



## Similar Agencies for Waiting List Students

The Red Barn is no way affiliated with the organizations listed below. We are not responsible for their facilities, programming, or operations. Please evaluate each as a separate agency. We have listed some questions below that you may want to ask when contacting these agencies. We have also listed some general information as a point of reference only. Use your common sense and best judgment when making decisions about whether or not to participate in any activity.

### Some questions you may want to ask when contacting other agencies or individuals:

#### Programing

What programs do they provide? The table below lists some programs typically offered and certifications.

	Description	Common Certifications
Therapeutic (Adapted) Horseback Riding	Horseback riding lessons that are taught by a certified riding instructor who can adapt the lesson to accommodate a rider with a physical, cognitive, or emotional disability.	PATH CHA IRD HorseBoy
Equine Assisted Therapy	A treatment provided by a licensed therapist with specific training and certification to use equine activities or the barn environment to reach goals related to individual needs, based on the therapist's standards of practice. Certified Therapeutic Horseback Riding Instructors cannot provide Equine Assisted Therapy unless they are also a licensed therapist.	Natural Lifemanship EAGALA OK Corral HERD Institute (EAT)
Hippotherapy	Occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech therapy that incorporates the movement of the horse into the treatment plan.	American Hippotherapy Association
Equine Assisted Learning	An experiential learning approach that promotes the development of life skills while working with horses.	PATH EFMHL HERD Institute Stable Moments (EAL)

#### Fees

Are fees charged for programming? Note that fees paid to receive services are not ever tax deductible. If scholarships are available, what is the criteria to qualify?

**Staffing**

Is their staff certified and appropriately trained to provide the programs offered? How are staff supervised? How many years of experience do they have? Do staff undergo background checks? Are they CPR and First Aid certified?

**Horses**

What procedures are in place to ensure the horses are appropriate? How do they select, desensitize, and train their horses? Who is responsible for the horse care and training? Are records kept of horse behavior to ensure they remain appropriate for usage in a therapeutic environment? Does the facility meet the standards of the American Association of Equine Practitioners for horse care?

**Volunteers**

How are volunteers selected and what training do they receive? Are they trained in emergency procedures? Do volunteers undergo a thorough background screening including both a criminal background check and DHR background check (results may vary between the two)? In what cases are exceptions ever made if there is a finding?

**Insurance**

Do they have adequate liability insurance? PATH recommends a minimum of \$2 million general liability. Are instructors expected to provide their own liability insurance policy or does the organization provide coverage? Is there worker's comp coverage for employees? Are actions by volunteers covered under the liability policy?

**Personal Safety**

What procedures in place to prevent potential abuse and molestation by staff or volunteers?

**Equine Agencies advertising services to children with disabilities:**

Dan Gilliland  
Vandiver, AL  
(205) 305-1629  
WDanGilliland@bellsouth.net

Forward in Faith Ranch  
Bessemer, AL  
(205) 370-2981  
FIFRanch@gmail.com

Forward Farm  
Jasper, AL  
(334) 799-4598  
ForwardEquine@gmail.com

Hope Haven  
Sterrett, AL  
(205) 441-3080  
HopeHavenKids21@gmail.com

King's Stables  
Chelsea, AL  
(205) 253-1187  
Info@KingsHome.com

The Mustard Seed Society  
Pell City, AL  
(205) 913-0628  
GlennMagargee@yahoo.com

Mulberry Farm  
Hayden, AL  
(205) 289-8669  
Info@MulberryFarm.org

Special Equestrians  
Indian Springs, AL  
(205) 987-9462  
[Ride@SpecialEquest.org](mailto:Ride@SpecialEquest.org)

**Equine Agencies that may be able to accommodate children with disabilities:**

BK Corral  
Wilsonville, AL  
(205) 305-9233  
KetchamFamily@bellsouth.net

Heathermoor Farm  
Moody, AL  
(205) 999-3256  
Alvis915@earthlink.net

GKM Equestrians  
Leeds, AL  
(205) 719-6213  
Kenan@GKMEquestrian.com

Mazzoni Barclay Equestrian  
Birmingham, AL  
(205) 834-0726  
Jebarclay@me.com

Monty Hess  
Moody, AL  
(205)410-5978

**Equine agencies that may serve children who have experienced trauma:**

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