










**1. Please indicate which of the following MOST describes your current status related to EAA/T (select only one):**






		Response Percent	Response Count
Therapist working in physical field (example: PT, OT, speech therapy)		11.6%	53
Therapist working in psychological field (ex: mental health counseling, family counseling, behavioral)		11.8%	54
<b>Instructors and equine specialists/teachers</b>		<b>30.3%</b>	<b>139</b>
Volunteer (example: side walkers, program assistants, board members)		10.9%	50
Administrator (example: executive director, fundraising professional, business manager)		12.4%	57
Professional research associate (university or hospital staff focusing on research)		7.0%	32
Donor or supporter		3.5%	16
Participant/family member of participant		1.7%	8
None of these apply (please refer to comment box below)		10.7%	49

Comments: 101

**answered question 458**

**skipped question 1**

## 2. Please indicate in which geographical region you are located:

		Response Percent	Response Count
North America		83.8%	383
South America		0.9%	4
Central America		0.2%	1
Europe		9.4%	43
Asia		0.9%	4
Africa		0.4%	2
Australia		4.4%	20
	Other (please specify)		6
<b>answered question</b>			<b>457</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2</b>

**3. The primary goal of HHRF is to fund research related to equine assisted activities and therapies. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for the purpose of providing information and data to potential funders (foundations, donors, sponsors, etc.).**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Not at all important		0.4%	2
Not very important		0.4%	2
Neutral		4.0%	18
Somewhat important		12.8%	58
<b>Very important</b>		<b>81.0%</b>	<b>366</b>
Not applicable		1.3%	6

Comments: 44

answered question 452

skipped question 7

**4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

	Not at all important	Not very important	Neutral	Somewhat important	Very important	Response Count
Foundations	0.7% (3)	0.2% (1)	4.2% (17)	14.6% (59)	<b>80.2% (325)</b>	405
Donors	0.7% (3)	0.7% (3)	4.2% (17)	26.8% (108)	<b>67.5% (272)</b>	403
Sponsors	0.3% (1)	1.0% (4)	7.0% (28)	24.3% (97)	<b>67.5% (270)</b>	400
Other funding sources (list below)	1.3% (3)	0.4% (1)	11.2% (25)	13.9% (31)	<b>73.1% (163)</b>	223

Comments: 124

answered question 411

skipped question 48

**5. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for the purpose of providing information and data to third party reimbursement sources (health insurance companies, government benefit programs, etc.).**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Not at all important		2.5%	11
Not very important		2.5%	11
Neutral		9.9%	44
Somewhat important		9.5%	42
<b>Very important</b>		<b>68.4%</b>	<b>303</b>
Not applicable		7.2%	32

Comments: 47

answered question 443

skipped question 16

**6. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of third party reimbursement sources:**






	Not at all important	Not very important	Neutral	Somewhat important	Very important	Response Count
Health insurance companies	1.5% (5)	1.2% (4)	4.5% (15)	13.9% (46)	<b>78.9% (262)</b>	332
Government benefit programs	0.0% (0)	0.9% (3)	3.3% (11)	12.8% (43)	<b>83.0% (278)</b>	335
Other third parties (list below)	1.7% (3)	0.6% (1)	16.9% (29)	12.2% (21)	<b>68.6% (118)</b>	172

Comments 56

answered question 339

skipped question 120







**7. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for the purpose of creating best practices/evidence-based practices.**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Not at all important		0.0%	0
Not very important		0.2%	1
Neutral		2.7%	12
Somewhat important		16.7%	73
<b>Very important</b>		<b>78.1%</b>	<b>342</b>
Not applicable		2.3%	10

Comments: 24

<b>answered question</b>	<b>438</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>21</b>






**8. Please indicate the importance of this research for you for the purpose of attracting new participants.**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Not at all important		1.4%	6
Not very important		5.5%	24
Neutral		9.6%	42
Somewhat important		33.6%	147
<b>Very important</b>		<b>48.6%</b>	<b>213</b>
Not applicable		1.4%	6
		Comments:	37
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>438</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>21</b>

**9. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing each of the following participant referral sources:**

	<b>Not at all important</b>	<b>Not very important</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Medical referrals for new patients	0.0% (0)	0.9% (3)	4.3% (15)	18.8% (65)	<b>76.0% (263)</b>	346
Educational/school referrals for new students	0.3% (1)	0.8% (3)	3.4% (12)	31.2% (110)	<b>64.3% (227)</b>	353
Parent/community referrals	0.0% (0)	0.6% (2)	6.3% (22)	42.8% (149)	<b>50.3% (175)</b>	348
Corporate referrals	0.6% (2)	1.8% (6)	15.6% (53)	34.5% (117)	<b>47.5% (161)</b>	339
Other referrals (list below)	3.3% (4)	0.8% (1)	27.3% (33)	25.6% (31)	<b>43.0% (52)</b>	121
					Comments:	40
					<b>answered question</b>	<b>354</b>
					<b>skipped question</b>	<b>105</b>

**10. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for better understanding impact on specific focus areas (developmental disabilities, behavioral disabilities, cognitive, emotional, communication).**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Not at all important		0.0%	0
Not very important		0.9%	4
Neutral		3.5%	15
Somewhat important		17.2%	74
<b>Very important</b>		<b>77.2%</b>	<b>332</b>
Not applicable		1.2%	5

Comments: 28

<b>answered question</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>29</b>

**11. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following specific focus areas:**

	<b>Not at all important</b>	<b>Not very important</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Very important</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Developmental disabilities	0.5% (2)	1.3% (5)	2.0% (8)	17.5% (69)	<b>78.7% (310)</b>	394
Behavioral disabilities	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	2.0% (8)	14.9% (59)	<b>82.9% (329)</b>	397
Emotional disorders	0.0% (0)	0.8% (3)	2.5% (10)	15.7% (62)	<b>81.1% (321)</b>	396
Social dysfunction	0.0% (0)	0.5% (2)	2.5% (10)	16.4% (65)	<b>80.6% (319)</b>	396
Physical disabilities	0.5% (2)	1.5% (6)	4.9% (19)	16.9% (66)	<b>76.2% (297)</b>	390
Cognitive disabilities	0.0% (0)	0.5% (2)	2.9% (11)	18.9% (72)	<b>77.7% (296)</b>	381

Comments: 28

<b>answered question</b>	<b>399</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>60</b>







**12. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for better understanding impact when used for leadership and communications skills training.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Not at all important		0.9%	4
Not very important		4.0%	17
Neutral		14.1%	60
Somewhat important		32.2%	137
<b>Very important</b>		<b>45.9%</b>	<b>195</b>
Not applicable		2.8%	12
Comments:			22
answered question			425
skipped question			34

**13. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following types of skills training:**

	Not at all important	Not very important	Neutral	Somewhat important	Very important	Response Count
Leadership skills	0.0% (0)	1.2% (4)	4.3% (14)	43.5% (141)	<b>50.9% (165)</b>	324
Communication skills	0.0% (0)	0.9% (3)	1.8% (6)	30.7% (100)	<b>66.6% (217)</b>	326
Other types of skills training (list below)	0.7% (1)	1.3% (2)	14.7% (22)	23.3% (35)	<b>60.0% (90)</b>	150
Comments:						67
answered question						326
skipped question						133

**14. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for reflecting your philanthropic interests as a donor.**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Not at all important		3.1%	13
Not very important		6.4%	27
Neutral		13.2%	56
Somewhat important		18.6%	79
<b>Very important</b>		<b>40.6%</b>	<b>172</b>
Not applicable		18.2%	77







Comments: 20

<b>answered question</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>35</b>







**15. As a donor, which of the following is your primary reason for providing philanthropic support in this area? (choose only one)**

		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>To support advancements in EAA/T in general</b>		<b>36.0%</b>	<b>87</b>
To support participants in EAA/T programs		24.0%	58
To increase capacity/sustainability of EAA/T organizations		28.5%	69
To support growth in the equine industry		11.6%	28
	Comments:		12
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>242</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>217</b>

**16. HHRF is determining planning strategies to ensure the most efficient and effective course for directing EAA/T research. Please indicate which of the following reasons for conducting EAA/T research is most important to you. (Note that in the next question you will have the opportunity to indicate which reason is next more important to you.)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
For providing information and data to potential funders		19.4%	82
For providing information and data to third party reimbursement sources		16.4%	69
<b>For use in creating best practices related to EAA/T curriculums</b>		<b>37.2%</b>	<b>157</b>
For use in attracting participants to your programs		9.5%	40
For better understanding impact on specific focus areas		15.4%	65
For better understanding impact on leadership skill development		2.1%	9
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>422</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>37</b>

**17. And, which of the following reasons for conducting EAA/T research is next most important to you (choose only one)?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
For providing information and data to potential funders		20.1%	85
For providing information and data to third party reimbursement sources		15.4%	65
<b>For use in creating best practices related to EAA/T curriculums</b>		<b>27.5%</b>	<b>116</b>
For use in attracting participants to your programs		11.4%	48
For better understanding impact on specific focus areas		23.0%	97
For better understanding impact on leadership skill development		2.6%	11
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>422</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>37</b>

**18. Please indicate below how effective you think HHRF is in each of the following areas:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Communication with stakeholders regarding research progress	24.8% (88)	<b>48.2% (171)</b>	23.1% (82)	3.9% (14)	355
Communication with stakeholders regarding foundation activities	21.7% (76)	<b>49.7% (174)</b>	24.3% (85)	4.3% (15)	350
Communication of research results in terms that are understandable	29.1% (104)	<b>46.5% (166)</b>	20.4% (73)	3.9% (14)	357

Comments: 69

answered question 364

skipped question 95

**19. Please feel free to share any other thoughts on how we're doing at HHRF! Are we meeting your expectations? Anything we could be doing better to meet your needs?**

	Response Count
	161

answered question 161

skipped question 298

**Page 2, Q1. Please indicate which of the following MOST describes your current status related to EAA/T (select only one):**

1	I'm teaching EAA/T therapists in courses and at university, often focusing on research but also working practically	Aug 15, 2011 12:05 PM
2	In our center we are working: three NARHA Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructors (PATH Intl.)	Aug 15, 2011 4:43 AM
3	This question needs to allow multiple responses. I fit several of these categories.	Aug 11, 2011 11:18 AM
4	I am the CEO & Founder of Save All Species, Inc. dba RnR Farms.	Aug 10, 2011 1:38 AM

**Page 2, Q1. Please indicate which of the following MOST describes your current status related to EAA/T (select only one):**

Rescue/retired equine together with Foster & other underserved youth is our mission (briefly sumized). EARTH, Equine Assisted Riding Therapy & Horsemanship, is our curriculum. We honor the importance of research most and foremost the documentation hence forward no matter who, where or what it is pertaining to as long as it is based on the human horse interaction & the significance thereof. Having worked with Autistic children in this environment I found that there is little recognition on the Human/Horse connection. We would welcome partnering & focusing our efforts directly in the direction you are going since we are not in a situation nor is the time right to put RnR Farms into operation mode, still writing curriculum etc.

