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PATH Intl. Announces Research Group

Denver—As research in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) continues to grow and rise in importance in the EAAT field, the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH Intl.) is pleased to announce the creation of a group through PATH Intl. Community Connections as a new resource to foster interaction and communication among researchers and others interested in research.

Community Connections is the PATH Intl. social networking site that connects members to other members, providing networking opportunities, resources and support, and where open, honest communication is encouraged. This is accomplished through Community Connections groups, created, defined and managed by members, that link individuals with a shared interest and/or purpose through involvement in groups of their choosing.

As an industry leader devoted to education, training and credentialing in EAAT, PATH Intl. recognizes empirical research as a critical focus for the growth and sustainability of EAAT. For that reason, and in order to engage diverse researchers, the PATH Intl. Community Connections Research group is open and accessible to both PATH Intl. members and non-members. [Click here to access the community connections research group.](#) PATH Intl. members can simply click the "join group" button to interact with others in the group. If you are not a PATH Intl. member, please email [Karen Province](#) with your request to be added to the research community group.

For more information about PATH Intl., visit www.pathintl.org. Click here to read the recently board of trustees approved [PATH Intl. position statement on research](#).

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About PATH Intl.:

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International® (PATH Intl.®) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. At 852 member centers, more than 58,000 children and adults may find improved health, wellness and a sense of pride and independence through involvement with horses. Therapeutic horsemanship at member centers may include hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, ground work and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAAT programs. There are nearly 53,000 volunteers, 4,544 instructors, 7,733 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.