

PATH Intl. Regional Conference

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Hosted by:

**ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids
Georgetown, Texas**

PATH Intl. Region 8 and LSTEN welcome you to an educational and fun weekend with your friends and colleagues in wonderful Georgetown, Texas. Your registration fee includes light appetizers during our Friday Networking time, lunch on Saturday and a casual meal Saturday evening focused on camaraderie, support and celebration of our industry.

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Friday & Sunday
ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids
2050 Rockride Ln
Georgetown, TX 78626

First Baptist Church of Round Rock
306 Round Rock Ave.
Round Rock, TX 78664

Saturday

Lodging Options

Comfort Suites

11 Waters Edge Circle
Georgetown, TX 78626
Conference Rate: \$98.00 per night
Deadline for Conference Rate is July 14, 2020 at midnight
Please use the link below to book your room:
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/IG36M2>

Best Western Plus

600 San Gabriel Village Blvd
Georgetown, TX 78626
Conference Rate: \$98.00 per night
Deadline for Conference Rate is July 14, 2020 at midnight
Please use the link below to book your room:
https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.44689.html?groupId=G77LK6I8

PATH INTL. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Online registration will be available May 22, 2020, through July 17, 2020. After July 17, 2020, registration will need to be completed on-site.

***IF YOU ARE A PRESENTER OR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBER,
DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER WITH YOUR CODE!***

Registration May 22, 2020 through July 17, 2020:

Full Conference	\$140 members	\$190 non-members
	\$120 Higher Ed Student/Faculty	

Registration on-site after July 17, 2020:

Full Conference	\$170 members	\$220 non-members
	\$150 Higher Ed Student/Faculty	

Refund Policy:

No refunds due to weather unless the conference is canceled.

Written cancellation request is required for refund. Email manderson@pathintl.org

Deadline for Full Refund – Request received in PATH Intl. office by **July 17, 2020**.
Deadline for 50% Refund - Request received in PATH Intl. office by **August 2, 2020**.
Individuals who do not submit a written request to PATH Intl. by August 2, 2020, will not receive a refund.

Education:

This conference satisfies up to 11 hours of annual continuing education requirements.

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	CEU Conversion
DE	Disability Education	60 min = 1 DE
CR	Certification Core Requirement	60 min = 1 CR
CE	General Continuing Education	60 min = 1 CE

AGENDA

Friday, July 31, 2020 **ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids**

4 – 5 p.m. **Registration, Welcome & Networking**

Session A

5 – 6 p.m.

A1, Treating Trauma through EFP and Equine EMDR DE

EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing) is a proven mental health treatment for processing trauma. Equine EMDR utilizes the natural gait of the horse accessing the bilateral stimulation that is necessary for treating trauma in EMDR. In addition, the client’s connection to the horse and the sense of being "lifted, held and rocked" creates a unique corrective emotional experience in the mind and body. Equine EMDR creates an environment where clients can safely integrate trauma memories. Learning objectives: 1) How trauma is stored in body and mind 2) Use of equine in trauma therapy 3) What Equine EMDR looks like 4) Difference between EFP and EAL 5) Results of EFP sessions

Ellen Pace, LMFT, LPC, LCDC is EMDR Certified, a PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL, and trained in Trauma-Focused Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy. She is a dually licensed therapist/counselor and certified equine professional who is trained in dealing with symptoms such as anxiety, depression, grief, and trauma. She has worked with hundreds of individuals, couples, families in the USA as well as internationally with orphans in Africa and Asia. She lives and has a private practice in Austin, Texas.

A2, Grant Writing Basics CE

Take the mystery out of grant writing, you too can write grants! Better yet, find a volunteer to take on this task. How to get started, basic materials needed, how to track, and available resources. Government grant writing will not be covered.

Pat Roddy is a PATH Intl. Site Visitor. She has been a volunteer for about 25 years with SIRE in Houston. She has served in many different capacities over the years. About 5 years ago, she began writing grants and has submitted many successful as well as unsuccessful applications.