5	I'm a therapist in eaa/t- but also the administrator and the mother of a disabled girl participant	Aug 9, 2011 11:25 AM
6	I am the founder of Equi-Sens... Director and also a therapist/teacher	Aug 8, 2011 6:49 PM
7	I am the PT, head instructor, and Director. Take your pick.	Aug 8, 2011 3:57 PM
8	We are instructors and equine specialists with a psychologist, kinesiologist working in mental health issues.	Aug 8, 2011 12:56 PM
9	I am a board member at our city's Therapeutic Riding centre. I am a health professional who hopes to be involved in research in the future.	Aug 8, 2011 12:13 PM
10	I have the Certificate of Therapeutic Riding Instructor of Cantra.	Aug 8, 2011 11:36 AM
11	Horse owner, interested in all equine activities	Aug 8, 2011 10:09 AM
12	Both physiotherapist and riding instructor under the noregian riding association	Aug 8, 2011 12:28 AM
13	I have been involved in TR for over 30 years --a nurse by profession / taught veterinary students at the Ontario Vet . College , Univ. Guelph for 15yrs / volunteered at local/provincial/ national and international levels of TR in different capacities / presently responsible for the local program in Guelph. I have experienced first hand for years the amazing power of the horse in the lives of children & adults with special needs and really want to see some solid research projects that will convince health Ministeries & Governments take this non-traditional therapy seriously. At our centre we have a consultant Physiotherapist & Occupational Therapist. We have laid the groundwork for a research project working with our O.T. , and 2nd year O.T. students from McMaster University in Hamilton , Ontario( field of Autism). We are also developing another project with Dr Jan Yorke from Laurentian University/ Georgian College in northern Ontario -- Jan has a PhD in Veterinary Social Work. I am passionate about what we do I want the medical profession to take the work seriously .	Aug 6, 2011 12:19 PM
14	Our association applies in 4 options mentioned: Therapist working in physical field; Therapist working in psychological field; Instructors and equine specialist/teachers and Administrator	Aug 5, 2011 1:52 PM
15	This is a test by Hugh Cassidy	Aug 5, 2011 8:13 AM
16	Am a fysiotherapist and equine teacher, teaching people with envirements problems	Aug 5, 2011 12:45 AM
17	Ex volunteer - 9 year volunteer withat Fieldstone Farm Theraputic Riding Center	Aug 4, 2011 8:17 PM

**Page 2, Q1. Please indicate which of the following MOST describes your current status related to EAA/T (select only one):**

18	Former volunteer not currently involved.	Aug 4, 2011 5:44 PM
19	therapeutic riding for physical, emotional and recreational benefits	Aug 4, 2011 5:43 PM
20	Retired academic researcher	Aug 4, 2011 4:06 PM
21	I also have a desire to produce reliable and valid research & have started my research journey.	Aug 4, 2011 1:10 PM
22	College student studying Psychology at undergraduate level	Aug 4, 2011 9:05 AM
23	insturctor in training	Aug 4, 2011 8:00 AM
24	Executive Directoir of equine assisted psychotherapy 501 (c) 3 and service provider.	Aug 3, 2011 6:38 PM
25	Also own horses for pleasure, show, breeding and rescue.	Aug 3, 2011 2:42 AM
26	social worker with interest in AAT	Aug 2, 2011 12:55 PM
27	i am french, and hope you will anderstand at less the general idear of my comments. God luck !.. I have done personel growth help by horses,(whit Epona instructor) and responsability of ourself manegement is allways take in consideration when i or i whit other, whit horses.	Jul 31, 2011 7:00 AM
28	I am associated via the 3 following areas: 1. Volunteer as a sidewalker and horseleader 2. NARHA (now PATH) certified registered instructor. 3. Graduate student in SLP, planning to do hippotherapy through AHA when finished with MA degree.	Jul 29, 2011 1:31 PM
29	I am a para coach and EC coach with some interest in this area.	Jul 29, 2011 10:17 AM
30	Volunteer instructor with Riding for the Disabled Association	Jul 28, 2011 6:54 PM
31	I am also an OT student beginning my first year of the MSc(OT) program.	Jul 28, 2011 2:07 PM
32	I am a child psychologist working with children with Autism, Down Syndrome, developmental delay, attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity, and other psychopathologies. For 4 years he assisted therapy with horses and now investigated the role of the Nervous System in the psychological benefits. My goal is to inform the neurological basis of the results observed in the assisted therapy with horses.	Jul 28, 2011 10:32 AM
33	Mental health therapist (LMFT) with EAGALA certification but currently not practicing.	Jul 28, 2011 8:42 AM
34	I am EAGALA and Horse Boy Method certified.	Jul 27, 2011 10:48 AM
35	Graduate Student seeking a viable EAA/T project direction	Jul 27, 2011 9:05 AM
36	www.equestrianangel.com equine assisted therapies and visitation with miniature horses.	Jul 27, 2011 7:22 AM
37	Strategic Planning Consultant	Jul 27, 2011 6:09 AM

**Page 2, Q1. Please indicate which of the following MOST describes your current status related to EAA/T (select only one):**

38	Developing, publishing, editing text books to further the field of hippotherapy, and adaptive riding activities.	Jul 25, 2011 9:11 PM
39	I am also a physical therapist and am active on a very part-time basis in hippotherapy	Jul 25, 2011 6:07 PM
40	Barn staff	Jul 25, 2011 11:18 AM
41	For the purposes of this survey I will answer from the ED perspective	Jul 25, 2011 9:45 AM
42	I am also a NARHA/PATH advanced instructor and NARHA/PATH Premier accredited Center Director	Jul 25, 2011 8:50 AM
43	Professor of equine health training equine veterinary health professionals	Jul 24, 2011 7:33 AM
44	insurance agent responsible for insuring 660 PATH Centers across the US	Jul 23, 2011 6:56 PM
45	I am a researcher, but also a licensed social worker.	Jul 23, 2011 3:27 PM
46	Instructor as well as Program Manager for Recreational Therapeutic Riding Program	Jul 23, 2011 12:40 PM
47	I oversee and teach graduate and post-graduate studies in Equine-assisted Mental Health at a College.	Jul 23, 2011 9:48 AM
48	Facilitator/Educator/Consultant	Jul 23, 2011 8:04 AM
49	I also do equine assisted psychotherapy in the context of my traditional therapy.	Jul 23, 2011 7:34 AM
50	I am the co-owner of a facility that provides Equine Assisted Pshchotherapy and Learning. I am the equine specialist of the team, working with the the Mental Health Professional. . I am not the mental health professiona., but rather the horse specialist. Seems that there should be "Equine Specialist" catagory for those who are working with the horses.	Jul 23, 2011 5:49 AM
51	I receive emails from HHRF.	Jul 22, 2011 11:16 AM
52	family member/decision maker of a farm that has recently become involved in using horses and farm animals as an component in mental therapy	Jul 22, 2011 9:52 AM
53	I am a volunteer program assistant and love it.	Jul 22, 2011 9:26 AM
54	Educator -- teaching students in a 4-year baccalaureate program dedicated to equine facilitated therapeutics. Also oversee a small program.	Jul 22, 2011 9:24 AM
55	Executive Director of state horse council (Not of EAAA/T organization)	Jul 22, 2011 9:05 AM
56	I am also a volunteer, and I am also a university professor, although I have never (yet) been involved in research in the field of EAAT.	Jul 22, 2011 7:03 AM
57	I actually hold a BA in Therapeutic Horsemanship and am focusing on pursuing graduate school for Occupational Therapy. I am not involved in the field at this time, unfortunately. It seems that with limited funding available our local TH classes meet for only a few hours a week and I am unable to be a part of those sessions... =(	Jul 22, 2011 7:00 AM

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58	I am also the founder and director of Stride Ahead, Inc., so I do much administrative work, but my heart and passion is with the clients and horses.	Jul 22, 2011 6:20 AM
59	i am an OT and program director as well as an instructor so it is hard to choose just one.	Jul 22, 2011 6:07 AM
60	also therapist working in psychological field and teacher for riding therapists	Jul 22, 2011 12:30 AM
61	Owner and facilitator at Brora Farm Equine Assisted Learning canberraequineassistedlearning.com	Jul 21, 2011 10:27 PM
62	Equine Facilitated Learning practitioner, beginning my third year in the certification program through Lake Erie College and Spirit of Leadership	Jul 21, 2011 8:25 PM
63	Veterinarian and horse owner/breeder	Jul 21, 2011 7:52 PM
64	Hard to pick just one hat. Am a speech therapist, instructor, board president and acting ED all as a volunteer. also a donor	Jul 21, 2011 7:06 PM
65	A few years ago, my firm, Sanford Holshouser Economic Development Partnership, LLC, conducted an equine study sponsored by the North Carolina Legislature. The purpose of the study was to determine the economic value of the equine industry in NC. Our five partners gathered the information and presented a report to the Legislature	Jul 21, 2011 6:40 PM
66	also a family member of participant	Jul 21, 2011 6:32 PM
67	I am a director of a center for EAA/T. The center is affiliated to a large foster home (similar to Green Chimneys) and is focussing the psychotherapeutic treatment of various psychiatric clients, especially children, adolescents and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders.	Jul 21, 2011 6:29 PM
68	Published NIH principle investigator, sits on NIH panels determining awarding of grant monies.	Jul 21, 2011 6:25 PM
69	I am a PATH International certified instructor and the CEO of a PATH member center.	Jul 21, 2011 6:18 PM
70	EAGALA certified, but not practicing EAP	Jul 21, 2011 5:30 PM
71	I am a trained behaviorist with a recent masters degree from Utah State University. I have 30+ years experience in the industry; Horse-shoeing.	Jul 21, 2011 5:29 PM
72	have a child who could benefit from the therapy	Jul 21, 2011 4:51 PM
73	PATH Instructor and Mentor	Jul 21, 2011 4:49 PM
74	Shamanic practitioner. Horses to me are sentient beings and as such have a huge amount of wisdom to share with us. Also take in horses with "broken spirits" for remedial/respite care/time to learn how to be a horse again... so the connection is two way... very interestd in any energy based complementary/alternative therapies and their effects on horses. Have studied to BSc level in Equine Science	Jul 21, 2011 3:28 PM
75	student	Jul 21, 2011 3:24 PM

