

**PATH Intl.
Regional
Conference**

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Region 8

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**LSTEN (Lonestar Therapeutic
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August 3-5, 2018

(Preconference August 2, 2018)

El Reno, OK

Hosted by:

Savannah Station Therapeutic Riding Program

PATH Intl. Region 8 welcomes you to an educational and fun weekend with your friends and colleagues in beautiful El Reno, Oklahoma. Your registration fee includes all sessions on Friday, Saturday and Sunday along with lunch and dinner on Friday, 8/3 and lunch on Saturday, 8/4.

For updates and conference information, please visit www.lsten.net

CONFERENCE LOCATIONS

Thursday (Preconference), Friday, Saturday Afternoon & Sunday Sessions:

Lucas Hall

El Reno Public Schools

600 S Bickford

El Reno, OK 73036

Saturday Morning Sessions:

Denny Crump Rodeo Arena

215 N Country Club Road

El Reno, OK 73036

Lodging Options:

Click to book available options here:

<https://www.lsten.net/hotels.html>

Tack Sale

There will be a tack sale booth open Friday through Saturday. If you are a center who wishes to participate by selling some of your surplus items, please contact LSTEN by emailing us at LSTENRegion8@gmail.com by July 15 so we can make sure to have room for your items. Each center having items in the sale is responsible for pricing and all transactions.

Vendors

There will be various vendors at the conference. If you wish to have a vendor booth, please contact PATH Intl. for more information on a booth. If you are a speaker who is presenting, please notify your speaker coordinator at LSTENRegion8@gmail.com for more information.

PATH INTL. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Online registration will be available May 25, 2018, through July 20, 2018. After July 20, 2018, 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 Fees

Registration May 25 through July 20, 2018:

Full Conference \$100 PATH Intl. or LSTEN Members
Full Conference \$75 PATH Intl. Higher Ed Student/Faculty Members

Registration on-site after July 20, 2018:

Full Conference \$120 PATH Intl. or LSTEN Members
Full Conference \$95 PATH Intl. Higher Ed Student/Faculty Members

Refund Policy:

Written cancellation request is required for refund.

Deadline for Full Refund – Request received in PATH Intl. office by **July 20, 2018**

Deadline for 50% Refund – Request received in PATH Intl. office by **August 3, 2018**

Individuals who do not submit a written request to PATH Intl. by August 3, 2018, will not receive a refund.

No refunds due to weather unless conference is canceled.

Education:

As we transition to new CEU requirements for instructor renewal, please note that sessions meeting the specific disabilities education requirement are marked with ***DE**. If you have questions about these requirements, please contact Bret Maceyak at the PATH Intl. office. This conference satisfies up to 24.75 hours of annual continuing education requirements.

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	LIMIT	CEU Conversion
DE	Disability Education	Minimum six hours (no maximum)	60 min = 1 DE
CR	Certification Core Requirement	Minimum of two hours per certification	60 min = 1 CR
CE	General Continuing Education	No minimum or maximum requirement	60 min = 1 CE

AGENDA

Preconference: Thursday, August 2

8 – 9 a.m.

Registration

8:30 – 5:30 p.m

PC1, Mental Health First Aid – Youth – *Lacinda Daugherty, LPC*
\$50/person paid directly to LSTEN* (includes lunch)

Just as CPR helps you assist an individual having a heart attack, mental health first aid helps you assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. In this course, you learn risk factors and warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

Lacinda Daugherty is the manager of Logan County Services with Northcare.

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PC2, CPR/First Aid Re-certification Course CE
\$45/person paid to LSTEN*

9 – 11 a.m.

PC3, Novice Instructor Workshop – *Heather Hernandez-Sedillo and RD Sedillo* CR Riding
N/C

This interactive session for novice instructors will pack your instructor toolbox. It will include discussion on arena management and safety, techniques for specific populations, and new lesson plan ideas.

Heather Hernandez-Sedillo has been a passionate member of the equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) industry since 2004. She is the co-founder of Reining Strength Therapeutic Horsemanship, a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center (PAC) in Richmond, TX. Heather is a PATH Intl. Advanced Instructor, lead certification evaluator and site visitor for center accreditation. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in social work from Baylor University and a master's degree in education in community counseling from Texas Tech University. Heather recently co-authored a textbook for the EAAT industry: The Comprehensive Guide to Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies, which is the first peer-reviewed textbook of its kind.

