



## 2023 PATH Intl. Conference Preconference and Session Schedule Charlotte, NC October 26<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>

**CONFERENCE**

**Charlotte  
North Carolina**

**October 26-28, 2023**

For full conference session descriptions, please visit the agenda page when viewing registration or visit the link below!

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### Preconference Workshops Schedule

#### Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Veteran Focused PATH Intl. Preconference at Wings of Eagles Ranch**  
Lunch is provided with this preconference registration.

**Thank you for your service**

*Bonnie Malajian; April Neumann*

6 CE, Veteran Track, Program Track

8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Horse-center Instruction PATH Intl. Preconference at Wings of Eagles Ranch**  
Lunch is provided with this preconference registration.

**Horse-centered Instruction**

*Sue Adams, CTRI, ATRI; Marsha Anderson, CTRI, ATRI, ESMHL; Mary Jo Beckman, CTRI, MTRI, DLI; and Jen Donahue, CTRI, ATRI, ESMHL, DLIII*

6 CR Riding, Program Track

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Preconference Workshops at the Embassy Suites Charlotte Concord Golf Resort and Spa Hotel**  
Lunch from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on your own.

**From Research to Knowledge to Practice: Implementing the Stages of Change**

*Jo Anne Miller, CTRI, ESMHL; Tara Mahoney, ESMHL, LCMHC, LPC; Marcie Wild, CTRI, ESMHL; Dr. Cheryl Meola, ESMHL; Molly Sweeney; Dr. Andrea Suk, CTRI; and Cathy Languerand*

6 CE, Administrative Track, Program Track

**Volunteer Programming (2 sessions)**

**Session 1: Education is Everything**

*Michele Gringas*

3 CE, Administrative Track

**Session 2: Empowering your Volunteer Workforce: Matching Strengths, Building Culture, and Maximizing Retention**

*Melissa Conner, CTRI, ESMHL, ATRI*

3 CE, Administrative Track

**Mentor Seminar**

*Bret Maceyak*

6 CR-ALL, Program Track

## **The PATH Intl. Conference Schedule**

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **First Time Attendee Meet-Up**  
Hosted by the 2023 PATH Intl. Host Committee

Come learn basic conference information to help navigate your way around the conference! This is also a great opportunity to meet new instructors and members in the industry!

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Program Track, CR-ALL  
Session 1 **Strategies to Respond to Challenging Behaviors**  
*Dr. Brenda Grafton-McCall, Ph.D., BCBA, LBA, CTRI*

Disability Track, DE

**Pilot study: The efficacy of Equine Assisted Occupational Therapy, for children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) on cognitive-emotional and motor aspects.**

*Anne Helmer, CTRI, ATRI, OT, Psychotherapist; Orit Bart, PhD, OT*

Program and Disability Track, CR-ALL or DE

**Beyond Eye Contact: A Task Analysis Approach to Teaching Social Skills at the Barn**

*Melissa Abbey, CTRI, ESMHL, CEIP-Education*

Administrative Track, CE

**Benefits of Interdisciplinary Collaboration**

*Emily Fields, CTRI, ATRI, Ashton Maguire, CTRI*

Administrative Track, CE

**Balancing your Organization Through Program Income & Fundraising**

*Carol Young, CTRI, ESMHL, Mentor*

5:15 p.m. – 6:15 pm  
Session 2

Program Track, CR-Riding

**Preparing for the CTRI Exam: The What's, How's, and Whys for Success for CTRI Candidates and Mentors**

*Dionne Newton, CTRI, ATRI, ESMHL, Mentor*

Program and Veterans Track, CE

**Developing and Implementing a Successful Veterans Program: From A to Z  
A Veterans Program Created by Veterans For Veterans**

*Karolyn Hooper, BS, CTRI; Scott Hooper*

Administration and Program Track, CE

**Benefits of an Interdisciplinary Team Approach Within the Equine-Assisted Services Industry**

*Erin Superczynski, M.S., CCC-SLP, HPCS; Linsey Erar, CTRI, ATRI, EAGALA; Katie Streett, MS, LGPC, CTRI, ATRI, EAGALA*