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76	I am a coach, secretary, volunteer co-ordinator and committee member of a Riding for Disabled (NSW) centre.	Jul 21, 2011 3:09 PM
77	ever since I had lost my horses my life has changed for the worse ,I tried to kill myself 3 times ,and been sick a lot ,I am very unhealthy emotionally ,and my anxiety has been off the charts .so my life is nothing ,I have no interest in any thing I used to do ,now I just go to the doctors ,psychiatrist and the dentist and right back home and stay in the house .	Jul 21, 2011 2:23 PM
78	Academic researching EAT	Jul 21, 2011 1:54 PM
79	I currently attend Geneva College and will be conducting my research on EAA/T through Freedom Reins in New Castle, Pa I plan to get certified as an instructor and work with youth, troubled teens, and mentally challenged children.	Jul 21, 2011 1:51 PM
80	I am a psychology masters (play therapy) student.	Jul 21, 2011 1:42 PM
81	youth worker qualified in equine facilitated learning, working with young people	Jul 21, 2011 1:40 PM
82	Student in counseling psychology program with an emphasis on EAMH (Equine Assisted Mental Health)	Jul 21, 2011 1:15 PM
83	EAGALA Certified ES - working towards Advanced	Jul 21, 2011 1:11 PM
84	Very interested in your research, believe in the goal.	Jul 21, 2011 12:51 PM
85	There are those of us "in the trenches" so-to-speak, that are truly serving the field in more than one way MOST of the time, but simply finding ways to prioritize each day as foot soldiers trying to advance the work from the ground up. Very difficult to choose only one.	Jul 21, 2011 12:45 PM
86	I am involved with a new organization 'Wish Upon a Horse' in South Carolina. I was a volunteer and Board Member for 'Heroes on Horseback and a volunteer for Northern Va. Riding Center.	Jul 21, 2011 12:38 PM
87	I'm a veterinarian and have trained and shown horses and ponies in several categories	Jul 21, 2011 12:35 PM
88	Therapist working at a program in the instructor role...	Jul 21, 2011 12:31 PM
89	Also donor, supporter	Jul 21, 2011 12:23 PM
90	former volunteer/therapeutic riding instructor; equine specialist (EAGALA and PATH certified) current student (MSW)	Jul 21, 2011 12:17 PM
91	I am also the Executive Director of our organization.	Jul 21, 2011 12:06 PM
92	scientific review committee member	Jul 21, 2011 11:58 AM
93	Professional in organizational development with strong interest in research and application, especially in area of horse/human interactions	Jul 21, 2011 11:57 AM
94	I am also a PT	Jul 21, 2011 11:51 AM
95	37 years as head instructor, became rehabilitation specialist for neurologically-	Jul 21, 2011 11:45 AM

**Page 2, Q1. Please indicate which of the following MOST describes your current status related to EAA/T (select only one):**

	impaired with M.A. in 1982. Developed first international model for standards and competencies for the therapy horse via Delta Society, around 1990. Developed several specializations within the field.	
96	Wild Horse Ecologist and Advocate	Jul 21, 2011 11:44 AM
97	volunteer in the past; also interested in conducting research on EEAT (NOTE: the survey would not let me make 2 selections)	Jul 21, 2011 11:40 AM
98	I'm also an administrator and a research associate. Furthermore I'm involved in program development and curriculum development and training.	Jul 21, 2011 11:40 AM
99	I am about to receive my PsyD and will be directing and facilitating an equine assisted psychotherapy program on a reservation this year.	Jul 21, 2011 11:37 AM
100	Board Member to NC based therapeutic riding center	Jul 21, 2011 11:27 AM
101	I have been retired from EAA/T since 1997. I participate in certain "issues" when I feel I have something to contribute. (EX. The NARHA name change, which I felt was a poor decision, since an international organization - FETI - already exists.) Jean Tebay	Jul 21, 2011 11:19 AM

**Page 3, Q2. Please indicate in which geographical region you are located:**

1	Europe - Spain	Jul 28, 2011 10:33 AM
2	New Zealand	Jul 26, 2011 7:22 PM
3	Spain in Catalonia (Girona)	Jul 25, 2011 3:16 AM
4	I am located in NA, but work with an organization in Europe	Jul 22, 2011 6:39 AM
5	prefer use United Kingdom	Jul 21, 2011 3:29 PM
6	Texas	Jul 21, 2011 12:18 PM

**Page 4, Q3. The primary goal of HHRF is to fund research related to equine assisted activities and therapies. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for the purpose of providing information and data to potential funders (foundations, donors, sponsors, etc.).**

1	It is what is the equally important to our purpose to improve awareness & get this research/acknowledgement moving forward for life.	Aug 10, 2011 1:40 AM
2	While I support the goals of HHRF, I am not in a position to benefit financially or professionally from any form of funding originating with them.	Aug 9, 2011 5:54 AM

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3	Research in the brain-body connection already exists. It is all about the application of the scientific principles of kinesiology, neurophysiology and sensory integration followed with behavioral psychology, social learning therapy, cognitive development therapy and relational cultural therapy.	Aug 8, 2011 1:01 PM
4	We still need LOTS of information and investigation on therapies assisted by horses.	Aug 8, 2011 11:38 AM
5	Funders who do not understand the programs offered through TR often think "people with horses have money " Raising money for TR programs is an education & awareness process ---it is often considered "the icing on the cake" when so often it is the highlight of a child's week or the one motivator that moves all the child's other therapy forward. To be able to refer prospective funders to some solid research projects would make a huge difference in society accepting what we, as a community, can offer.	Aug 6, 2011 12:25 PM
6	Insurances/payers requiring more and more substantial information to verify payment for services. EBP is crucial for this niche of therapy to survive.	Aug 4, 2011 6:38 PM
7	I think it is extremely important but I am not in a position to engage or fund research.	Aug 4, 2011 4:08 PM
8	We constantly receive feedback from a major insurance company ( Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of SC) that we are not evidence based. Consequently, we are not reimbursed at all, or at a lower rate than other providers. This is despite the fact that we have 2 PhD psychologists on staff that provide services, as well as the rather amusing fact that one of those psychologists has taught a significant number of Masters level providers to which BC/BS provides full reimbursement (Dr. Lipovsky). We also have 2 military bases in the immediate area as well as a VA hospital, and, again, hear that we are not evidence based and cannot receive funding/referrals.	Aug 3, 2011 6:47 PM
9	Outcome based research that is well constructed and has strong research validity will help to increase awareness and possibly force insurance companies to acknowledge the effectiveness of this type of therapy for certain people.	Aug 3, 2011 2:44 AM
10	I feel it is important for those outside of our immediate industry to have access to medical research, there needs to be a clear differentiation between research that is on Adaptive Riding vs Hippotherapy vs EFP or other related activities.	Aug 1, 2011 12:25 PM
11	Would indicate greater importance if we had or were able to have research that was more relative to the activities and programs we perform daily. While we understand that the overall industry needs research to substantiate the benefits of EAAT, much of the research thus far is so scientifically based that we are really not able to relate it back to what we do (mainly basic EAAT with some minimal hypot). So if there could be a way to conduct research that could represent a wider variety of EAAT the results would be more relatable and the ability to utilize with our funders would be a great benefit. If this were the case I would choose 'very important'	Jul 30, 2011 9:47 AM
12	IT VERY IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS TO UNDERSTAND THE PROGRAM. MANY EDUCATORS AND	Jul 29, 2011 6:19 AM

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ADMINISTRATORS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE ABILITY OF THE THERAPIES OFFERED TO HELP THE STUDENTS INVOLVED. PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IS NEEDED. EVEN IF FOR ONLY A COUPLE HOURS FOR HANDS ON EXPERIENCE. READING THE BROCHURE DOES NOT SHOW THE TRUE EXPERIENCE.

13	My horses have a tremendous therapeutic impact in every venue they visit. When we provide the public with the documented success, it will be in high demand	Jul 27, 2011 8:10 AM
14	Funders want to know why horses? What impact do they have on your clients? Why does this work for them? How is this better than working with a therapist in an office or a PT or an OT?	Jul 27, 2011 7:56 AM
15	We have been active with research with the Univ. of New England doctorate in Physical Therapy program conducting research for the past two years	Jul 25, 2011 6:08 PM
16	I am currently researching the use of equine assisted learning for nurses and would very much like to see HHRF expand its research support to qualitative research programs.	Jul 25, 2011 8:20 AM
17	Not to me personally as much as to the facility I work for.	Jul 24, 2011 9:43 PM
18	I would like to see research done that proves that EEA/T is beneficial for PTSD, anxiety, depression and eating disorders. If there is evidence based practice to prove this, it may help my hospital to reinstate it as a treatment for our patients. It was used in the eating disorder program a few years ago.	Jul 23, 2011 7:41 PM
19	without research EAAT will not be recognized as a legitimate therapy	Jul 23, 2011 6:58 PM
20	It is only when there is concrete proof that horses do make a difference in the lives of the disabled that necessary funding will become available.	Jul 23, 2011 7:11 AM
21	The more we learn about the interaction of equines and humans, the better we can serve the communities that we are based in.	Jul 22, 2011 5:19 PM
22	Extraordinarily important that we gather applied science on the efficacy of work with equines.	Jul 22, 2011 10:35 AM
23	This is one of the reasons I am pursuing graduate school. Upon completing my BA in TH I began to understand the difficulties of programs and their ability to remain operational. Also, hindering my personal career! I believe with more education and a medical background I can do more for this amazing field and provide help where it is needed most.	Jul 22, 2011 7:03 AM
24	I feel the more data collected the more potential questions will be answered.	Jul 22, 2011 5:58 AM
25	Some of the information from the SHEDC study may be of use or interest to HHRF.	Jul 21, 2011 6:43 PM
26	The Center exists only because of a sponsorship based on research we did in the field of EAA/T.	Jul 21, 2011 6:36 PM