RD Sedillo has been a lifelong equestrian, gaining experience on the racetrack in New Mexico with his father who is also a trainer. He is licensed to train racehorses in six states, and in 2011, he became the youngest trainer to have a horse in the All-American Derby. In 2014, he began working for Reining Strength Therapeutic Horsemanship as the equine and facilities manager. He is a PATH Intl. Registered TRI and Equine Specialist in Metal Health and Learning as well as a Special Olympics Equestrian Coach.

12 – 1 p.m.

Lunch – On your own

1 – 5 p.m.

PC4, Repeat: CPR/First Aid CE
\$45/person paid to LSTEN*

1 – 5 p.m.

PC5, PATH Intl. Standards and How to Survive a Site Visit
– ***Joan Cutler*** CE
N/C

This presentation is for centers thinking about becoming PATH Intl. Premier Accredited but are not sure where to start. We will discuss *PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation* and how they apply to your center along with a look at a Standards notebook to help make your site visit easier on you and your center.

Joan Cutler has been a PATH Intl. Site Visitor for 15 years. She is also PATH Intl. Standards Course Faculty, a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, Certified Driving Instructor Level 1 and is ESMHL certified.

*Go to Lsten.net for instructions on how to pay for this session

Friday, August 3

8 – 9 a.m. **Registration & Welcome**

Session A

9 – 10 a.m. **A1, Therapeutic Taping for Therapeutic Riding! Part 1 – Dr. Leisa Preisard CE**

This session will explain the fundamentals of therapeutic kinesiology taping. You will know when to use taping techniques (it's more than using Google or YouTube!) to safely achieve obvious and immediate functional results, and immediately improve riders' posture, balance and function. You'll also get hands-on practice in taping specific muscle groups that relate to riding...it's so easy!

Liesa M. Persaud, PT, DPT, PCS, CKTP, is a licensed physical therapist with 26 years' experience in the field of adult and pediatric therapy. Additionally, she has educated health care professionals, both nationally and internationally, in advanced treatment techniques, specialized practical training and consultative services. She has worked in a variety of settings, including private pediatric and adult clinics, schools, private homes, hospitals and long-term care facilities. Ms. Persaud is a credentialed clinical instructor and also teaches human anatomy, physiology and nutrition at Tulsa Community College. She received her associate's degree in 1993 from Tulsa Junior College and worked as a physical therapist assistant while completing her Bachelor of Science degree in organizational leadership from Southern Nazarene University in Tulsa, OK. Ms. Persaud earned her master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Findlay in Findlay, OK, in 2003 and continued to expand her expertise in the field. She received her post-graduate doctorate from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions and is a board certified specialist in pediatric science. Ms. Persaud's passion for travel has led her to teach and treat in Australia, New Zealand, Turkey, the Arab Emirates, Mexico, the Ukraine and Palestine. Her wide range of clinical experience, organizational leadership and proficient teaching skills make her an exciting and compelling instructor.

9 – 10 a.m. **A2, PATH Intl. Standards and How They Apply to Each of Us – Joan Cutler CE**

The *PATH Intl. Standards for Certification and Accreditation* aren't just for your center's site visit every five years. As a professional or volunteer at a PATH Intl. Member Center or Premier Accredited Center, you are responsible for your part of the puzzle.

Joan Cutler see bio under PC6

9 – 10 a.m. **A3, Equine Selection & Training – Rachel Royston & McKenzie Hindman Oefelein CE**

Choosing equine partners for EAAT can be a very challenging experience without set parameters to guide your team. Making sure the horses you bring on not only excel physically but also mentally and emotionally is imperative for a healthy, long-term career in the EAAT industry. This presentation will provide forms with the parameters of choosing horses for your program from the first phone call when the "perfect dead broke horse" is offered to you through a 90-day trial period to milestones marking whether the horse moves on in the process or goes home.

Rachel Royston is the executive director of Turning Point Ranch Association, a PATH Intl. PAC in Stillwater, OK, and has been a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor for seven years. She is also a PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL and registered mentor. She served as herd manager for Agape Therapeutic Riding in Indiana for three years for a herd of 20. Rachel has presented at the PATH Intl. Conference three years on miniature horse programing and training as well as mentoring instructors-in-training.

McKenzie Hindman Oefelein is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor who has served Turning Point Ranch for seven years. She is currently senior instructor and served for three years as the herd manager of 10 horses.