A3, TBI and Post-Concussion Syndrome DE

After traumatic brain injury, there is a wide range of presentation both physically, emotionally, and cognitively. Often there are other injuries that are also present including broken bones, loss of limb, neck and back injuries, as well as benign paroxysmal positional vertigo. This presentation will provide the audience with a first-hand experience testimony given by a PATH Intl. CTRI, then will delve deeper to discuss the definition of traumatic brain injury and post-concussion syndrome, common causes and treatments, a basic review of the Glasgow Coma Scale, closed vs open injuries, neural plasticity, and how different areas of the brain present after injury. A short discussion of balance and how it is measured clinically will be presented, and a brief overview of BPPV. Finally, there will be a brief exploration regarding how to implement the information provided into your daily EAAT lessons.

Callee Dorman, CTRI became a PATH Intl. Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor in November of 2016, just one month before graduating magna cum laude from Texas A&M University with a BS in Psychology. She has been on staff at ROCK, Ride on Center for Kids, in Georgetown, Texas since January of 2017. Callee sustained a mTBI which left her with months of therapy and changed her life.

Kathleen Rosas PT, DPT joined the NeuroRestorative team as a full time physical therapist in October of 2019 after 4 years of experience in inpatient rehabilitation. While in inpatient rehabilitation, she had a wide range of exposure to different diagnoses including degenerative neurologic disorders, stroke, joint replacement, traumatic brain injury, general debility, multi-traumas, LVADs, and transplants. Kathleen earned her degree from Texas Woman's University in Houston in 2015 and has spent her career in Austin. She is an Ekso Skeleton trained therapist and is planning on becoming a vestibular certified therapist as well as a certified brain injury specialist.

Kymry Schmidt, MA CCC, SLP, CBIS is a certified/licensed Speech-Language Pathologist practicing in the field for over 13 years. She graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders. She specialized in adult neuro rehabilitation and has worked in acute care, inpatient, and outpatient/day program settings. Kymry is certified as a Brain Injury Specialist, a VitalStimPlus therapy provider, A Lee /Silverman Voice Specialist and a Teletherapy provider from the National Center for Telepractice.

6 – 6:15 p.m.

BREAK

Session B

6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

B1, Helping EAAT horses thrive: Fostering the biological, social, and emotional health of our equine partners **CR All**

Our EAAT horses provide the foundation for the success of therapeutic programs. They have biological, social, and emotional needs that when successfully met foster their ability to be willing partners in our work. This presentation offers ideas for addressing the needs of therapy horses in a holistic fashion. At the end of the seminar, you will be able to answer the following questions: • What are the biological needs of therapy horses and how can we meet those needs to help therapy horses thrive? • What are the social needs of therapy horses and how can we meet those needs to help therapy horses thrive? • What are the emotional needs of therapy horses and how can we meet those needs to help therapy horses thrive?

Betsy Wisner, PhD is a PATH Intl. Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning. She is also a licensed social worker with a doctorate in social work and teaches graduate courses in social work. She has conducted research on equine therapy with veterans and has volunteered with several equine therapeutic programs. Betsy is passionate about helping horses to thrive.

Diane O'Day Hunt is an Equine Assisted Learning Therapist and Barn Manager for Burke Center for Youth, a Texas Children's Placement Agency and Residential Treatment Center for boys ages 11–17. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Horses and People Helping Each Other (HAPHEO.org), A 501c3 that provides food, medical, and rehabilitative training for horses in need. In addition, Diane directs Thousand Hearts Horse in Dripping Springs, Texas. Diane believes that every horse can serve a purpose, if provided the right environment.

B2, EAAT and ASL: Serving Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students **DE**

Equine Assisted Activities/Therapies and American Sign Language: What PATH Intl. instructors and centers can do to include Deaf/Hard of Hearing students in their practice and communities. Learning Objectives: *Identify unique challenges serving this population *Safety precautions for Deaf/HoH students *Adaptations for EAAT in ASL

Veronica Looney, MS CCC-SLP, CTRI is a Speech Language Pathologist and Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor. She currently works as a therapist for a large residential school for the Deaf and teaches horsemanship in American Sign Language at Healing with Horses Ranch in Manor, TX.

B3, Why Experiential Learning Matters **CE**

This presentation will cover the mutually beneficial results of University students working alongside individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities through experiential learning, and how this collaboration works from start to finish. We will identify the move from disability to diversity and from

inclusion to belonging and discuss identifying needs in both your community and in your center that can mutually benefit.