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27	Quantifiable results and peer reviewed studies will lend much needed credibility to our work. It will not only allow us to further substantiate funding, but also help us persuade physicians and practitioners regarding the benefit to their patients.	Jul 21, 2011 6:20 PM
28	It is vital that funding be provided for further research into areas such as equine assisted/facilitated therapies and activities; for sadly (in my opinion only - therefore personal) lack of funding means no or little research, so scientific understanding and backing is much lower/minimal.	Jul 21, 2011 3:31 PM
29	Not doing a lot of fundraising at the time...not working at a NARHA/PATH premier center, but still teaching a good barn.	Jul 21, 2011 3:13 PM
30	It would be beneficial to some of us with various disorders and handicaps to have insurance companies recognize hippotherapy as a viable alternative to the use of harsh drugs, some of which have life-threatening side effects. There are some of us who cannot afford the use of this therapy without some assistance.	Jul 21, 2011 3:02 PM
31	I am completing my PsyD and hope to work in the EAT/EFP field- I also plan on conducting my dissertation on EFP.	Jul 21, 2011 2:33 PM
32	horses bring the happiness to my life ,I enjoy being with horses and it helps with all my medical problems besides emotional ,I have rheumatoid arthritis,and scoliosis.so horses are the only animal that has had a effect on me .	Jul 21, 2011 2:26 PM
33	Not professionally invested but believe in EAA/T as a valid therapy and want to see it grow.	Jul 21, 2011 2:23 PM
34	I would like to use my research to show the positive effects that EAA/T has on people. I believe it could make a difference in contributions to the program.	Jul 21, 2011 1:52 PM
35	As of right now it is not very important, but when I attempt to find a job in an EAA/T setting, it will be very important, especially if I want to get reimbursed by insurance companies.	Jul 21, 2011 1:20 PM
36	I ticked 'somewhat' because I do not support all equine assisted therapy programs and their practioners	Jul 21, 2011 12:49 PM
37	A large part of the stated/published vision of our specific organization is to seek a leadership role in the field of equine assisted activities by partnering with academic and medical researchers to demonstrate the efficacy of equine assisted learning and therapy..	Jul 21, 2011 12:47 PM
38	Evidence based research supporting equine and animal assisted therapeutic activities is very important to us, validating the work that we do. In addition, the potential that the research may support insurance coverage in the future is an inspiring idea.	Jul 21, 2011 12:37 PM
39	I work with many agencies that want to see outcomes. We are are the first organization in our area working in mental health, so having research to hand them would be really helpful.	Jul 21, 2011 12:08 PM
40	I am particularly interested in research that deals with equine assisted activities	Jul 21, 2011 12:06 PM

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	and therapies related to psychological and behavioral health for veteran populations	
41	While I won't directly use this information as a provider, I would use this information to clarify the importance of the equine industry in its full diversity to local and state planners and economic developers	Jul 21, 2011 11:58 AM
42	The horses used in the U.S. continue to be subpar to German, Swiss, Austrian horses for example and so do the professionals using them.	Jul 21, 2011 11:48 AM
43	This research is vital in receiving funding, furthering education to the community and people involved in providing the therapy. It provides solid information from an outside, reliable source. I can tell people all I want how I have seen kids with autism come out of their shell and actually become attached to a living animal, but everyone needs facts and numbers and proven information.	Jul 21, 2011 11:36 AM
44	To be able to provide more information and data to potential donors would be invaluable.	Jul 21, 2011 11:17 AM

**Page 5, Q4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

1	College administration	Aug 18, 2011 2:02 PM
2	Service organizations in the community	Aug 17, 2011 7:01 AM
3	Government agencies, who rely on evidence based practice to justify the funding of therapy.	Aug 17, 2011 1:14 AM
4	for Germany the government is paying in certain cases for therapies, so research is very important for their decision to pay	Aug 15, 2011 12:08 PM
5	also for the riders and families because they can spread this information in their companies and corporations.	Aug 15, 2011 4:46 AM
6	Your question presumes a major problem in the industry when you don't even list medical reimbursement as a category and leave it to be listed as an afterthought. If we are ever going to move this industry (or at least the therapy part of it) toward self-sufficient funding based upon services rendered to patients, we need to move beyond the social service model of funding in which we go after Foundations, Donors and Sponsors to support treatment with what should be funded as a medical treatment and paid out of medical insurance dollars. Your premise by asking the question in this way suggests that you consider the funding sources you list as the primary sources. That assumption is the problem. Also, I don't know what a sponsor is. I do not think there is a standard definition of Sponsor.	Aug 11, 2011 11:26 AM
7	Educational and correctional facilities	Aug 10, 2011 4:08 PM

**Page 5, Q4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

8	Insurance companies.	Aug 9, 2011 8:43 PM
9	government and state funds	Aug 9, 2011 11:27 AM
10	Health insurances	Aug 9, 2011 8:15 AM
11	For the patients that are on the "list" it cost less than for those who are not. It is important to open up for more diagnoses and for those with no clear diagnose but who benefit for ridning that i why I think we have to learn and be aware of foundations and donors etc.	Aug 9, 2011 1:07 AM
12	Insurance Companies	Aug 8, 2011 7:46 PM
13	Schools programs	Aug 8, 2011 4:55 PM
14	Funding sources are interested in the evaluation results of a methodology that is being used. Not the science. Science is only as good as the methodology.	Aug 8, 2011 1:04 PM
15	To obtain sufficient and consistent dollars for research funders require data to support proposals.	Aug 8, 2011 12:16 PM
16	Government.	Aug 8, 2011 11:39 AM
17	I	Aug 7, 2011 11:02 AM
18	Other funding sources : Medical insurance companies Public insurance institutions Private insurance institutions	Aug 7, 2011 4:49 AM
19	Government granting agencies	Aug 6, 2011 12:26 PM
20	Public health care	Aug 6, 2011 3:16 AM
21	Department of Health and social services in the government	Aug 6, 2011 1:40 AM
22	Insurance companies	Aug 5, 2011 8:32 AM
23	Research is important as the facility that I work at is raising funds to expand/grow/develop.	Aug 5, 2011 12:55 AM
24	My own knowlegde	Aug 5, 2011 12:47 AM
25	government grants	Aug 4, 2011 8:45 PM
26	volunteer hours	Aug 4, 2011 8:18 PM
27	insurance companies	Aug 4, 2011 6:38 PM
28	"important" only if some of any funding finds its way to smaller centres/facilities	Aug 4, 2011 5:45 PM
29	Government funding	Aug 4, 2011 1:27 AM
30	There are several potential funding providers in our area for services to the military, ie. SPAWAR. We have a board member who is actively involved with this group and found them extremely interested in helping us provide equine assisted psychotherapy to active military and their families and to veterans, until	Aug 3, 2011 6:55 PM

**Page 5, Q4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

	they learned that we were not 'evidencde based'. By their report, this tied their hands and they are not able to provide any funding for programs without evidence based research supporting the modality.	
31	Commercial Insurances, Workman's Compensation Providers, State & Federal based medical programs	Aug 3, 2011 2:45 AM
32	Other funding sources: - National Government - Provincial government - Municipal government	Jul 31, 2011 7:27 AM
33	Again, as stated in #3, by having relatable research that we could utilize in our requests with our funders would greatly benefit us and the EAAT industry as a whole. In addition to providing information to funding sources, research would benefit us as we go out and develop/establish clinical relationships. For example, we may want to look to allign ourselves or to create relationships or some type of partnerships with hospitals, educational institutions, human service agencies(non-profit or state or federally funded such as VA). Having relatable research may put us in a position to explore and establish these types of clinical relationships that would benefit us and others in the industry as well.	Jul 30, 2011 9:48 AM
34	Veteran's Administration	Jul 30, 2011 9:26 AM
35	Professionals and instructors (SLPs, PTs, OTs).	Jul 29, 2011 1:32 PM
36	other funding sources such as trusts , private donations	Jul 29, 2011 10:50 AM
37	It is truly beneficial, even in the volunteer aspect which is truly a position which cannot be overlooked. If not for the volunteers the donors ,sponsors are not needed.	Jul 29, 2011 6:22 AM
38	Government and Corporate funding bodies	Jul 28, 2011 6:56 PM
39	Clients	Jul 28, 2011 2:08 PM
40	From the standpoint of psychology, research on the benefits of assisted therapy with horses is essential. The results we have achieved with autism, hyperactivity and other childhood psychopathology are important to health. We must involve all public and private organizations, and individuals who can assist in the investigation, to donate money to enable studying the neurological basis of this treatment and to publicize the benefits. Pero también es muy importante que la investigación la realicen profesionales cualificados que ofrezcan garantía de seriedad y efectividad.	Jul 28, 2011 10:51 AM
41	participants, mental health agencies, third party reimbursement	Jul 28, 2011 8:43 AM
42	Evidenced based research is vital for third party reimbursement for services rendered by licensed therapists.	Jul 27, 2011 11:18 AM
43	My clients pay me.	Jul 27, 2011 10:49 AM
44	Hard data is needed to provide legitimacy to the field.	Jul 27, 2011 9:07 AM
45	Insurance companies	Jul 27, 2011 8:12 AM
46	Fundraising activities -- general public -- folks who don't know anything about	Jul 27, 2011 7:58 AM

**Page 5, Q4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

	EAAAT or the human-horse connection need information to understand why that relationship can make a difference people and how that works	
47	Departments and universities.	Jul 26, 2011 2:28 PM
48	Government grants	Jul 26, 2011 10:21 AM
49	Grants	Jul 26, 2011 10:20 AM
50	Health, Social Security, Education, Employment training & insurance	Jul 26, 2011 9:36 AM
51	very important for the clients and therapists as well: evidence based interventions , also those mediated by a horse, need to be part of the 'regular' interventions and be paid in the same way. Research is a first step in that direction.	Jul 26, 2011 7:11 AM
52	United Way	Jul 26, 2011 4:52 AM
53	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (GRANTS-IN-AID) - FEDERAL, STATE UNIVERSITIES - RESEARCH PROJECT(S), CONTINUED RESEARCH AND PILOTS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS (ADVANCEMENTS, RECOVERY, DEVELOPING PROTOCOL) POLITICIANS (ENFORCE NEED FOR FUNDING AND PROGRAMS, EFFICACY AND MEASURING OUTCOMES) UNITED WAY	Jul 25, 2011 9:43 PM
54	Government	Jul 25, 2011 3:32 PM
55	insurers & fee for service payors	Jul 25, 2011 10:42 AM
56	State Services	Jul 25, 2011 7:08 AM
57	Third party payors	Jul 24, 2011 9:44 PM
58	Governments	Jul 24, 2011 7:34 AM
59	hospitals, insurance companies,	Jul 23, 2011 7:42 PM
60	medical professions for referrals	Jul 23, 2011 6:46 PM
61	I don't have much experience in the fundraising area so I really don't feel I can give an accurate answer.	Jul 23, 2011 4:23 PM
62	participants and insurance companies/reimbursement entities	Jul 23, 2011 3:27 PM
63	Local civic organizations offering grants and funding	Jul 23, 2011 2:27 PM
64	Working in the areas of organizational development and higher education, evidence based research is a very important area increases the credibility and effectiveness of our equine assisted activities.	Jul 23, 2011 8:06 AM
65	Private clients, educational facilities, government agencies who might be applying for grants.	Jul 23, 2011 7:35 AM
66	Individual participants	Jul 23, 2011 4:41 AM
67	insurance providers	Jul 22, 2011 6:10 PM