Administrative Track, CE

**Equine-Assisted Learning: Staff and Volunteer Engagement & Retention™ (SAVER™) for Centers and Local Organizations**

*Jeffrey Arnold, EALDA; Carol Young, CTRI, ESMHL, Mentor, EALDA*

Program Track, CE

**How Researchers and Therapeutic Riding Centers Can Work Together to Advance the Science of Therapeutic Riding**

*Tamara Merritt, CTRI, ESMHL; Kate Jeton, CTRI, ESMHL*

6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Opening Network Reception**

Come celebrate in the exhibit hall after the general session to network with friends and colleagues in a fun party atmosphere. Meet the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees and PATH Intl. CEO. Network with solution providers who are eager to discuss the challenges and opportunities in therapeutic horsemanship and learn what the solutions exhibitors can bring to the table. Be the first to peruse the silent auction items and PATH Intl. logo merchandise and enjoy light snacks and a cash bar!

**Dinner on Your Own**

**Friday October 27th**

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Friday Breakfast**

Breakfast is provided with your hotel stay! Those who are not staying in the hotel will need to provide their own breakfast.

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. General Session, Mental Health and Veteran Tracks, CE  
**Resilient Transition- Bridging the Gap Between Equine-Assisted Services and Suicide Prevention**  
*Command Sergeant Major, United States Army, Sa'eed Mustafa*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Mental Health Track, DE  
Session 3 **This is Your Brain on Horses: How Working with Horses Affects our Neurobiology**  
*Melissa Abbey, CTRI, ESMHL, CEIP-ED*

Program Track, CE  
**How to Develop Innovative Programs for Your Center: You Can Do It!**  
*Heather Panczykowski, OT, AHCB, PATH Intl. Registered Therapist; Ashlyn Batten, CTRI, ESMHL*

Disability Track, DE  
**Head Injuries in Equestrian Sports: Making an Impact on Therapeutic Horsemanship**  
*Christina Coxe, CTRI, NATABOC, NASM; Devon Serrano, NATABOC*

Programs Track, CR-Riding  
**The Ups and Downs of Posting Trot**  
*Betsy Kahl, CTRI, ATRI, LCSW, LISW*

Program Track, CE  
**Literacy: From the Barn to the Classroom**  
*Miika Rolett, CTRI, ESMHL; Lisa Mauney, CTRI, ESMHL; Tiffany Harris*

**Fireside Chat: Marketing 101**  
Facilitated by Jen Grant, Head of Marketing, Zoetis U.S. Equine

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Equine Welfare Track, CR-ALL  
Session 4 **Ways to use Equine Bodywork in Your Program to Benefit Horses and Humans**  
*Lise Lunde, CTRI, ESMHL, MMCP, MMES; Katie Fallon, CTRI, ATRI, ESMHL, EAGALA, MMES*

Disability and Veteran Track, DE  
**A Pilot Study of a Mindfulness and Self-Compassion-Based Psychotherapy Incorporating Horses Program for Veterans who have Experienced Trauma**  
*William Marchand, MD, ESMHL, EAGALA*

Administrative Track, CE

**Cultivating Larger Gifts**

*Joe Wappelhorst, BA*

Equine Welfare Track, CR-Riding

**The Career Path of the Therapy Horse: Finding, Acquiring, Training, Maintaining, and Beyond**

*Sue Adams, BS, CTRI, ATRI, Mentor; Stefanie Green, CTRI, ESMHL, Mentor*

Equine Welfare Track, CR-ALL

**Horse Stressor System: Elevate Herd Performance and Wellness While Expanding and Enriching Equine Assisted Services**

*Nicole Hauseman, CTRI, ATRI, PTT, BHS, USEF PARA; Jessica Mitchell, CTRI*

**Fireside Chat: Horsin' Around: The serious business of FUN!**

Facilitated by Horses and Humans Research Foundation (HHRF) Members - Tara Mahoney and Jo Anne Miller

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Awards Luncheon**

Come to celebrate this year's award winners and help us recognize their hard work and dedication to the equine-assisted services industry!