Jennifer Jones, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Oklahoma State University. All of Dr. Jones' endeavors are built on the core belief that disability is a natural part of human diversity and everyone benefits from inclusion. Her work in communities and in academia over the past 20 years have focused on improving the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

McKenzie Oefelein, CTRI is the Volunteer Coordinator and a PATH Intl. CTRI. McKenzie has been involved with PATH Intl. for 11 years and has expanded Turning Point Ranch's volunteer program by developing unique relationships in the community while developing skills of her volunteers.

Rachel Royston, CTRI, ESMHL is the Executive Director of Turning Point Ranch and has been active in PATH Intl. for 12 years. As a CTRI, ESMHL & Mentor, she serves to assist in the development of clients, volunteers and staff.

Saturday, August 1, 2020 First Baptist Church of Round Rock

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Registration

Session C

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

C1, Understanding Challenging Behavior as Communication DE

An individual's behavior is an important form of communication. Challenging behaviors can often be misunderstood, especially with individuals that are non-vocal. By learning to understand what the behavior is telling us, we can respond to the individual and not the behavior by using a verbal behavior approach to learning and communication. Learn to understand the four functions of behavior, how to improve language and communication while reducing behavior and gain an understanding of responding to the client or rider and not the behavior.

Brenda McCall, CTRI is dedicated to inspiring learning. She is a doctoral candidate in the College of Education at Texas Tech University in Special Education/Applied Behavior Analysis with a research focus on using verbal behavior in the classroom. Brenda is a 10+ year special education teacher working with behavior challenged adolescents and an endorsed behavior coach. She is a life-long horsewoman and involved in EAAT for over 30 years. A USDF "L" graduate, western dressage judge, the founder/executive director of Dream a Dream Therapeutic Horsemanship and captivated by the spirit of the horse.

C2, Center Sustainability Part 1 CE

Sustainability has emerged as a top priority for centers. As a result, supporting center sustainability has become a key priority for PATH Intl. Join PATH Intl. CEO, Kathy Alm, as she guides you through a process to explore the sustainability of your center, assess and identify areas for development or growth, and gain tools to strengthen and grow. You will leave this presentation with a completed organizational assessment, a priority list of areas to address, tools to address issues now and into the future.

Kathy Alm, CEO, PATH Intl. began her service as Chief Executive Officer of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH Intl.) in August 2014. For the previous 16 years she served as Executive Director of Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center in Woodinville, WA. She grew the previously grass roots organization from a \$280,000 annual operating budget to a professional \$2.1 million organization. Kathy served as PATH Intl.'s board president in the 2010-2012 term, first joining the board of trustees in 2005. She has facilitated numerous workshops and presentations on board, staff, fundraising and strategic planning and enjoys the opportunity to share her experience as well as learn from others. Her dedication to the field of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies spans over 19 years with a passion that was ignited the moment she walked through the door at her first therapeutic riding center.

C3, CTRI Cliff Notes CR Riding

A condensed summary of the CTRI process for those transitioning, those initially going for certification and for those planning to mentor new candidates. NOTE: This is not a PATH Intl. presentation. It is designed by a couple of program folks who have been asked a lot of questions. Any questions we cannot answer, will be referred to PATH Intl. for clarification.

Joelle Devlin holds PATH Intl. Master Level Instructor with CTRI and ESMHL certifications. She's been involved in EAAT since 1993, is a Lead Evaluator for Registered, Advanced and Master levels, has presented both nationally and internationally and currently serves as faculty for PATH Intl. on-site as well as on-line courses. She current teaches and consults at SIRE and Inspiration Ranch in Houston TX.

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

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Session D

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

D1, A Panel Discussion Focusing on Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) DE

This will be a multi-member panel of both adults who have an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and their caregivers/families. A moderator will lead the panel through a series of questions focusing on the different kinds of acquired brain injuries such as traumatic brain injuries and strokes, how ABI affects their daily lives, their accomplishments and the benefits they have found in EAAT.

Jennifer Howicz, DPT, PTA is a Doctor of Physical Therapy, American Hippotherapy Association Member and PATH Intl. Member. She has completed Level I and Level II training from the American Hippotherapy Association. Jen will be joined by EAAT participants and their caregivers/families as they explain their experiences with ABI and EAAT.