**Page 5, Q4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

68	this research is important to private business organizations which have a community service part of their business where they fund such activities.	Jul 22, 2011 12:25 PM
69	Government funding of services provided to wounded military and veterans.	Jul 22, 2011 10:47 AM
70	The Department of Defense (Defense Centers of Excellence) and the Veterans Administration.	Jul 22, 2011 10:36 AM
71	Participants	Jul 22, 2011 9:28 AM
72	The ability to "prove" this work is of utmost importance if this field is going to continue on any level of efficacy and credibility. Financially, this field is behind and to try and compete for dollars with other evidence-based modalities is becoming much more difficult. People are supportive of the "idea" of EFP/L, but have no way to "sell" it to the community, medical practitioners, insurance, etc.	Jul 22, 2011 8:04 AM
73	The media. The public needs to understand the benefits of EAAT and with proper attention more doors will be open for support.	Jul 22, 2011 7:04 AM
74	Funding is difficult to obtain and the sponsors want to know where their money is going. Therefore research is important to provide all the information possible.	Jul 22, 2011 5:59 AM
75	Health Insurance Providers	Jul 22, 2011 5:32 AM
76	Ntl Science Agencies	Jul 21, 2011 10:42 PM
77	government agencies	Jul 21, 2011 10:28 PM
78	county health, state, etc	Jul 21, 2011 9:17 PM
79	This information would be very beneficial to for-profit ventures as well as non-profit organizations. In the for-profit world this information would be helpful for corporate clients as well as individuals seeking validation for pursuing a unique form of personal growth and/or therapy. It would also be very helpful in convincing governments of the value of this work - i.e., for military veterans and their families, at-risk youth, re-integration of people following incarceration, etc.	Jul 21, 2011 8:30 PM
80	1) Medical Professionals (direct and indirect sources of funding for services) 2) Organizations and other non-profits that pay for services to their clients. 3) Local and state government reimbursement for services.	Jul 21, 2011 7:29 PM
81	Research, a research based concept and experienced + good practical work are the main reasons to get sponsorship.	Jul 21, 2011 6:41 PM
82	Government	Jul 21, 2011 6:29 PM
83	medical and education professionals	Jul 21, 2011 6:08 PM
84	Mental health professionals to acquire funding for private clients	Jul 21, 2011 5:38 PM
85	Mental Health Agencies (inpatient and outpatient, private and public)	Jul 21, 2011 5:32 PM
86	grants	Jul 21, 2011 5:27 PM

**Page 5, Q4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

87	Government Agencies.	Jul 21, 2011 4:11 PM
88	racing industry Government	Jul 21, 2011 3:31 PM
89	Insurance	Jul 21, 2011 3:26 PM
90	Government grants for specific projects/activities/groups of clients	Jul 21, 2011 3:11 PM
91	major Insurance companies	Jul 21, 2011 3:03 PM
92	grants from governmental agencies	Jul 21, 2011 2:37 PM
93	There needs to be more research before EFP/EAT can be considered Evidence Based Practice and insurance considers covering this therapeutic technique	Jul 21, 2011 2:35 PM
94	all I need is a new run in shed and some land cleared and I am able to get my horses back . can some one help me please ,my life is nothing but living in a bed room and don't want to go any where any more .I feel like a lost child and can't find my way back to the light of life .	Jul 21, 2011 2:29 PM
95	Corporations are working more with equine activities or organizational development.	Jul 21, 2011 2:21 PM
96	I currently own and operate Day Dream Tours. We currently fund raise and give to the community. I would like to know if our gifts are going to good use.	Jul 21, 2011 1:53 PM
97	Local government agencies that "purchase" services from our organization.	Jul 21, 2011 1:32 PM
98	Insurance companies	Jul 21, 2011 1:20 PM
99	The data and the research is the PROOF that horses do make a difference...when deciding where money goes to fund "alternative" therapies - the more proof the more funding...its more than "very important" it is VITAL!	Jul 21, 2011 1:13 PM
100	School systems, private institutions seeking placement for students in alternative learning/therapy settings.	Jul 21, 2011 12:48 PM
101	gotta make them love you so they'll contribute!	Jul 21, 2011 12:37 PM
102	Participants	Jul 21, 2011 12:35 PM
103	we are a small startup nonprofit and very interested in all potential resources	Jul 21, 2011 12:33 PM
104	this screen is not allowing me to input selection so I'm doing it this way--I would have checked VERY IMPORTANT for ALL funding sources.	Jul 21, 2011 12:32 PM
105	State level funding	Jul 21, 2011 12:30 PM
106	I don't understand the meaning of this question. I am a volunteer and donor/supporter. I can't really answer this, it seems like an odd question in this kind of survey.	Jul 21, 2011 12:25 PM
107	Important for getting governmental agencies, such as the Veteran's Administration to accept/endorse equine-assisted activities/therapies for returning veterans.	Jul 21, 2011 12:23 PM

**Page 5, Q4. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of funding sources:**

108	insurance company recognition/reimbursement; medical model funding equity	Jul 21, 2011 12:19 PM
109	Again, when working with other agencies in a Fee For Services capacity.	Jul 21, 2011 12:09 PM
110	Government agencies	Jul 21, 2011 12:07 PM
111	Federal and State funding	Jul 21, 2011 12:02 PM
112	Community support. We hold a few big fundraisers a year and if we can offer written reports with proven research in it, we are taken much more seriously. I have started a Horses for Heroes program where we are working with Military members coming back from war situations suffering from PTSD and OSI. We were turned for funding from Veterans Affairs because there wasnt any proof that this program is beneficial to the members. The same program in the States gets funding and is recognized, this research would help us to take information and research to a government level to help us to get funding that way.	Jul 21, 2011 11:44 AM
113	Other funding sources I think would important should include NIH and the Department of Defense. Both use peer-review processes to evaluation the science behind an application, so research is critical for these funding sources. I am not sure, but think, that donors and sponsors may be influenced by other factors.	Jul 21, 2011 11:43 AM
114	Indian Health Services, Tribal Entities, Other mental health providers and agencies.	Jul 21, 2011 11:40 AM
115	Other grantors	Jul 21, 2011 11:39 AM
116	community fund raising activities partnering with universities and colleges	Jul 21, 2011 11:31 AM
117	The research is important since it creates evidence demonstrating the effectiveness of EAA/T.	Jul 21, 2011 11:24 AM
118	NIH	Jul 21, 2011 11:23 AM
119	Grants	Jul 21, 2011 11:19 AM
120	I am not in charge of the development aspect of our center. However, I am sure any well documented information supporting the equine assisted therapy and activities we provide would be invaluable.	Jul 21, 2011 11:19 AM
121	NIH/NICHD	Jul 21, 2011 11:14 AM
122	Grants	Jul 21, 2011 11:13 AM
123	medical insurance companies for reimbursement of therapies (not activities)	Jul 21, 2011 11:11 AM
124	private insurance companies in order to reimburse for services	Jul 21, 2011 11:08 AM

**Page 6, Q5. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for the purpose of providing information and data to third party reimbursement sources (health insurance companies, government benefit programs, etc.).**

1	It this time, but could change, as our program is always changing.	Aug 17, 2011 10:21 AM
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**Page 6, Q5. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for the purpose of providing information and data to third party reimbursement sources (health insurance companies, government benefit programs, etc.).**

2	I answered this question in relation to me and what I do (not applicable). I am not a health care provider, so the importance of EAAT research for me personally is not as great as it would be for someone who requests third party reimbursement. For me, the research for third party reimbursement is not at all important. In general, the reserach is very important to the field.	Aug 17, 2011 9:20 AM
3	OK, I take back part of my comments in the last question but the principle still applies.	Aug 11, 2011 11:26 AM
4	In quebec, nothing is available for reimbursement sources... We need to make something about it	Aug 8, 2011 6:51 PM
5	Health insurance is only going to respond to evaluation data from a methodology that supports the science.	Aug 8, 2011 1:06 PM
6	As we know that we have good results with this therapy (which is expensive), it's not fair that it's not valued as any other therapy and can be reimburse or sponsored.	Aug 8, 2011 11:42 AM
7	Also mentioned on the previous page	Aug 7, 2011 4:50 AM
8	In some Provinces in Canada therapists are able to bill for service , and a few health benefit agencies will accept TR as a therapy ---we have a very long way to go though .	Aug 6, 2011 12:28 PM
9	We are very interested in having a perfect job with disabled children, but people that doesn't know our job, need this information so they can understand what are we doing and how they are helping this activity.	Aug 5, 2011 2:12 PM
10	I only say somewhat because we have general billing for therapuetic activitiy and do not specifically bill for the different activities we do (ie hippotherapy or aquatherapy). I understand how efficacy is important in having reimbursement for services provided.	Aug 5, 2011 12:58 AM
11	might be of benefit to the riders to subsidize their riding costs	Aug 4, 2011 5:46 PM
12	Extremely important work and tis importnat to provide data to insurance companies, and benefit programs. It, however is not important to me personally. It is unfortuante the words "to you" were included.	Aug 4, 2011 4:10 PM
13	As previously stated, we are being denied significant reimbursement by the largest third party reimbursers in SC because we are not evidence based.This was not true in Tennessee, where I previously practiced EAP. Equine assisted psychotherapy needs to take its rightful place alongside other legitimate methods of psychotherapy on a nation-wide basis.	Aug 3, 2011 6:59 PM
14	We do not do any third party reimbursement at this time, however may in the future (but not near future).	Jul 30, 2011 9:48 AM
15	Government; Veteran's Administration	Jul 30, 2011 9:27 AM
16	there is not enough funding in bc for persons who want this therapy	Jul 29, 2011 9:58 AM
17	I feel that many non-profit organizations automatically overpad the directors and a few top people and the volunteers and the true meaning of the program	Jul 29, 2011 6:28 AM

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suffers. I realize the directors and fund /grant organizers have an enormous responsibility, but I also know that funds that are misappropriated often make the future donors question the program. True breakdown of the money trail is an important part of future donor response.