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Program Track, CE or CR-ALL

**Fun in the Saddle... and Out!**

*Gloria Gonzalez, CTRI*

Program and EAL Track, CE

**"HEAL-TH" Model for Holistic Equine-Assisted Learning and Therapeutic Horsemanship**

*Jeffrey Rumpf, MSED; Liz Fortes, CTRI, ATRI, ESMHL*

Administrative Track, CE

**Positioning Nonprofit Organizations for Successful Leadership Transitions**

*Patricia McCowan, CTRI, ATRI; Paula Del Giudice*

Equine Welfare Track, CR All

**Think Like a Horse: How to Improve Equine Well-Being in Your Programs**

*Trish Broersma, CTRI, ESMHL, Mentor*

Administrative Track, CE

**Data! You Have to Have IT, But How Do You Get it?**

*Dr. Andrea Suk, CTRI*

**Fireside Chat: FAQs with the Equine Welfare Committee**

Facilitated by PATH Intl. Equine Welfare Committee Members - Ellen Rankins, Sharon Butler, Holly Sundmacker

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Session 5

Mental Health and Disability Track, DE

**Are We Trauma Informed? Assessing and Building Trauma Informed Care in an Equine-Assisted Services Organization**

*Chris Goodall, LISW-S*

Administrative Track, CE

**Welcome! Creating Family Greeting Areas for Successful EAS Sessions**

*Jennifer Mathis, CTRI, DLI, RBT; Gloria Maillard, MS, CTRI, BCBA, LBA*

Program and Administrative Tracks, CE

**EAS in Higher Education**

*Cathrin Wilbanks, GA, CEIP-MH, CIMHP; Laura Friday, CTRI*

Program Track, CR-ALL

**Move up Bloom's Taxonomy Pyramid in EAS Instruction**

*Lorrie Renker, MTRI, IV*

Program Track, CR-Driving

**Therapeutic Driving: The Benefits to your Center and Participants and How to Deliver Meaningful Lessons**

*Amanda Bubb, CTRI, ESMHL, IV, DLI, CHA*

**Fireside Chat: Data Therapy**

Facilitated by Teri Walker with CommonTeri.

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Member Reception**

Hosted by the PATH Intl. Membership Outreach Committee.

**Region Networking Dinner hosted by PATH Intl. Region Representatives**

## Saturday October 28th

### 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Saturday Breakfast**

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### 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. DEI Track, CE

#### Session 7

#### **Exploring Diversity, Equity & Inclusion within EAS**

*Dr. Veronica Lac, PhD, CTRI, ESMHL; Dr. Aviva Vincent, PhD, CTRI, ESMHL, LSW; Dr. Leanne Nieforth; Dr. Kelsey Dayle John*

### Equine Welfare Track, CR-ALL

#### **Caring for the Older Horse**

*Dr. Ashley Phelps-Dunn, DVM*

### Program Track, CR-Vaulting

#### **How Interactive Vaulting Can Benefit Various Populations**

*Amanda Bubb, CTRI, ESMHL, IV, DLI, CHA*

### Program and Mental Health Tracks, CE

#### **Becoming the Designated Calm Person**

*Lasell Jaretzki Bartlett, LICSW, CTRI, ESMHL*

### Administrative Track, CE

#### **For the Board, By the Board – Nonprofit Boards in the 21st Century**

*KC Henry, Robin Krueger*

#### **Fireside Chat: Moral Injury: Case Studies and Lesson Plans**

Facilitated by PATH Intl. Equine Services for Heroes Committee Members – Kristen Marcus, Executive Director CHAPS and Tara Mahoney, LCMHC & CEO Equine Immersion Project

### 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. DEI Track, CE

#### Session 8

#### **In the Barn, Together**

*Dr. Veronica Lac, PhD, CTRI, ESMHL, Dr. Aviva Vincent, PhD, CTRI, ESMHL, LSW*

### Program and Administrative Tracks, CE or CR-Riding

#### **Creating Horse Leaders: A Team Approach**

*Susie Rehr, PATH Intl. Registered Therapist, PT, HPCS; C Jane Burrows, ESMHL, PT, HPCS*

Program and Administrative Tracks, CE

**Benefits and Barriers to Engaging in EAS Research: Piloting a Workshop to Develop Research Skills and Foster Collaboration**