D2, Center Sustainability Part 2 CE

See session C2

D3, Arena for 4 or More: How to attain and manage larger class sizes CR Riding

Working with local Independent School Districts and other organizations is a great way to help increase clientele. This can be a great opportunity for centers to operate to their fullest potential and be able to reach more individuals. This presentation will explain a way to start a relationship with local school districts or other organizations to offer services to the individuals who would benefit. It will also explain how instructors can cope with the possibility of teaching larger class sizes by giving strategies on how to manage their arena, how to adapt lessons to different learning levels, how to keep everyone engaged and how to still provide 1-on-1 instruction even in larger classes.

Corinna Mendez, M.Ed, CTRI works at Sonrisas Trails in San Angelo, TX. She received her Master's of Education in Recreation Administration from Angelo State University. She teaches both pediatric and adult therapeutic riding sessions as well as ground-work classes with at-risk youth through the local YES Waiver program. Her official title is Challenge Course Manager as she also manages the team building and high ropes program at Sonrisas.

10:45 – 11 a.m.

BREAK

Session E

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

E1, A Panel Discussion Focusing on Down Syndrome DE

This will be a multi-member panel of both participants and their families/caregivers. A moderator will lead the panel through a series of questions focusing on the characteristics of Down syndrome, how DS affects their daily lives, their accomplishments and the benefits they have found in EAAT.

Kristin Witcher, CTRI is the Program Director at ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids. Kristin will be joined by EAAT participants and their families/caregivers as they explain their experiences with Down Syndrome and EAAT.

E2, Premier Accreditation for Dummies, Newbies & Onesies CE

Why "My Center is too: small, poor, understaffed or ugly to become Premier Accredited" are bogus excuses. Following this step by step process ANY center can work its way to successful accreditation. Walk away with a Timeline, Checklist, and Detailed Spreadsheet for a Site Visit along with specific tips on

how to build your team and even get your Board involved. See a Site Visit Book you can use as a template and laugh at anecdotes that could have sunk a site visit so you can avoid them.

Natalea Watkins, CTRI, ESMHL learned about Therapeutic Riding after sustaining a spinal cord injury that's had her riding an electric horse for two decades. She showed up at the first session at Turning Point Ranch in Stillwater, Oklahoma hoping to ride a "real horse" again. Instead, she's been a Board Member, Treasurer, Instructor, Volunteer, Special Olympics Coach, Mentor, Conference Planner, Web Master, T-shirt Designer and Center Representative for site visits at two locations. She has developed a system that slices the imposing Standards Manual into bite sized pieces and is willing to share.

E3, Once Upon a Task ANALYSIS -- Letting go of the Mystery CR Riding

Once Upon a Task Analysis....ARHG...but wait, mystery solved! Starting fresh each semester or session, lesson planning can sometimes seem like a monumental task. Yet, by breaking down the sequence of (important foundation) steps, instructors can build on acquired skills while developing new more advanced skills to expand the rider's ability. This will be an interactive presentation that will provide the opportunity to the participants to discuss task analysis and the importance of the riders to follow one and two part instructions, then continue to develop the skills to complete an obstacle/trail course, or follow the correct sequence for untacking their horses after lessons.

Jen Donahue, MST has been in the EAAT industry since 1993. She was a volunteer Instructor and board member for GNTRC Laplace, LA. She was the founder and executive director of Pointe Celeste TRC Port Sulfur, LA. Jen served as Head Instructor for Equest Dallas, TX, Faculty/Staff Member at TTRC in Lubbock, TX, Equine Manager at SIRE Richmond before Returning to Equest as their Specialty Programs and Community Outreach Coordinator to open Equest at the Texas Horse Park. Jen is a PATH Intl. Advanced Instructor with CTRI, Level III Driving Instructor, and ESMHL and a PATH Intl. Mentor. She is a Lead Faculty for Register Level, Associate Faculty for Driving Certification and a Lead Site Visitor. She currently serves on the Accreditation Sub Committee and is the PATH Intl. Region 8 Representative.

12 – 12:15 p.m.