18	Currently, it is difficult to obtain third party reimbursement. Further research may assist with this process.	Jul 28, 2011 2:10 PM
19	We are investigating the benefits of assisted therapy with horses in the quality of life in the facilitation of cognitive functions (attention, memory, etc), children with psychological problems (phobias, hyperactivity, anxiety, mental retardation, etc.) These results are of interest to all those persons associated with children (teachers, neurologists, physicians, physiotherapists, etc.). Because they also see the benefits achieved in the assisted therapy with horses. The aim is to generalize the results of the sessions with the psychologist and the horse, his daily life and explain to parents, guardians, family members, pediatricians, and anyone interested in understanding the scientific basis of this technique, In this mode of therapy integrate the benefits of sport (equestrian), psychomotor exercises, games, sensory integration, respect for the horses and the environment, and physical relaxation PicoLog, etc. All professionals who are dedicated to integrating the horse in our work we can achieve clear benefits and scientists and make them known to many people as possible, for the sake of patients.	Jul 28, 2011 11:09 AM
20	Whenever I talk to funders for my Horses for Heroes program, or even those with the Veteran's system, they ask for evidence-based research proving the efficacy of EAAT for soldiers and Veterans.	Jul 27, 2011 7:59 AM
21	We are currently unable to use third party reimbursement due to lack of evidence based research	Jul 26, 2011 10:21 AM
22	ESPECIALLY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND MEDICAID/MEDICARE ALL THE WAY TO THE COUNTY LEVEL FAMILIES ARE PAYING OUT OF POCKET, IT IS EXPENSIVE AND YOU MUST CONTINUE EAA/T ON A REGULAR BASIS FOR BEST RESULTS/RECOVERY. RANCHES THAT PROVIDE THESE SERVICES ARE GENERALLY BREAKING EVEN - IT'S TIME FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT BENEFIT PROGRAMS TO UNDERSTAND AND STAND BY THE VALIDITY OF THIS THERAPY (THE HORSE IS THE PERFECT TOOL - COMPARE IT TO BOUNCING ON A THERAPY BALL - THERE IS NO OTHER TOOL THAT COMES CLOSE TO THE HORSE)	Jul 25, 2011 9:47 PM
23	At this time we do not accept any third party reimbursement	Jul 25, 2011 6:09 PM
24	We do not currently do any third party reimbursement	Jul 25, 2011 9:47 AM
25	In all these funding sources I believe that some of the research has the potential to be very important, but not all research should focus on this issue. There are also very critical individual benefits whether or not there is a funding connection.	Jul 25, 2011 7:41 AM
26	The horse therapy program has benefited my child tremendously. Fortunately, we are able to fund this program ourselves thusfar, however, for those who can't fund it for themselves, is a crime to the person who needs the therapy, as they already probably have a disadvantage at leading a normal life as we know it. It	Jul 24, 2011 3:35 PM

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	makes me sick that insurance companies and such provide coverage for things that are not life skills, but life luxuries.	
27	Our patients are in a hospital program, primarily funded by insurance companies. I would like to see this therapy more widely available to help veterans with PTSD whatever their source of funding. This research is very important, but currently lacking in this area.	Jul 23, 2011 7:45 PM
28	not involved in third party compensation	Jul 23, 2011 6:59 PM
29	I think it is very important, but I don't think the insurance companies or government programs are at this point remotely affected by the research or the results.	Jul 23, 2011 7:12 AM
30	I think this is probably most important to the long-term sustainability of our industry.	Jul 23, 2011 6:41 AM
31	Many potential participants have this as one of their first questions about the program and are put off when we tell them it is not covered. I believe this hurts us economically, and also limits our credibility in the eyes of the public. The bottom line is that individuals who can benefit from our services are the ones who miss out on the opportunity.	Jul 23, 2011 4:44 AM
32	On some level, it doesn't matter at all as I bill for my services as "traditional" psychotherapy. Insurance companies and medical assistance rarely ask about my modality, it's more my credentials that matter. The only time this becomes an issue is if families or clients inquire about reimbursement for EFP and then insurance companies get curious or wary. Aside from this current state of billing, I believe it's critical we have valid research at the same level as music therapy, art therapy, play therapy, DBT, etc.	Jul 22, 2011 8:12 AM
33	I find alot of the clients are unable to pay for their EAAT and insurance is unwilling to provide help. The peril of our programs is directly affected by the balance of operational costs and the fine line of making our activities affordable. Costs need to be offset to stay successfull and it is the responsibility of third party reimbursement sources to help clients get the medical and emotional care they need to improve their quality of life.	Jul 22, 2011 7:07 AM
34	You need third party reimbursement to sustain programs long-term. Not easy to come by in today's environment.	Jul 22, 2011 5:53 AM
35	Would enable less advantaged people to participate	Jul 21, 2011 10:28 PM
36	The local county of developmental disabilities currently reimburses for therapeutic riding sessions. This type of coverage is not typical in our state. We know this service may be vulnerable to cuts with the tight budget situation. Quantifiable outcomes will allow us to provide objective reasoning for continued support.	Jul 21, 2011 6:23 PM
37	Extremely important	Jul 21, 2011 5:32 PM
38	the more this becomes understood, the smoother the path towards mainstream acceptance	Jul 21, 2011 3:32 PM
39	We do not provide information to third party reimbursement sources.	Jul 21, 2011 3:31 PM

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40	I understand that insurance companies don't recognize this as a viable treatment option.	Jul 21, 2011 1:55 PM
41	the center I work at does not receive any third party reimbursements but are looking into this. Research could only be helpful!	Jul 21, 2011 1:46 PM
42	We try to utilize results based accountability to demonstrate effectiveness	Jul 21, 2011 12:33 PM
43	Again, I say evidenced-based applications BARELY apply to this field yet. We haven't even developed a consistency among our equine's movement, personality nor our professionals no matter how many certifications they make up. Lately, I ALMOST ONLY SEE brochures and website pictures of so called "Natural Horsemanship" eg. the horse is lead in a halter with its nose so far ahead of vertical, a sagging back with NO topline/abdominals, children standing WITH LOCKED LEGS on a STATIC HORSE, (which is totally incorrect but easier for the photographer) children kneeling with all their weight on their knees and a static horse, etc. My recent favorite is Horses for Heroes pics of veterans sitting sideways with their arms out during sessions that are called therapeutic horsemanship or therapeutic riding. HOW about sitting them forwards in the traditional posture, in a well-fitted saddle (to BOTH the veteran and the horse) and adapt riding skills and actually call it RIDING.... that would be a novel first step in doing what horses for heroes would normally do. I typically see riding instructors having them do these challenged, non-traditional postures/positions which are NOT called vaulting or therapy.	Jul 21, 2011 12:04 PM
44	Our program is offered 100% free of charge to all participants.	Jul 21, 2011 11:43 AM
45	Absolutely essential in this day of evidence-based practice.	Jul 21, 2011 11:43 AM
46	We do not bill insurance companies but, if requested, do send any information requested such as daily notes, goal sheets, Rx etc. Well documented research is of great benefit to families trying to justify to their insurance company the necessity of the treatment.	Jul 21, 2011 11:23 AM
47	As previously stated this would be for therapies conducted by licensed medical professionals and not apply for recreation activities (which have their own important benefits!)	Jul 21, 2011 11:12 AM

**Page 7, Q6. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of third party reimbursement sources:**

1	benefactors want research based evidence to support funding applications in australia	Aug 17, 2011 1:15 AM
2	Lawyers who work with PTSD and/or Personal Injury.	Aug 9, 2011 8:44 PM
3	Health department in our government	Aug 9, 2011 4:53 AM
4	Government health insurance institutions	Aug 7, 2011 4:51 AM
5	Government (paying for some of it), other physiotherapists, schools and teachers	Aug 6, 2011 2:38 AM

**Page 7, Q6. Please indicate how important this type of research is for providing information and data to each of the following types of third party reimbursement sources:**

6	As a national teacher in using the horse in all its purposes, i myself want to learn more what has been managed throughtout the world	Aug 5, 2011 12:49 AM
7	School Districts Human Service Agencies Establishing partnerships with other agencies, either for program services or for grant writing	Aug 4, 2011 3:32 PM
8	Schools	Aug 4, 2011 1:12 PM
9	Professional organizations [eg American Psychological Assoc--Foundation has support money] Non-governmental funding organizations	Aug 4, 2011 10:30 AM
10	riders' schools	Aug 4, 2011 8:02 AM
11	See previous comments. Funding and credibility is dependent upon us having evidence based research that eliminates any question about our effectiveness and legitimacy.	Aug 3, 2011 7:00 PM
12	In my opinion, is very important to this research field, allowing data and information provided to support equine assisted activities, this being essential when applying for funds.	Jul 31, 2011 7:49 AM
13	corporate and business sponsors	Jul 29, 2011 10:52 AM
14	Donors,sponsors,grant writers,even volunteers who often donate money and supplies because the supplies are needed.	Jul 29, 2011 6:30 AM
15	Horse-assisted therapy allows patients with disabilities or mental illness play a sport, play, relax physically and psychologically, and enjoy time with your psychologist outside the four walls of the office and explore the world around them autonomously . The effect of motivation you have riding for these patients is unique. The psychologist, doctor, or teacher can utilize to achieve their therapeutic goals without subjecting the patient to an artificial environment. All institutions that care for children with mental illness or psychological problems, should help us in this work. We should offer these people who made cash grants, a serious and firm commitment to research and study to determine the neurological basis of the effects of therapy so that they know that behind our work is scientifically warranted.	Jul 28, 2011 11:21 AM
16	Community Mental Health Agencies, e.g. those providing services to at risk youth and families.	Jul 28, 2011 8:45 AM
17	State program funding children's health programs (department of social and human services, for example)	Jul 27, 2011 8:01 AM
18	We do not do any insurance filing. It is important when securing funds from local organizations for scholarships for clients.	Jul 27, 2011 7:20 AM
19	Alta California Regional Center has, in the past, funded EAT and EAA. EAA is currently being contested and that's where research is vital in supporting the efficacy and proven results for folks 3yrs to 18yrs.	Jul 26, 2011 11:08 AM
20	clients and therapist: she will learn about best practices and best protocols	Jul 26, 2011 7:12 AM
21	private organizations	Jul 26, 2011 5:38 AM