10 – 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

Session B

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **B1, Therapeutic Taping for Therapeutic Riding! Part 2 – Dr. Leisa Preisard CE**
Continuation of A1

Liesa M. Persaud, PT, DPT, PCS, CKTP, see bio under A1

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **B2, Camp Courage: How Horses and Community Promote Growth for the Entire Military Family – Heidi Derning CE**

This presentation will inspire PATH Intl. Professionals to begin working with military families through creating your own Camp Courage or similar program. As the children of military families experience joy through skills and friendships that center around horses and community, hope for the child and their family becomes a reality! The children we have worked with also inspire their parents in their own path to healing. When hope is present the possibilities for healing and thriving are limitless.

Heidi Derning has been with R.O.C.K. Ride On Center for Kids, a PATH Intl. PAC in Georgetown, TX, for 19 years, serving first as the first volunteer coordinator and then as a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor. Since 2012, she has spent most of her program hours having the honor of working with Veteran programming, which includes classes for Veterans, service members and their families. Camp Courage is very dear to her because the campers seem to have a special serving spirit like so many of their parents. Additionally, this camp involves many of Veterans volunteering to make the camp happen! Heidi has a passion for her family including her hubby, her three grown kids and her grandkids—all of whom are under the age of two! She also loves horses and anything she can do outside.

10:15 – 11 a.m. **B3, Planning and Response to an Active Shooter – Jim McBride CE**

The Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security offers a two-hour presentation, free of charge, for Oklahoma businesses and organizations on what to do to improve your security. We have taken some basic law enforcement practices and a look at past attacks, and adapted them to work for you.

Jim McBride was in law enforcement for 35 years, before retiring as a captain with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP). He worked various road assignments with the OHP and was a member of their bomb squad and the tactical team. It was as a member of the tactical team that Jim was one of the first responders to the Oklahoma City Bombing in April 1995. Jim spent 10 years in the OHP Special Operations Unit, six as the troop commander. He served 26 years as a member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Jim now serves as an adjunct instructor for the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security, Southern Nazarene University, and FEMA's Emergency Management Institute in Emmetsburg, MD.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **BREAK**

Session C

11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m. **C1, Therapeutic Taping for Therapeutic Riding! Part 3 – Dr. Leisa Preisard CE**
Continuation of A1 & B1

Liesa M. Persaud, PT, DPT, PCS, CKTP, see bio under A1

11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m. **C2, Ethics in Practice as a Therapeutic Riding Instructor – Heather Hernandez-Sedillo** CR Riding

When asked as a professional if a person is an ethical instructor, individuals will almost always say YES! But what do ethics look like at the barn? This session will discuss ethics relating to the EAAT industry and how to apply them.

Heather Hernandez-Sedillo, see bio under PC3

11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m. **C3, Planning and Response to an Active Shooter – Jim McBride** CE

Continuation of B3

Jim McBride, see bio under B3

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch and PATH Intl. Update** with Jeff Kelling, PATH Intl. Director of Credentialing and Education CE

Session D

2 – 3 p.m. **D1, EAAT and IEPs - Opening the Gate to Collaboration – Andrea Suk and Faye Autry-Schreffler** CR Riding

Collaborating with local schools and special educators can benefit EAAT riders. We will review various trends, goals, best practices, strategies, policies and terminology to help facilitate this connection for the benefit of EAAT riders.

Andrea Suk joined the Zarrow Center in 2016 as a Doctoral Sooner Scholar. Andrea obtained her bachelor's degree as a learning behavior specialist from Bradley University. She has taught in both Illinois and Arizona as a high school special education teacher where she also quickly developed the role of preparing students for careers after graduation. Upon completing her master's degree in transition through the University of Kansas, she became a transition specialist in Texas. During this time, Andrea completed more than 150 transition plans for students in both high school and middle school settings. Andrea has received distinct recognition for her leadership as the ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering mentor group for high school students) mentor of the year in Phoenix, the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year (Glendale, AZ), and is a Target Grant Field Trip recipient. Andrea is also a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor.

Faye Autry-Schreffler was a secondary transition education scholar and finished her second master's degree at the University of Oklahoma, December 2016. Faye obtained her bachelor's degree from Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA, in 2003. She then served six years active duty in the United States Air Force, where she was an airborne surveillance technician aboard the E-3 Sentry (AWACS). During her service to her country she earned her first master's degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma in December 2010. After Faye became a disabled veteran, she wanted to continue to serve her community as a teacher. She then went through the Troops to Teachers program and became certified to teach severe and profound disabilities, mild and moderate disabilities, secondary level in English, U.S. history, OK history, government and economics. Faye then taught special education for several years at both the middle and high school level before she was accepted full time into the University of Oklahoma's doctoral program. Faye also owns and runs a cattle and horse ranch with her husband by Lake Thunderbird.

