



Partners For Progress, NFP

Established in 2005, Partners For Progress, NFP is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides individuals with physical, mental, and emotional challenges alternative therapeutic programs using quality trained horses. Partners For Progress believes that each one of our participants is an individual and receives individual treatment. Our overall goal is to help each participant achieve their maximum personal potential, welfare, and self-achievement. Using equine partners helps us reach and make contact with each participant.

Therefore, each participant receives an evaluation delivered by a licensed Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, or a Speech/Language Pathologist to pinpoint deficit areas which impact the function of daily life. Each participant is then given designated goals written for interventional therapy that are established every 10 weeks by the therapists for function gain. The therapists also document progress for the goals that address each individuals' needs on a weekly basis for the greatest potential possible. Since incorporating these strategies utilizing a skeletal staff (compared to other equine therapeutic centers) PFP has accrued over 6 years of documented outcome history showing that the programs at Partners For Progress have been able to attain a 79% goal achievement success rate. What does that mean? It means that 79% of the goals assessed to our participants are achieved, or for 79% of the opportunities presented the participant will demonstrate moderate or better progress toward the assigned goal. It is quite the moment to see the joy on a participants face when they realize that they are no longer limited due to their hard work, achieving the goal.

In 2009, Partners For Progress pioneered the way for a national traveling show team that participates in competition with the National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA) and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA). Participants in this program have achieved honors that include World Championship titles. We are the only therapeutic riding center within the states of Illinois and Wisconsin with such a team. Each participant on our traveling show team also partakes in our Sports Training program. Participants in our Sports Training program have additional goals written for them by a riding instructor to help them achieve the greatest level of independent riding possible. Additionally, Partners For Progress supports a Special Olympics riding team.

Partners For Progress provides a quality of horse in our programs that falls within the top 5% of therapeutic facilities within the United States. A higher quality of horse allows for more functional gain which is a necessity. All of the horses at Partners For Progress are handpicked for physical composition, capabilities, experience and demeanor to best suit the participant range being served. This exceptional level of equine quality and ability - which is of the greatest importance to the participant - requires physical soundness, meaning the horse must be physically sound at the walk, trot and canter. Continued physical soundness is provided to the horse through rigorous training, maintenance, and sports quality veterinarian care. By providing quality trained horses, each individual participant is insured the chance to experience the highest quality therapeutic ride with maximum benefits.

Changing lives with challenging & effective therapy.



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