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22	General public, media, our own liability insurers, referral sources, state boards (such as nursing, psychology, counseling, social work), universities that include AAT in their curriculum	Jul 25, 2011 8:52 AM
23	Private donors	Jul 24, 2011 3:05 PM
24	charity care	Jul 23, 2011 7:46 PM
25	This is the only way they will listen.	Jul 23, 2011 7:13 AM
26	school districts service coordination agencies	Jul 22, 2011 6:12 PM
27	We have other agencies/resources who fund some of our students such as MHMR and the CLASS program.	Jul 22, 2011 4:19 PM
28	Regional Therapy Centers	Jul 22, 2011 4:16 PM
29	Grants for alternative therapies	Jul 22, 2011 10:50 AM
30	Malpractice insurance companies and companies that provide liability insurance for equine facilities and programs.	Jul 22, 2011 10:38 AM
31	specialized equipment companies	Jul 22, 2011 9:30 AM
32	Schools	Jul 22, 2011 8:45 AM
33	Colleagues and general public seeking the efficacy of EAA/T	Jul 22, 2011 7:41 AM
34	Without research third parties can bypass the importance of what we are trying to do. Unfortunately we need them to support us. With healthcare heading in unknown directions, hard evidence and research is the only weapon we have to stay viable and to feasibly ask for support. Send the information to anyone and everyone that will print it and/or read it!! =)	Jul 22, 2011 7:10 AM
35	Jails	Jul 21, 2011 10:29 PM
36	Local non-profits that we overlap with.	Jul 21, 2011 10:03 PM
37	Local government reimbursement for services.	Jul 21, 2011 7:29 PM
38	Various equine groups in NC.	Jul 21, 2011 6:44 PM
39	Church payed benefit programs	Jul 21, 2011 6:44 PM
40	schools, state and county mental health departments	Jul 21, 2011 6:10 PM
41	Juvenile justice systems Human Services from Government Sources	Jul 21, 2011 5:39 PM
42	Rehabilitative programs sponsoed by state governments	Jul 21, 2011 3:04 PM
43	educational institutions	Jul 21, 2011 2:38 PM
44	Non-profit agencies	Jul 21, 2011 2:22 PM
45	Family Courts Juevenile Justice System Hospice Centers Addiction Recovery	Jul 21, 2011 1:14 PM

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Centers etc		
46	Agencies providing small grant opportunities for families seeking services. This is our opinion...we are not regularly asked for this type of information, but would like to provide it regardless.	Jul 21, 2011 12:50 PM
47	Same problem--won't activate selections--ALL VERY IMPORTANT	Jul 21, 2011 12:33 PM
48	budget boards for non-profit foster care agencies.	Jul 21, 2011 12:24 PM
49	government provided healthcare services (medicaid)	Jul 21, 2011 12:21 PM
50	Child welfare agencies, group homes, Foster Care systems,	Jul 21, 2011 12:15 PM
51	Veterans Administrations	Jul 21, 2011 11:42 AM
52	Tribal governments ( we are a Native- run non-profit on the reservation )	Jul 21, 2011 11:41 AM
53	This is extremely important in order to be able to serve people who otherwise could not afford such services.	Jul 21, 2011 11:41 AM
54	Other third parties: Counties and school districts to reimburse PT, OT, Speech delivered through hippotherapy for EI, preschool and school age children needing related services. Third party (BC/BS) rely on Hayes Directory to justify reimbursement/denial and often have outdated info.	Jul 21, 2011 11:26 AM
55	community funding organizations (private and non-profit)	Jul 21, 2011 11:16 AM
56	I know that for physiotherapists and Occupational therapists this information is vital	Jul 21, 2011 11:12 AM

**Page 8, Q7. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for the purpose of creating best practices/evidence-based practices.**

1	Interested in research that can help make the industry more professional, and lead to more paid positions in the industry.	Aug 18, 2011 2:03 PM
2	I am a researcher so this is what I do. I am able to contribute to the field in this way.	Aug 17, 2011 9:20 AM
3	That will raise our knowledge and also professionalism.	Aug 15, 2011 4:47 AM
4	This is an important goal for the field of Equine Assisted work.	Aug 9, 2011 5:54 AM
5	We have already created a scientific evidence based practice making the brain-body connection through the use of kinesiology, neurophysiology, and sensory integration.	Aug 8, 2011 1:10 PM
6	In Ecuador people don't know a lot about this therapy. Sometimes they've just seen a program on TV, but don't really understand what it is. Even the majority of pediatrician, doctors and specialists don't know for whom it would be better,	Aug 8, 2011 11:49 AM

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	and what effects it could have on their patient. They just send their patient to "do hippotherapy, because it's good for what you have" but don't really know about it.	
7	Our centre is accredited by the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) as a Training & Exam centre with students coming to study from across Canada, Europe & England ----having recognized research available to prospective students would make this area of study more credible for students wanting to enter several different related professional fields,	Aug 6, 2011 12:52 PM
8	Extremely important but not to me personally.	Aug 4, 2011 4:11 PM
9	In my opinion, is very important to establish best practices based on empirical evidence or supported, as in this way encourage the best use of the activity.	Jul 31, 2011 7:56 AM
10	Would be of greater importance if more relative to what we are doing. Would definitely utilize and believe it would be helpful in developing or enhancing practices.	Jul 30, 2011 9:48 AM
11	Every program should have an open minded plan to benefit the riders and make the volunteers more able to deal with positive planning and helping the student. I also feel volunteers should have some basic information on the student they are working with to have a better understanding of the behavior they may encounter.	Jul 29, 2011 6:33 AM
12	It is very important if we want the horse-assisted therapy comes to be considered a serious alternative to medical intervention and scientific search for evidence-based practices. The best of this therapy is that the results can be seen objectively for the relatives, other health professionals, etc. If no contraindications, benefits occur in a few sessions. For example in the case of children with autism physical relaxation step the horse makes its psychological relaxation effect at 15 minutes (approximately).	Jul 28, 2011 11:27 AM
13	Standardizing procedures would help to produce consistent and measureable results.	Jul 27, 2011 9:10 AM
14	We strive to provide a quality service..and being able to provide specific outcomes will be helpful	Jul 25, 2011 9:48 AM
15	Our hospital is going for "magnet" status. Evidence based practice is very important to us.	Jul 23, 2011 7:46 PM
16	The only way in which any program can evaluate itself against other programs and other forms of activity addressing the same goals is to have a measurable standard of practice.	Jul 23, 2011 4:47 AM
17	Again, it is so critical. This field is floundering in having structure and theoretical paradigms through which it identifies itself. The confusion and up until recently, lack of collaboration, has not helped solidify this work in the minds of consumers or interested people who want to do this work. Sadly, anyone can do this work, there is no acceptable or agreed-upon certification for practitioners or degree program (yet!), and so many differences in how one can practice that "best practices" is critical right now!	Jul 22, 2011 8:19 AM
18	Research will only better our chances for creating activities with the most impact	Jul 22, 2011 7:12 AM

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	for our clients. We need to know what works and what doesn't. Sure fun is always incorporated, but with statistical evidence we can make lesson plans to better target our goals. Statistical evidence will make our field a more medically oriented profession. We will be able to prove the strides we are making, instead of simply making claims.	
19	I have a background in the Institute for Healthcare Improvement collaboratives. Employing best practices and evidenced based practices will increase our effectiveness.	Jul 21, 2011 6:25 PM
20	In spite of the AHA, former Narha now Path, and other organizations, I DO NOT BELIEVE we can EVEN apply evidenced-based practice standards YET in the U.S. BUT, it is the current, big buzz word of today.... so to be "ON THE BUS" we are using it. Mostly, it is often ridiculous, since as the German's say, we are "MISSING THE HORSE".	Jul 21, 2011 5:53 PM
21	Whilst studying I realised that there was a distinct lack of governing bodies/generalised bodies within the complementary/alternative fields that could assist bodies such as the Government look to "best practice" as the therapy fields appear too diverse??	Jul 21, 2011 3:34 PM
22	research brings out how to help others who have health problems that can't be fixed by surgery or even other medical ways .	Jul 21, 2011 2:31 PM
23	Is there any other way? Saying we don't know why it works, it just works, does not provide a good basis to replicate effective and successful activities.	Jul 21, 2011 12:52 PM
24	The research will continue make us better in what we do for disabled children and adults.	Jul 21, 2011 12:41 PM

**Page 9, Q8. Please indicate the importance of this research for you for the purpose of attracting new participants.**

1	Hard to answer, I am not a provider. In general, new participants are desired and very important.	Aug 17, 2011 9:21 AM
2	Giving to them as high service as more knowledge all of us we have.	Aug 15, 2011 4:49 AM
3	Safety and best practices have been ignored by prominent elements of the field and this is inexcusable.	Aug 9, 2011 5:55 AM
4	at this time it is only neutral, hopefully in a few years when I become a PT it will be very important!	Aug 8, 2011 1:41 PM
5	Unless you start showing the application of the science.	Aug 8, 2011 1:11 PM
6	New participants in supporting our nonprofit special needs school.	Aug 5, 2011 12:59 AM
7	only important if funding goes to needy families	Aug 4, 2011 5:47 PM
8	It is very important but not to me personally	Aug 4, 2011 4:11 PM

**Page 9, Q8. Please indicate the importance of this research for you for the purpose of attracting new participants.**

9	Obviously, it is more difficult to attract highly skilled practitioners to an area of practice that offers questionable reimbursement and potential credibility questions from within the professional community. I look forward to the day when valid, evidence based research puts these issues to rest.	Aug 3, 2011 7:04 PM
10	We have a significant waiting list and have for years, so would be less important for us (at least at this time) to attract new participants. Having said this, to have the research, if reliable, would be an important aspect of our ongoing efforts to increase awareness and educate each participant's family as well as the community at large. So not necessarily to attract, but definitely to create additional credibility by substantiating results and being able to share information to increase understanding of who we are and what we do....and how it benefits those who partake in our activities/services.	Jul 30, 2011 9:48 AM
11	Any positive aspects that is passed to a perspective client is a good thing. Parent/ child interaction has been a good/positive aspect in our program.	Jul 29, 2011 6:35 AM
12	Clear communication as to the nature of equine assisted therapies would increase visibility.	Jul 27, 2011 9:11 AM
13	The military community, medical community (especially those in the mental health field who have never heard of EFP) and those who are interested but not quite convinced that horses can be helpful -- those who need the facts before they will make up their minds that there really is something solid behind this EAAT	Jul 27, 2011 8:03 AM
14	participants in what?	Jul 26, 2011 7:13 AM
15	PARENTS SEEM TO LEAN MORE ON LITERATURE SUCH AS INDIVIDUAL STORIES OF A CHILD OR FAMILY (I.E., HORSE BOY) OR ARTICLES IN THE NEWS/MAGAZINES ABOUT EAAT. ALTHOUGH MANY ARTICLES COULD CITE RESEARCH, THEY ARE NOT LIKELY TO SIT DOWN AND READ A LENGTHY RESEARCH STUDY REPORT. HOWEVER, THE THERAPISTS WOULD AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR FACULTY WHO TRAIN AND CERTIFY THOSE THERAPISTS/INSTRUCTORS WOULD AND IN TURN WOULD BE INTRODUCING THE THERAPY TO THE FAMILIES	Jul 25, 2011 9:51 PM
16	If there is research defining the best use with equines, best activities, best length of time, best age group, or any other information, we could better plan a program	Jul 23, 2011 7:48 PM
17	Important when recruiting from physicians	Jul 23, 2011 9:54 AM
18	It sounds good to participants, but they are already believers and really don't need further convincing.	Jul 23, 2011 7:14 AM
19	As I wrote earlier, the availability of third party coverage is one of the first things potential participant families ask about.	Jul 23, 2011 4:48 AM
20	reports and visual aids are important	Jul 22, 2011 9:32 AM
21	If research helps insurance companies reimburse for the service, then more clients will enroll in these services. Otherwise, clients will remain with traditional mental health services as so many simply cannot afford out of pocket expenses anymore.	Jul 22, 2011 8:22 AM
22	People need to know what to expect, they need to feel that this type of therapy is	Jul 22, 2011 7:14 AM