2 – 3 p.m. **D2, Equine Specialist - What Does That Mean? – Heather Hernandez-Sedillo and RD Sedillo** CR ESMHL

Participants will learn about the role and characteristics of a qualified equine specialist and how that individual works with other professionals in various forms of programing. There will be

interactive discussion on what being an equine specialist looks like. The session will include information on equine behavior and senses.

Heather Hernandez-Sedillo and RD Sedillo, see bios under PC3

2 – 3 p.m. **D3, Insurance for Your PATH Intl. Center – Debi DeTurk Peloso, CPCU CE**
Debi DeTurk Peloso, CPCU, works for Markel Insurance and has been an equine insurer since 1982, specializing in commercial liability and property coverages.

3 – 3:15 p.m. **BREAK**

Session E

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **E1, Secondary Traumatic Stress: The Dangers of Not Taking Care of Yourself – Katherine Anne Scott DE**

This presentation addresses the very real threat of secondary traumatic stress (STS) as a result of our jobs. It is paramount that we, as healthcare providers, maintain adequate levels of self-care. This helps prevent compassion fatigue and burnout to ensure our level of workplace satisfaction and helps provide the very best service to our clients. Learn some effective skills for the prevention of STS!

Katherine Anne Scott, "Kat," has a master's degree in Clinical Neuropsychology, as well as certifications and state licenses for psychometry and counseling. She recently obtained her PATH Intl. TRI certification and works at two independent practices, providing therapeutic riding lessons and equine-assisted psychotherapy. She works with clients who present with a variety of issues, but she especially likes to work with people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and dementia. She has two dogs, one cat and two apricot dun paint horses, and would eventually like to own her own private practice.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **E2, Preliminary Findings of Equine Behavioral Responses and Preference for Human Interactions in Experimental Settings and Implications for Horse-Human Bonding – Emily Kieson, MS, PhDip, and Charles I. Abramson, PhD CR ALL**

This session will bring together a diverse group of three to five highly involved, active parents to share how to be a better instructor from their viewpoint. Parents are experienced advocates for their children and are a great resource for instructors. This is your opportunity to listen to what they have to say. The session will be open for questions from the audience.

Emily Kieson is a current PhD student at Oklahoma State University in the Laboratory of Comparative Psychology and Behavioral Biology with a focus on equine behavioral psychology in the context of horse-human interactions. Kieson has an MS degree in psychology from OSU, a postgraduate diploma in equine science from the University of Edinburgh, is a PATH Intl. Certified ESMHL, and has more than 15 years full-time experience in the horse industry. Her current studies include correlations in equine and human behavior under different interactive conditions, effects of EAAT on anxiety, depression, and PTSD in young adults, college students and veterans, and ongoing investigations into equine preferences for human contact and human social bonding.

Charles Abramson has a PhD degree in comparative psychology and is currently employed with Oklahoma State University.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **E3, EFL Vocational Training Program – Jen Donahue CR ESMHL**

This presentation will cover EFL Equine Connecting, a vocational training program at Equest, building relations in the Dallas Independent School District to support transition planning, and career exploration for students in special education.

Jen Donahue has been involved in the EAAT industry since 1993 and is employed by Equest, a PATH Intl. PAC, and currently serves as its specialties program and community outreach coordinator. She has served as Equest's head instructor and education coordinator, supervising, lecturing and mentoring in the bi-annual PATH Intl. approved training courses. Jen has been fortunate to have worked with five therapeutic riding centers and started one from the ground up. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor, Certified Driving Level III Instructor, a PATH Intl. Mentor and Certified ESMHL. Jen is a lead faculty member for PATH Intl. Onsite Registered Level Therapeutic Riding Instructor workshops and certifications, and associate faculty for PATH Intl. Therapeutic Driving workshops and certifications. She is currently serving as chair of the PATH Intl. Region 8 Leadership Team. Jen serves on the PATH Intl. Accreditation Sub-Committee and the PATH Intl. Driving Sub-Committee. Jen is the president of the Lone Star Therapeutic Equestrian Network board, which provides continuing education opportunities for therapeutic riding professionals. She has been involved in planning the Region 8/LSTEN conferences for 14 years. Jen has a passion for teaching the teachers.

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. **BREAK**

Session F

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **F1, Dressage for EAAT – Cecelia Conway CR Riding**

Does Dressage seem overwhelming and out of reach? Learn foundational principles of dressage and how they can benefit both your herd and your riders. Come away with techniques and tools to build Dressage into your program and develop opportunities for growth.

