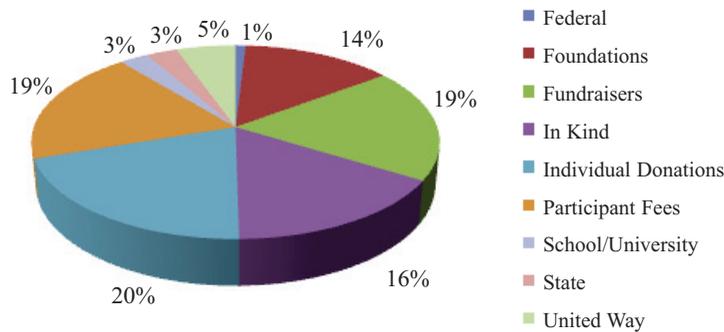
PATH Intl. Center Members with participant waiting lists: 304  
 Individuals on waiting lists: 5,170  
 Total number of participants: 62,406  
 Number of veterans served: 5,526  
 Average number of participants: 90.7



## PATH Intl. Centers Partnering with Community Organizations

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Schools/							
Universities	266	337	371	444	467	486	459
Rehab Centers	152	145	179	219	227	243	224
Group Homes	253	371	388	444	471	475	450
Govt. Agencies	170	241	221	269	270	297	263
Nursing Homes	39	63	71	92	102	120	126
Hospices	23	34	42	44	61	70	70
Hospitals	76	106	124	141	150	163	157
Leadership Programs	--	--	--	162	216	241	247
Wellness Programs	--	--	--	76	109	135	138
	<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>

## 2015 Center Funding Sources



## 2015 PATH Intl. Volunteer Committees and Task Forces With Number of Members

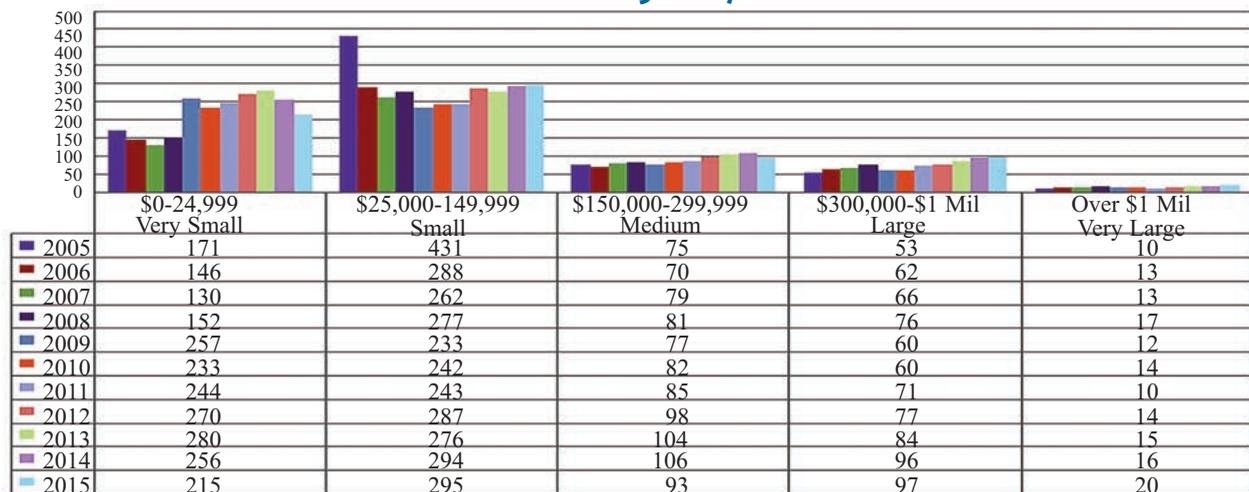
Accreditation Subcommittee	5
Certification Oversight Committee	5
Conference Host Committee Task Force	7
Driving Certification Subcommittee	5
PATH International Equine Services for Heroes® Committee	8
Equine Specialist Certification Subcommittee	7
Equine Welfare Committee	9
Faculty Development Task Force	5
Health and Education Advisory	5
Marketing & Development Committee	7
Membership Oversight Committee	12
PATH Intl. Board of Trustees	12
Programs and Standards Oversight Committee	9
Quality Assurance Task Force	10
Riding Certification Subcommittee	5
Standards Review & Development Task Force	6
State Chairs	51
Vaulting Certification Subcommittee	5