*Elizabeth E. Lloyd-Richardson, PhD, Andrea Suk, PhD, CTRI; Dr. Cheryl Meola, PhD, LCMHCS, ESMHL; Nancy Paschall, ESMHL*

Administrative Track, CE

**How to Create a Community for Volunteers That Increases Retention**

*Amanda Garrison, CTRI; Mackenzie Johnson, CTRI, CHA; Amber Varner, CTRI, CHA*

Equine Welfare and Administrative Tracks, CE

**Equine Strategic Planning - the What, How, and Why of Evaluating Your Herd, Adding New Members and Retiring Steady Eddie**

*Shelby Schult, CTRI, ESMHL, Mentor*

**Fireside Chat: The Future of PATH Intl., the equine-assisted services industry and you.**

Facilitated by Kathy Alm, PATH Intl. CEO.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EAL Track, CE

Session 9

**Caring for the Caregiver - a Collaboration with a Houston Hospital**

*Heather Hernandez Sedillo, M.Ed, CTRI, ATRI, ESMHL, Mentor; Alisa Franks, ESMHL*

Disability and Program Track, DE

**Exploring (dis) Abilities: Sensory Processing and Universal Design for Learning**

*Susie Rehr, PATH Intl. Registered Therapist, PT, HPCS; C Jane Burrows, ESMHL, PT, HPCS*

Administrative Track, CE

**All- Aboard: Developing Research Partner-ships**

*Nancy Paschall, ESMHL; Alexis Stoner, MD; Kimberly Tumlin, PhD; Sarah Newman, MD, CTRI, ESMHL; Colin Bauer, MD; Ashley Witt; Elizabeth E. Lloyd-Richardson, PhD*

Equine Welfare Track, CR-ALL

**Holistic Herd Management**

*Mackenzie Johnson, CTRI, CHA; Amber Varner, CTRI, CHA; Amanda Garrison, CTRI*

Program Track, CE

**Farm to Classroom: Virtual Programming for School Groups**

*Elizabeth Dubert Carlisle, CTRI*



**Fireside Chat: Burning Questions about Beginning or Advancing EAL Programming**

Facilitated by Jeffrey Arnold, Leadership Adventures.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Boxed Lunch and Networking in Exhibit Hall**

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Disability Track, DE

Session 10

**Working with Visually Impaired Participants In and Out of the Arena**

*Diana Bezdedeanu - The HERD Institute® - Equine Facilitated Learning Level 1*

Equine Welfare Track, CR-ALL

**Applications and Considerations for Weight Carrying Capacity: Revisiting Standard EQM6**

*Ellen Rankins, CTRI, ATRI, ESMHL; C Jane Burrows, ESMHL, PT, HPCS*

DEI Track, CE

**Inclusivity Goes Beyond the Barn Door: What Does Being an Ally Really Mean?**

*Michele Arana*

Disability Track, DE

**Understanding Autism in EAS: Effective Strategies for Success**

*Dr. Kaiti Otte, CTRI, OTD, OTR/L*

Program and Administrative Track, CE

**The Mane Event: Not Your Average Horse Show**

*Emily Padgett, CTRI, ESMHL, CHA IRD*

**Fireside Chat: Fundamentals of EAL Discussion**

Facilitated by Bret Maceyak, PATH Intl. Director of Credentialing

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Administrative Track, CR-Riding

Session 11

**Know When to Say No**

*Sarah Newman, CTRI, ESMHL; Nancy Paschall, ESMHL*

Administrative Track, CE

**Tracking in the Same Direction: Strategic Planning with Intentionality**

*Melissa Conner, CTRI, ESMHL, ATRI*

Mental Health Track, DE

**Incorporation of Equines into a Social Emotional Learning Curriculum for Youth**

*Erika Berg, PhD, CTRI, ATRI, EMHL, Emily Dilliard, CTRI, ESMHL*

Administrative Track, CR-ALL

**Hay! Let's Take Turns: How to Incorporate Horse Rotation into Your Program**

*Jessica Arts, CTRI, ESMHL, Mentor, CHA, IWE*

Program Track, CR-Riding

**Re-thinking Independence in Therapeutic Horsemanship**

*Betsy Osborne, CTRI, ESMHL, Mentor, EAGALA*