Cecelia Conway is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI, an International Society of Rider Biomechanics coach and chair of a 26 show schooling series in Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana. She is also an active rider competing in traditional and Western Dressage as well as a member of the USDF, USEF, AQHA and IDCTA.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **F2, Board vs Staff: Clearing the Confusion of Roles and Responsibilities – Lili Kellogg CE**

There can be lots of confusion or contradictory messages in regard to board/staff relationships. This presentation will provide a paradigm about drawing the line between the board vs. staff roles and responsibilities.

Lili Kellogg is the CEO of Equest, a PATH Intl. PAC in Dallas, and has been involved in the therapeutic riding industry since 1987. Before taking the helm at Equest, she served as the executive director of SIRE in Houston, the director of ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship in McKinney, Texas, and the program director of Equest. Prior to moving to Texas in 1984, she served on the faculty in the Equine Management Department of the University of Minnesota Technical College, Waseca. Lili, who received her BS degree in animal science from Colorado State University, is a PATH Intl. Certified Master instructor, accreditation site visitor, ESMHL, and a riding certification faculty/evaluator. She has coached equestrian teams at national and international levels, including Team USA at the 1996 Paralympics. Lili has served on numerous boards, committees and task forces and was the 2002 recipient of the PATH Intl. James Brady Professional Achievement Award, the highest honor in the therapeutic riding industry. Lili is currently serving on the PATH Intl. Board of Trustees.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **F3, Succession Planning – Leslie Kirkland, et al. CE**

As the visionaries who have led the charge in establishing centers around the region are facing life changes, many centers face an uncertain future. This course is designed to help provide some insight into and guidance through the challenges of transitioning from one generation to another. **Leslie Kirkland** is originally from Alberta, Canada. She founded *The Right Path Riding Academy*, a PATH Intl. PAC in Drumright, OK, in 1996, and her unique perspective as a physical therapist and as a person living with Multiple Sclerosis provides passionate leadership to the program's volunteers and riders. Leslie is a PATH Intl. Certified TRI and a Certified Driving Instructor Level 1. She is also active in competitive driving in Oklahoma.

6 – 8 p.m. **Dinner & PATH Intl. Region 8 Awards Presentation**

Keynote by Courtenay DeHoff, My Family's Road to Overcoming Trauma CE

After a car accident caused trauma in Courtenay's family's life, they turned to horses and relied on their rural heritage to overcome an event that could have stopped their lives short. Share in her family's experience, achievement of great milestones and be inspired.

Courtenay DeHoff is a cowgirl turned television personality whose witty and charming antics have grabbed the attention of Deadspin, Yahoo!, The Huffington Post, LIVE with Kelly and more. She is currently a host on The CW's nationally syndicated television show "Morning Dose," and she co-hosts "The Dirty Hair Podcast" alongside reality superstar Melissa Rycroft. In 2016, DeHoff was named a top 10 finalist in the "LIVE with Kelly" guest co-host search with Kelly Ripa. She was selected among thousands of entries thanks to her audition tape, which featured a tongue-in-cheek take on her rural lifestyle. Courtenay sets herself apart in the entertainment industry by staying true to herself. She never takes herself too seriously and she washes her hair bi-weekly. When she isn't busy working, she loves to travel the world. Courtenay has visited 18 countries and doesn't plan to slow down anytime soon. She also loves educating the public about rural America and what it means to be a cowgirl. As a high school, collegiate and professional rodeo athlete, she loves surprising people with her unique cowgirl background.

Saturday, August 4th

8 – 9 a.m. **Registration & Welcome**

Session G

9 – 10 a.m. **G1, Biomechanics and Therapeutic Riding – Cheryl West DE; CR Riding**

Learn how we can improve the impact of therapeutic riding on our participants by focusing on the bio mechanics of the rider and horse.

Cheryl West, originally from Australia, now calls northeast Oklahoma her home and regularly hosts clinics and training on a variety of topics from dressage to groundwork to trail riding. She is a phenomenal Dressage and vaulting instructor. Cheryl is highly regarded in the industry and has recently trained for a short time with Olympic coach Anne Gribbons. She is also the 2018 chair of the Oklahoma Dressage Society.

9 – 10 a.m. **G2, Identifying and Reducing Stress in Our Equine Partners – Dr. Kris Hiney CR ALL**

The mental and physical health of our equine partners is critical to success. Learn to identify the signs your horse is telling you that he may need a break or needs other assistance with pain management. We will discuss ways to decrease physical as well as mental stress for the horse. **Dr. Kris Hiney** is the equine extension specialist at Oklahoma State University. She is passionate about increasing the understanding of horse behavior for those who both utilize and share their lives with horses. Dr. Hiney also provides research-based information on caring for horses to both adult and youth audiences.