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12:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Lunch including PATH Intl. Update and Field Test Standards Hearing

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

BREAK

Session F

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

F1, What CP Means to Me - A Panel Discussion Focusing on Cerebral Palsy DE

Cerebral palsy is a physical disability that affects movement and posture. Join us for this multi-member facilitated panel of both young adults who have Cerebral palsy and parents of children who have Cerebral palsy. Learn more about the different types of Cerebral palsy, how Cerebral palsy affects their daily lives, their accomplishments and the benefits they have found in EAAT.

Hunter Adkins, Kyle Devine, Connor Mason and Sydney Middleton have a combined total of over 65 years of participating in EAAT. They will be joined by other participants and their families as they explain their experiences with Cerebral Palsy and EAAT.

F2, Get and Keep Awesome Volunteers CE

Volunteers are the priceless resources that allow our programs to function and expand. This session will explore ways to recruit, train and retain one of our biggest assets ... awesome volunteers.

Andi Holland, TRI has worked in nonprofit management for over 33 years managing or working directly with volunteers for such organizations as The American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Sun City's Boswell Memorial Hospital and the Oklahoma Historical Society. In the fall of 2017 Andi became the Executive Director of Savannah Station Therapeutic Riding Program in El Reno, Oklahoma. Her nonprofit background is helping guide Savannah Station through a time of renewal as it fulfills its mission of "Hope and Healing with Horses."

F3, Development Strategy for EAAT Programs CE

A Development Strategy will empower your mission to serve the community through volunteer, corporate and civic partnerships and grants.

Jennifer Mathis, BBA, is a CHA Equine Facilities Management Level 4, PATH Intl. TRI and Driving Instructor, and Certified Barefoot Trimmer. She started Equine Assisted Therapy and Barefoot Trimming in Texas in 2010. Currently, she is the Horse Program Director for Blue Sky Therapeutic Riding & Respite. With a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of North Texas she has directed staff for grants and fundraising for the past 10 years, developing programs for Equine related and non-Equine related non-profits.

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

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Session G

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

G1, A Panel Discussion Focusing on Autism Spectrum Disorders DE

This will be a multi-member panel of both EAAT participants and their families/caregivers. A moderator will lead the panel through a series of questions focusing on the characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders, how ASD affects their daily lives, their accomplishments and the benefits they have found in EAAT.

Kristin Witcher, CTRI see bio in session E1. Kristin will be joined by participants and their families/caregivers as they explain their experiences with Autism Spectrum Disorders and EAAT.

G2, Civilian Response to Active Threat CE

The Civilian Response to Active Threat program provides attendees with a basic plan that can be adapted to any environment if an active threat occurs. An example of one EAAT program's Active Threat Plan will be presented, as well as how this plan has evolved over the past 5 years. There will be time for attendees to begin to create their own plans for their EAAT programs.

Chris Smyth is an active duty police officer with over 25 years of experience. Chris is certified as a CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event) instructor along with multiple other areas of law enforcement related topics.

Shannon Middleton, CTRI is the Safety and Education Director at ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids, a PATH Intl. PAC. She is a PATH Intl. ESMHL and Mentor as well as a licensed Speech Language Pathologist and HPCS.

G3, Business Strategic Planning CE

Take the mystery out of creating a basic multi-year strategic plan for your business. A strategic plan will help you communicate your objectives with your board, staff, clients, and donors as well as enable you to make informed business decisions and adjust to changes as required. You will leave this presentation with an outline for your strategic plan

John D'Andrea has 35+ years' experience in product development, marketing, operations, and supply chain across the high tech, heavy equipment, and aerospace industries. Over the last 18 years he worked as a volunteer, board member, operations manager and is currently the executive director for a therapeutic riding center.

4:45 – 5 p.m.

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Session H

5 – 6 p.m.

H1, Working with Clients with Co-morbid Psychological Disorders DE

Clients diagnosed with special needs may suffer from physical limitations, speech delays, and other disabilities but many also experience emotional distress as either a secondary result of their disability or as a co-morbid condition. This presentation is intended to educate PATH Intl. professionals about the most common psychological disorders that are present within the population we work with and

hopefully leave you with some tools to help assist these clients that we may be working with for a myriad of therapeutic reasons.