## Total Budgets for All PATH Intl. Centers: \$166,106,151

Budgets between:

\$0-\$999	10
1,000-\$9,999	48
\$10,000-\$19,999	62
\$20,000-\$49,999	173
\$50,000-\$99,999	120
\$100,000-\$149,999	97
\$150,000-\$199,999	25
\$200,000-\$499,999	118
\$500,000-\$1 million	47
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, 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:** 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](http://www.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 at or had a booth at the American Academy of Family Physicians annual conference, the American Psychological Association convention, the US Pony Club convention, Equine Affaire-Massachusetts and the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, resulting in approximately 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	32	15	1	2
Alabama	98	54	3	7
Arkansas	42	22	2	3
Arizona	140	74	2	26
California	602	377	24	54
Colorado	300	183	15	36
Connecticut	172	95	22	41
Delaware	13	9	0	2
Florida	359	216	8	58
Georgia	182	129	9	19
Hawaii	41	29	3	1
Idaho	74	55	4	6
Illinois	269	183	11	17
Indiana	171	117	6	17
Iowa	64	36	1	4
Kansas	78	47	3	9
Kentucky	112	71	8	8
Louisiana	46	23	4	4
Maine	77	58	5	12
Maryland	176	110	8	9
Massachusetts	217	147	13	29
Michigan	191	129	12	17
Minnesota	121	80	3	10
Mississippi	32	22	3	2
Missouri	129	87	5	6
Montana	81	49	3	6
Nebraska	38	31	1	4
Nevada	51	39	1	0
New Hampshire	95	77	10	10
New Jersey	226	172	11	29
New Mexico	45	22	1	4
New York	334	221	18	35
North Carolina	256	178	11	25
North Dakota	21	18	1	3
Ohio	289	194	20	22
Oklahoma	75	55	3	7
Oregon	102	61	3	19
Pennsylvania	268	173	4	23
Rhode Island	34	19	2	2
South Carolina	112	72	4	8
South Dakota	12	8	0	1
Tennessee	130	90	12	14
Texas	592	377	30	82
Utah	28	17	4	4
Vermont	51	35	3	9
Virginia	242	141	22	28
Washington	207	126	13	17
West Virginia	32	15	1	0
Wisconsin	171	111	4	12
Wyoming	45	28	3	5
Washington DC	7	3	0	0
Puerto Rico	11	7	0	1

### International Members

	All	Reg. Inst.	Adv. Inst.	Other Cert.
Australia	7	2	0	1
Austria	1	1	0	0
Belgium	1	1	0	0
Bermuda	2	0	0	0
Brazil	1	0	0	0
Canada	55	30	5	4
Cayman Islands	2	0	0	0
Chile	1	1	0	0
China	1	1	0	0
Costa Rica	1	0	0	0
Croatia	2	2	0	0
Denmark	1	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	1	1	0	0
England	1	1	0	0
France	4	4	0	1
Germany	3	3	0	0
Hungary	1	0	0	0
Ireland	2	1	1	0
Israel	8	4	4	0
Japan	12	9	2	0
Kenya	1	0	0	0
Malaysia	2	1	0	0
Mexico	3	3	0	0
New Zealand	1	0	0	0
Oman	1	0	0	0
Poland	1	1	0	0
Saudi Arabia	2	2	0	0
Singapore	15	8	0	0
Slovakia	1	1	0	0
South Africa	3	1	0	1
South Korea	29	24	5	0
Spain	3	3	0	0
Switzerland	1	1	0	0
The Netherlands	3	2	1	0
Thailand	1	0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0	0	0
Turkey	1	1	0	0
United Arab Emirates	4	1	1	0
United Kingdom	4	3	1	0
Uruguay	1	1	0	0
Zimbabwe	1	1	0	0

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