10 – 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

Session H

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **H1, Feeding for Health: Keeping Our Partners Well – Dr. Kris Hiney CE**
Proper nutrition is the foundation for the health and well-being of therapy horses. We will discuss the need for adequate forage to promote health and well-being, identification of proper forages and select feeds to complement the forage. In addition, we will discuss the unique dietary needs that may accompany PATH Intl. horses.

Dr. Kris Hiney, see bio in G2

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **H2, Teaching Volunteers to Warm Up the Horse - From the Pasture to the Arena: Preparing the EAAT Horse – Charla Ann Story CR ALL**

Are your volunteers dragging horses from the pasture to class and around the arena? Are your program horses inattentive or overly sensitive? Are your horses leaning on the horse leader or being pushy? Are your volunteers looking down at the ground or appear bored? This session will teach how to motivate and prepare both the volunteers (horse handlers/leaders) and the horse for a more safe, effective and fun class.

Charla Ann Story was born into a horse and musical family where showing horses and playing music was the norm. Her mother introduced her to training principles and to the therapeutic riding industry where she remains today. She holds a master's degree in education and is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor, mentor, as well as a CHA Master Instructor and Clinician. She is the founder and director of C-Bar Horsemanship Therapeutic Riding Center, a PATH Intl. Member Center in Shawnee, OK, specializing in equine-assisted learning, adaptive physical education, training and schooling horses, instructor-in-training programing, Veterans' program, and collaborating with local universities and their student/volunteers. At Victory Therapeutic Center, a PATH Intl. PAC in Roanoke, Texas, Charla teaches therapeutic riding classes, a senior adult class, a mentorship program, a Veterans class, and a class for women rescued from human trafficking. In between teaching, she plays upright & electric bass with Steve Story Music Co., her husband's company.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. **BREAK**

Session I

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. **I1, Training for Success – Abby Ocker CR ALL**

Our horses are a key component to the success of our programs. This presentation will identify weak points that can cause soreness and irritability and give demonstrations for overcoming these issues.

Abby Ocker manages and trains 35 horses at The Right Path Riding Academy, a PATH Intl. PAC in Drumright, OK, and runs her own training business, Solo Christos Horse Training. She specializes in starting horses and entered the Blaze's Tribute Equine Rescue Trainer's Challenge

in 2016 and 2017. She won 1st place both years. Abbey received her PATH Intl. TRI certification in August 2017 and is currently preparing for driving certification. Aside from therapeutic riding and training, Abby enjoys competing in working equitation.

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. **I2, Teaching Volunteers to Warm up the Horse - From the Pasture to the Arena: Preparing the EAAT Horse – Charla Ann Story CR ALL**

Continuation of H2

Charla Ann Story, see bio in H2

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **LUNCH, LSTEN Meeting, State Meetings**

Session J

2 – 3 p.m. **J1, Horsin' Around - Behavioral Strategies for Participants at EAAT Centers – Andrea Suk and Faye Autry-Schreffler DE; CR ALL**

EAAT participants exhibit a variety of behaviors while working with horses. Instructors and volunteers may wish to encourage more positive behaviors, while eliminating challenging or unsafe behaviors in the EAAT environment. This presentation will cover various behavioral strategies to aide participants to become as independent as possible. Topics covered in the presentation include positive reinforcement, praise, preference assessments, goal attainment, self-monitoring, error correction procedures, and utilizing (shaping and chaining) techniques to teach skills.

Andrea Suk and Faye Autry-Schreffler, see bios in D1

2 – 3 p.m. **J2, Workplace Wellness Programs: Are They Right for Your Center? – Cecelia Conway CE**

Learn about how a workplace wellness program can benefit your center by enhancing the longevity of both employees and volunteers. Create ideas for all budgets from \$0 – infinity.

Cecelia Conway, see bio in E3

2 – 3 p.m. **J3, Process Improvement for Improving Sustainability and Efficiency for EAAT Services – Nancy Krenek and Shannon Middleton CE**

Using proven business models of evaluating outcomes and impact in your center can change the culture of the organization and ultimately create a smoother, more consistent program that is more efficient in raising funds, maintaining staff and ultimately providing improved services to participants.

Nancy Krenek is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor, doctor of physical therapy and the CEO/founder of R.O.C.K., Ride On Center for Kids, a PATH Intl. PAC in Georgetown, TX. She is a hippotherapy clinical specialist with 20 years in the industry.