Katherine Anne "Kat" Scott, MS, Registered TRI has a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Neuropsychology. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Texas. She has worked at several PATH Intl. centers as an instructor, equine manager, and grant writer and is currently working as an equine vet assistant. Kat enjoys hiking with her dogs, riding her horses, and generally being outside.

H2, Planning for Successful Outcomes CR All

Do you want to up your teaching skills? Learn to implement multi-sensory strategies to teach higher order thinking skills. Learn to use games and other materials to improve not only riding skills, but also communication and physical skills.

Rebecca Mercer, MEd, CTRI has been teaching school since the age of 20. She also has been an adult volunteer for Girl Scouts of NETX for 37 years. She has been a den leader for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Rebecca has both bachelor's and master's degrees in Special Education from Texas Christian University. She has been a TRI since 1997. She has worked at St Louis School (Tyler ISD) and worked at Spirit of St. Louis TRC in Tyler for 12 years.

H3, Using Technology for Documentation of Lesson Plans CR All

Tools for documenting lesson plans, keeping track of progress notes and time sheets for riders and horses will be shared and explained. Administrative workflow will be discussed in the office setting as it pertains to all client records and HIPAA security measures. Technology resources will be recommended for use and explanations of how to use the technology will be given.

Debbie Bright-Chunn, CTRI, ESMHL was employed in a hospital setting for 30 years and most recently was the Health Information Director for the last 17 years. She has a master's degree in Health Informatics from Louisiana Tech University. She is also a CHA Certified Riding Instructor, Registered Health Information Technician and Certified Coder. Using her medical record experience has proven helpful in maintaining client records in the EAAT industry as she opened her PATH Intl. Member Center in 2018 in Monroe, Louisiana. Some of the same methods utilized in the hospital setting have been established in her setup of the administrative office of her facility, Bright Star Ranch, Inc. Her presentation will elaborate on the technology found to be most useful in keeping accurate client records and office documentation for efficiency and reliability in case of times of incidents or accidents.

6 – 8 p.m. **Dinner including PATH Intl. Region 8 Award Ceremony, LSTEN Meeting, PATH Intl. Region 8 Update and State Meetings**

Sunday, August 2, 2020 ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. **Cowboy Church**

Session I

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

I1, Students At Risk/Alt Ed – Learners to Leaders Part 1 CE

This workshop aims to demonstrate how to build a support base within your client base, through demonstrations of activities that work as both lesson plans and volunteer training. These are plans and activities I use at my center in school programming to introduce middle and high school at-risk/alt ed students to the program and to help them segue into active support roles for special needs sessions, while still being learners themselves. Learning objectives: To gather methods of integration of at risk/alt ed students into special needs sessions; To gather tools useful in smoothing the integration process; To broaden the scope of understanding of contributions and abilities at risk students offer the industry.

Amanda (Mandy) Carter, CTRI, ESMHL is a certified high school English teacher and library media specialist, who has been involved in the EAAT industry for 11 years. She is the executive director of The Therapeutic Equestrian Association of McAlester, in McAlester, Oklahoma. She taught high school English for 10 years, and this is where she developed a calling to provide something more than

classroom instruction to high school students at risk. Those students have shown her how to distribute how very much they have to offer to the rest of their community.

I2, ROCK On Veterans: Veteran Programs that Change Lives! DE

ROCK's Veterans Program (aka ROCK On Veterans) strives to empower our veterans and their families to move forward in their lives despite challenges experienced while serving in the military. ROCK has been serving military veterans since 2005. It has been an honor to work with these families and we have learned many lessons along the way. Veteran Program Coordinators from ROCK will have the following objectives for this presentation: 1. Discuss why we began a Veteran Women Only Class and in addition now offer Veteran Men's Classes 2. Discuss what ROCK does that encourages and results in improved attendance 3. Discuss the challenge of funding issues 4. Discuss effective family programming ideas.

Heidi Derning is a PATH Intl. Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor who has had the joy of being in the EAAT Industry working with ROCK for 20 years. Her passions and motivation for staying healthy are her own family (husband, 3 grown kids & spouses, 7 grandchildren), her ROCK Family including the horses and all the activities she is able to enjoy with these loved ones. She honored to work with Central Texas Veterans at ROCK for over 10 years. Her passion is working directly in programming involving veterans growing due to partnering with horses and community.

