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Bright Horizons has important news to share! We are very pleased and excited to announce that we are now a 'Premier Accredited Center' (PAC) with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, Intl (PATH Intl.). This designation makes us one of only 4 PAC in Oregon to achieve this level of excellence. Worldwide only 30% of PATH Intl. centers are Premier Accredited Centers.

Premier Accreditation is a process that recognizes PATH Intl. Centers that have met or exceeded established industry standards in: administration, facility, safety, horse care, quality instruction, program and applicable special interest standards.

Please call for more information about our programs, we now offer Therapeutic Horseback Riding, Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Learning, Interactive Vaulting, as well as recreational riding for children and adults.

About: Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center

[Bright Horizons](#) Therapeutic Riding Center, founded in 2004, is both a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and a Premier Accredited Center with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH Intl.), [PATH Intl.](#) is a membership organization that fosters safe, professional, ethical and therapeutic equine activities through education, communication, standards and research. Bright Horizons operates utilizing PATH Intl.'s guidelines and teaching standards. Located in Lincoln County, Bright Horizons welcomes and serves clients from around Oregon.

Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center takes a team-oriented approach to providing programs targeted at disabled children and adults. A dedicated and committed Board of Directors, an Executive Director and a PATH Intl. certified advanced instructor work together with a network of service providers and volunteers in a concerted effort to instill our core values of empathy, empowerment, human dignity and the right to self determination. Genuine healing takes place in a safe environment of tolerance and understanding where assets are tapped, potentials are realized and deficiencies are forgotten.

Equine-assisted activities and therapy provide individuals of varying ability levels with the opportunities to challenge themselves physically and emotionally and to set goals to improve their quality of life via the horse. Recognized by the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association, equine-facilitated therapy provides a valuable adjunct to traditional forms of therapy. Equine-assisted activities have shown remarkable success in meeting the complex needs of program participants. Benefits can include gains in balance,

posture, and mobility. A person's gait is similar to that of a horse giving many riders the opportunity to experience this type of normal movement for the first time while on a horse.

Bright Horizons' "equine therapists" and certified advanced instructor enable riders to achieve their goals through carefully designed equestrian activities. These programs have been shown to measurably improve physical, psychological and social functions, especially among children. Studies have documented significant gains in self-esteem among adolescents and disabled children who participated in equine-assisted therapy.

For more information about Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center visit us online at www.brighthorizonsriding.org.