Shannon Middleton is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor, Certified ESMHL, mentor, speech language pathologist and hippotherapy clinical specialist. She is the safety and education director at R.O.C.K., Ride On Center for Kids, a PATH Intl. PAC in Georgetown, TX.

3 – 3:15 p.m. **BREAK**

Session K

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **K1, Supporting Positive Identity Development With EAAT: The What, Why and How – Betsy Kahl DE**

This presentation will look at the trauma individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities may experience that can impact their sense of self and challenge their ability to connect, communicate and engage in cooperative relationships. We will use Dr. Karyn Harvey's concept of positive identity development as a framework for creating safe, inclusive and empowering experiences for all clients.

Betsy Kahl is a PATH Intl. Certified Advanced Instructor and an LCSW. As a social worker, Betsy's work has focused on supporting children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral needs in school, camp and outpatient settings. Betsy has partnered with a variety of animals to facilitate growth in clients including dogs, cats, turtles, skunks, opossums and snakes. Her favorite partners are horses. Betsy lives in Austin, TX, and works as an instructor at R.O.C.K., Ride On Center for Kids, a PATH Intl. PAC in Georgetown, TX.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **K2, Equine Activity Liability Acts: Are You Blindly Galloping Along? – Deborah Manasco CE**

Stop the blind galloping without legal direction! Hear a summary of the origin and protections of the Equine Activity Liability Acts and what it means in your center. Hear how some court cases have tested the limited immunity of the EALA, and obtain insight and understanding why compliance with PATH Intl. Standards is important in the arena AND in defending a legal action.

Deborah Manasco is a lifelong equine enthusiast and has competed, coached, judged and taught horsemanship in various settings for more than 40 years. Retired from full-time law practice, she practices with the Alabama Legislature during the annual regular session and teaches therapeutic horsemanship part-time at Storybook Farm in Opelika, AL. She is a PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor, mentor and site visitor.

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **K3, Effective Fundraising – Lili Kellogg and Christine Volkmer CE**

This session will provide attendees with tips and strategies for improving their program's fundraising efforts and will help alleviate anxiety that often accompanies fundraising.

Lili Kellogg, see bio in F2

Christine Volkmer is the director of development for Equest, a PATH Intl. PAC in Dallas, TX, since November 2016. Prior to that she ran a public relations business for 14 years; before that, she was an educator teaching English.

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. **BREAK**

Session L

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **L1, Colors of Hope Equine Restoration Certification Program – Jodie Webb, Juliette Dugger, Joanna Tones and Van Hargis CE**

The complexity of peeling back layers of the human soul is sensitive and traumatic, and we've designed our Colors of Hope Equine Restoration Program to mirror that process and certify equine facilities and leaders on a global scale. Our objective is to be one of the world's leading equine restoration, enrichment and empowerment programs for organizations around the globe who rescue girls and young women affected by sexual abuse and sex trafficking. Our equine facilities help prevent increasing statistics and, in the aftermath, facilitate restoration. We seek to develop the most effective, educational and redemptive equestrian experiences and personal transformations in the world. Through our unique and proprietary certification program, equestrian facilities become Colors of Hope Equine Restoration Certified. We educate and equip trainers and

leaders to create a safe space for every sexually abused and sex trafficked person as you embrace emotional triggers together with our strategic, hands-on and head-on approach. The result is trust, power, permission and identity restored back to the person through our equine techniques and tools. We pray that every young female has an opportunity to heal on the back of a horse and put a hoof in the face of her trauma!

Jodie Webb is the Colors of Hope founder and international director. Rodeo was a way of life during her childhood and adolescence. As a young child she became a victim of sexual abuse and sex trafficking, but in the midst of her pain, rodeo and a ranching way of life gave her the gift of the equine. Horses played an intricate role in her life and God used them to provide comfort and healing on her journey to restoration. The pain of her abuse is now a story of redemption, and Jodie believes that every female who has suffered from the emotional torment caused by sexual abuse and sex trafficking can be restored by connecting God, equine and this program.

Juliette Dugger had a pretty normal childhood with a share of dysfunction thrown in. At 10 years old, the harsh reality of poor adult choices, such as abuse and neglect, ravaged her family. Her life's work is empowering God's beloved daughters to find more joy, less overwhelm, more peace, less worry, more restoration, less confusion, more redemption, less shame and more belonging, less loneliness. In 2003 Juliette resigned from corporate America and decided to launch her own business as a female entrepreneur and business coach. Juliette and her family are blessed to call the beloved and magnificent Texas Hill Country home! She is a speaker, professional life coach, creative, mentor, author and CEO. She is the founder of Fellowship of Kindreds Organization, SoulStory Conference, Arise Retreat, Jules & MakeHer Collective and Raw Outlaw Wellness. Juliette is privileged to sit on the board of her nonprofit partner, Colors of Hope, as president, and through equine restoration she is "IN IT TO PREVENT IT."