Kevin Bowers is a PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor who has a passion for working with military veterans and has been doing so first as a volunteer and then as an instructor for 5 Years. He was a cowboy working with mustangs way before he joined the ROCK family.

I3, Fundraising PhD for FREE CE

You feel like a hamster in a wheel trying to raise more money faster to support your growing program, but you are a horse person not a fundraiser (or a hamster). Stir in the chaos of COVID-19 and 2020 is proving to be a nightmare of a year for fundraisers. This session will show you how to access blogs and FREE webinars from fundraising pros. You will learn how to get smarter every week PLUS find tips to share with your Board and colleagues so they can fundraise too. And, don't worry, you'll also see examples of the Best of the Best ideas so you will return home with action steps even before you enroll in your first webinar.

Natalea Watkins see bio in session E2

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

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Session J

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

J1, Students At Risk/Alt Ed – Learners to Leaders Part 2 CE

See session J2

J2, Logical Laterals Part 1 CR All

Learn how to introduce laterals to your equine partner on the ground and transition this to ridden work. Lateral work is essential for equine partners soundness as it shows them how to transfer weight from the forehead to the haunches. Every instructor and every equine partner is capable of doing this work when it is broken down into ATHENA horse training's system of clear, logical, and progressive steps. You will learn: - What are laterals- leg yield, shoulder in, renvers, travers, and half pass. – Why is lateral work necessary to strengthen equine partners physically and mentally. – How do you teach laterals to equine partners in a way that doesn't stress them out? – How do you teach laterals to riders in a way that doesn't stress them out?

Betsy Kahl, LCSW, CTRI is a PATH Intl. Advanced Instructor and has taught lessons in New Hampshire, Ohio, and Texas. Currently, Betsy works as an instructor at ROCK in Georgetown, TX, and travels training other professionals and programs in New Trails Learning Systems' ATHENA horse training program. Betsy also teaches workshops and lessons in ATHENA/Horse Boy Method, and Movement Method in Elgin, TX. Betsy completed her undergraduate work at the University of Notre Dame and earned her Master of Social Work at Cleveland State University. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Betsy has studied and practiced Animal Assisted Therapy, and has been able to partner with horses, dogs, turtles, snakes, and skunks to connect with others and facilitate change.

J3, Primitive Reflexes, Reactions, and Tone: Implications for EAAT DE

This presentation introduces therapeutic riding instructors to the physiological concepts of primitive reflex, equilibrium/righting reactions and tone, and explores how each affects the rider's performance and safety. It will review strategies for responding to reflexes, lack of equilibrium/righting reactions and varying presentations of tone and spasticity that challenge the rider.

Jennifer Howicz, DPT, PTA has provided physical therapy services focusing on equine-assisted interventions since 2009 when she joined the Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT) team at ROCK, Ride On Center for Kids as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Jen received her Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2019. Jen has completed both Level I and Level II training from the American Hippotherapy Association. She is a member of AHA and PATH Intl., the Texas Physical Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association, including the APTA Neurology and Pediatric Sections. She is certified in the Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT) BIG protocol for individuals with Parkinson's Disease. Jen works with children and adults who face physical challenges from a wide variety of diagnoses, including Cerebral Palsy, Angelman Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Spina Bifida, Spinal Cord Injury, Stroke and Traumatic Brain Injury.

10:45 – 11 a.m.

BREAK

Session K

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

K1, Take Your Oxygen First...Yes You! CE

This presentation is about valuable, practical information communicated for the purpose of supporting the EAAT Professional in the area of self-care. Compassion fatigue is a real thing in our industry. Skills that support all of us before, during and after our workday are a lifeline. Let's learn a few more of these skills and share with

Heidi Derning, Registered TRI see bio in Session I2

K2, Logical Laterals Part 2 CR All

See session I1

K3, The Best Defense is a Good Offense: The Art of Handling Behavior in EAAT DE

Learn techniques through the four maintaining functions of behavior to manage the sometimes challenging behavior of those with special needs, in order to provide the appropriate structure and boundaries to allow them to thrive, giving them a space to communicate safely and appropriately with their horses.

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