



Similar Agencies for Waiting List Students

The Red Barn is in 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:

Programming

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

	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 are 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 a 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 in 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 are in place to prevent potential abuse and molestation by staff or volunteers?

Equine Agencies advertising services to children with disabilities (within 45 minutes of Birmingham)

- **Special Equestrians**
1215 Woodward Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35214
(205) 987-9462
ride@specialequest.org
specialequest.org
- **Horses Offering People Encouragement (HOPE)**
1301 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-6290, (256) 507-4088
HOPE@hopehorses.org
hopehorses.org
- **Forward in Faith**
2120 Quail Drive, Bessemer, AL 35022
(205) 253-1187
fifranch.com
- **Dan Gilliland**
728 Highway 50, Vandiver, AL 35176
205-305-1629
wdangilliand@bellsouth.net
- **King's Stables**
32 King's Ranch Drive, Wilsonville, AL 35186
205-253-1187
info@kingshome.com
kingsstables.org
- **Canoe Creek Stables**
Springville, AL
(205) 253-4446
[Canoe Creek Stables Facebook Page](#)

Other agencies that may be able to accommodate individuals with special needs

- **Shoal Creek Stables (Rhonda Bell)**
495 Jackson Taylor Lane, Ashville, AL 35953
(205) 337-5845
rhondabell89@gmail.com
- **Bryan Tweed (Addiction services)**
205-337-9843
- **Barclay Equestrian**
2484 Eastern Valley Rd, Birmingham, AL
(205) 834-0736
jebarclay@me.com