Joanna Tones has many untold stories of both tragedy and triumph. She wants to show others how to truly live from the inside out and bring people to the foundation where they can find healing and restoration. Joanna and her husband, Joe, have three beautiful daughters, two handsome sons, and three adorable grandbabies! She sits on the board as treasurer for Colors of Hope.

Van Hargis has been called one of today's most versatile horsemen, a designation that reflects a lifetime devoted to learning and communicating the elements of superior horsemanship as applied in a variety of disciplines. More than just a clinician who talks about horsemanship, Van is a true horseman whose clinic and seminar presentations are born out of real-world experience working with and learning from horses. Van started riding horses when he was four years old and launched his career as a trainer at 12 when the wife of world-renowned saddle maker Billy Cook hired him to train her horse. He spent much of his youth in the saddle, working cattle at ranches around his Texas home. At the same time, Van was honing his skills as a trainer and competitor, taking both his own and his clients' horses into the show ring and the rodeo arena. Van and the horses he's trained have excelled in show and rodeo events like ranch horse versatility (his specialty), Western pleasure, trail classes, calf roping, team roping and steer wrestling. Van currently resides just outside Victoria, TX, where he has established his own training facility, specializing in colt-starting and ranch horse versatility. He moves easily across the "great divide" between the Western and English riding worlds, and has worked successfully with horses from many disciplines, including both working ranch horses and show horses in Western pleasure, Hunter-Jumper, and Dressage. In horsemanship and in life, Van firmly believes there's "nothing but the basics," and that those basics are the same no matter what equestrian discipline appeals to you. Van communicates his practical methods and messages in a way that lets each participant leave the event entertained, educated and inspired.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **L2 Equine Activity Liability Acts: Are You Blindly Galloping Along? – Deborah Manasco CE**

Continuation of K2

Deborah Manasco, see bio in K2

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. **L3, Effective Fundraising – Lili Kellogg and Christine Volkmer CE**

Continuation of K3

Lili Kellogg, see bio in F2

Christine Volkmer, see bio in K3

Sunday, August 5th

8 – 9 a.m. **Cowboy Church**

Session M

9 – 10 a.m. **M1, Region Networking – Facilitated by Shannon Middleton, PATH Intl. Region 8 Representative CE**

A strong bridge begins with a firm foundation and strong girders spanning the distance. This session will do the same thing with therapeutic riding professionals by networking and sharing our experience in certain areas to educate the new, refresh the old and grow those in between. This session is for everyone and not to be missed.

10 – 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

Session N

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **N1, Don't Take A Chance—Do the Safety Dance! – Shannon Middleton CE**

The PATH Intl. mission is to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies for individuals with special needs. During this presentation, we will walk through some of the safety and emergency standards that affect our work in EAAT every day. Active shooter plans and risk management plans will also be discussed. Please bring your center's safety plans to share!

Shannon Middleton, see bio in J3

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **N2, 4H and the Therapeutic Equine Center – Becke Williams CE**

Information will be provided on matching 4H activities with the activities at PATH Intl. Member Centers. 4H clubs make for a unique community connection and a good source of volunteers.

Becke Williams is a 4H leader in Arkansas, and she owns and operates her family ranch. She opened Arkansas Heart & Sole TEC in 2016 in Monticello, AR, and is the manager and PATH Intl. Certified Registered Instructor there.

We look forward to seeing you soon in El Reno, Oklahoma!

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For PATH Intl. Certified Professionals serving youth who have experienced trauma, abuse and neglect, this new on-demand course aims to describe how trauma may affect EAA participants and guide instructors on how to develop a trauma-informed approach to EAA programming.

The new online course design allows you to work through content at your own pace and at times that are best for your busy schedule. Three units in the course will bring you through the biological and physiological effects of trauma, considerations for offering EAA to youth who have experienced trauma and practices to implement a trauma-informed approach to youth programming. You can expect to dedicate approximately four hours to coursework.

Member pricing for this on-demand online course is \$99 and earns PATH Intl. Certified Professionals 4 disability education credits.

Event Type:Conference

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Late registration starts on Jul 21, 2018.