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	as viable as therapy is a clinical setting. School systems will be more apt to set aside funding for group trips to the barn if statistical evidence proves the students will have measurable improvements, for example.	
23	The more participants the more funding available.	Jul 22, 2011 6:01 AM
24	evidence-based best practice is more important	Jul 21, 2011 6:45 PM
25	Many of our families do not know anything about horses. Their fear and skepticism are a barrier to participation. If we can move from the perception of a fringe form of therapy and show quantifiable results and safety, then we can decrease the significance of ignorance as a barrier.	Jul 21, 2011 6:27 PM
26	More important in providing new client sources such as mental health and Social Service agencies.	Jul 21, 2011 5:40 PM
27	to bring more people to help others who need the help of therapy.	Jul 21, 2011 2:32 PM
28	Factual evidence is good to support what you already know works.	Jul 21, 2011 1:56 PM
29	If insurance companies will reimburse EAA/T then new participants will come. Research does not correlate directly with participating increases, in my opinion.	Jul 21, 2011 1:22 PM
30	Evidence-based practices are a better value for families than simply relying on the magic we all feel is there.	Jul 21, 2011 12:53 PM
31	This research is essential for parents, foster care and all the community.	Jul 21, 2011 12:44 PM
32	uncertain what you are asking; new participants in what? If you mean new participants in therapeutic riding programs, then I would say somewhat important	Jul 21, 2011 12:03 PM
33	Also for training students in the healthcare professions	Jul 21, 2011 11:53 AM
34	This information would give legitimacy to our program.	Jul 21, 2011 11:46 AM
35	We always have more participants, and potential participants, than we can accomodate.	Jul 21, 2011 11:44 AM
36	The main area where it may attract/permit new participants is in the area of 3rd party payment.	Jul 21, 2011 11:44 AM
37	Most of our clients come to us through word of mouth and/or doctor referrals.	Jul 21, 2011 11:25 AM

**Page 10, Q9. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing each of the following participant referral sources:**

1	Internet referral	Aug 17, 2011 10:36 AM
2	Medical doctors listen to the facts supported by research. So the more quantifiable data we can present, the better, I am NOT saying quantitative research is the selected route for research in every EAAT situation. Since this industry is developing, I believe qualitative research is more appropriate in many	Aug 17, 2011 9:23 AM

**Page 10, Q9. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing each of the following participant referral sources:**

	areas.	
3	Volunteers also can help in this referral sources	Aug 15, 2011 4:50 AM
4	What is a corporate referral? I don't know what that is or how they would use a medically based treatment.	Aug 11, 2011 11:29 AM
5	Insurance Companies	Aug 9, 2011 8:46 PM
6	Do not understand "corporate"	Aug 5, 2011 12:53 AM
7	riding centre referrals	Aug 4, 2011 8:46 PM
8	probation yot prison service drug and alcohol service	Aug 4, 2011 11:54 AM
9	media referrals professional organization on-line referral sources	Aug 4, 2011 10:32 AM
10	Although we are able to make progress with referrals from MUSC and a large private psychiatric facility on clients who have been unsuccessful in traditional therapies within their systems, we still find ourselves having to defend ourselves vigorously within the academic/medical community. Having good research to cite would be very helpful when developing referral relationships with all of the groups mentioned above. We frequently find ourselves skirting the issue rather than being able to address it straightforwardly in a way that enhances our potential for developing referral bases.	Aug 3, 2011 7:10 PM
11	We get referrals but if there is no funding for the services most patients do not want to incur the cost.	Aug 3, 2011 2:47 AM
12	Again, if we had relatable research, importance would shift to very importnat category and open some doors and avenues that today may not exist.	Jul 30, 2011 9:49 AM
13	Veterans Administration Mental health referrals State-based programs for children receiving aid for care	Jul 27, 2011 8:04 AM
14	In addressing organizations/support groups such as the autism society, it is very important.	Jul 27, 2011 7:22 AM
15	Alta California Regional Center Other professionals (alternative)	Jul 26, 2011 11:09 AM
16	government services, public organizations	Jul 26, 2011 5:39 AM
17	I mentioned some in previous item	Jul 25, 2011 8:53 AM
18	Veterans Administration hospitals. I think that more people would be interested, if it is proven by research to work.	Jul 23, 2011 7:49 PM
19	Military referrals	Jul 22, 2011 10:39 AM
20	family and social service agencies.	Jul 22, 2011 9:33 AM
21	I can't stress enough that people need to see on paper that a certain percentage of something improved. Especially corporations and medical professionals. It is our job to improve our education and be someone a medical professional can refer clients to. It is a great responsibility and research and evidence of claims	Jul 22, 2011 7:16 AM

**Page 10, Q9. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing each of the following participant referral sources:**

	becomes our responsibility, too.	
22	Disabilities	Jul 21, 2011 10:30 PM
23	Governmental organizations, too...	Jul 21, 2011 8:33 PM
24	Military (U.S. Veterans Affairs and military base medical referrals)	Jul 21, 2011 7:32 PM
25	Mental health Agencies	Jul 21, 2011 5:41 PM
26	disabled children/adults traumatised individuals unable to access the above referrals from private therapists/psychologists/psychotherapists	Jul 21, 2011 3:36 PM
27	non government and government bodies who sometimes pay client fees.	Jul 21, 2011 3:13 PM
28	Private or non-profit organization such as United Way	Jul 21, 2011 3:06 PM
29	County and non-profit agency referrals (in the child welfare system)	Jul 21, 2011 2:23 PM
30	Residential treatment programs bringing clients who are in treatment for equine therapy	Jul 21, 2011 2:05 PM
31	I think visual research is something that should be looked at. Because a lot of what I have read indicates testing that does not always reflect feelings and emotions that can be seen on a video.	Jul 21, 2011 1:57 PM
32	Agencies that send riders with disabilities to programs outside their own agency.	Jul 21, 2011 1:34 PM
33	I have found that schools don't like to refer because they may have to pay for it. Many of my clients come from early intervention programs. I have not met any parents who pay attention to research	Jul 21, 2011 1:10 PM
34	You need to talk to Survey Monkey about pages with multiple answers, not activating choices. Med referrals--VERY Educational/school--VERY Parent/community--Somewhat Corporate--VERY other--neutral	Jul 21, 2011 12:35 PM
35	I am not really in a position to answer this question. I have opinions but that's all.	Jul 21, 2011 12:26 PM
36	public policy referrals (mental health associations whose clients are medicaid funded)	Jul 21, 2011 12:22 PM
37	Government/Military referrals	Jul 21, 2011 12:11 PM
38	Social services, school system, mental health, police.	Jul 21, 2011 11:47 AM
39	Juvenile justice and group home populations. The leaders of these programs often understand the benefits of EAP anecdotally and they would benefit from having research to substantiate their requests for these services.	Jul 21, 2011 11:43 AM
40	Self Referrals	Jul 21, 2011 11:15 AM

**Page 11, Q10. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for better understanding impact on specific focus areas (developmental disabilities, behavioral disabilities, cognitive, emotional, communication).**

1	We really need information to help us provide better directed and focused	Aug 15, 2011 11:31 AM
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services to clients based on best practice evidence.

2	Disorders of the nervous system, as a result of a disease such as cancer, or neuro developmental issues such as ADHD, autism, or mental health issues these disorders all occur because of compromised neuro pathways. The brain integration mechanism has unconsciously been switched off that is necessary for efficient communication between the brain functioning centers. Therefore, the role the horse plays through a well defined series of riding movements, is to make the brain-body connection.	Aug 8, 2011 1:21 PM
3	Very important but not to me personally	Aug 4, 2011 4:12 PM
4	For grant writing for target populations.	Aug 4, 2011 3:33 PM
5	First things first. We need efficacy research on the modality in general. We can then move on to specific areas of focus/practice.	Aug 3, 2011 7:12 PM
6	Would be extremely helpful to have as this would not only help us further develop best practices for our participants, but also directly relate to much of the work we do. Improving our practices and being able to demonstrate results would improve quality in our programs and overall practices thus translating to help us with our funding efforts and specific funders.	Jul 30, 2011 9:49 AM
7	I already know that this type of research is VERY important because I have witnessed the positive effects on those with the issues you've listed above. Nevertheless, more research will help me in better understanding WHY a certain approach works better than another.	Jul 30, 2011 9:33 AM
8	Any type of positive reinforcement for the student is great. I have found the program may be the only time the student gets a positive word in their daily life. I feel same leader/same student gives continuity to the student which can be a major focal point in the learning process.	Jul 29, 2011 6:39 AM
9	The majority of research appears to support the benefit of therapeutic horseback riding for children with Cerebral Palsy (CP). This information informs our practices as many of our clients have CP. However, a large number of our clients have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), which we do not currently have a robust foundation of knowledge to assist us in determining best practices.	Jul 28, 2011 2:16 PM
10	Having research to back up what I see happening everyday between my horses and my clients will help me speak more intelligently about this process of change. When I speak to public groups about the advances my therapeutic riding and equine facilitated learning clients make, I can tell them what happens, I can often explain how the physical changes occur, but only sometimes can I explain why the emotional changes happen-- I know it is steeped in the relationship the client develops with the horse, and the honest, reflective feedback the horse gives back to the client --but what is really at the core of all this? What is going on? How do horses help so much? I know it is happening -- I see the changes all the time. But I do not have the scientific data to say this is not just me, this is not just at my center -- I am not just giving you anecdotal information -- this is happening across the board at centers across North America and this is documented and this is what we can see is happening everywhere and this is why this works. To have that kind of information behind us all would give us a tremendous amount of authority as an industry and a profession.	Jul 27, 2011 8:14 AM

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11	THERE ARE SO MANY MORE WAYS TO INCORPORATE EAA/T FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. WE ARE STARTING A NEW PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES LITERACY AND COMMUNICATION AND AAC ON HORSEBACK. THE MORE WE CAN LEARN ABOUT HOW THE HORSE HELPS THE HANDICAPPED RIDER, THE MORE RECOVERY WE SHALL WITNESS AND THE MORE IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE WE CAN OFFER CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Jul 25, 2011 9:53 PM
12	I'd like to see greater support for the education of health professionals.	Jul 25, 2011 8:23 AM
13	I cannot speak to these other areas. My area is sensory disabilities, and we were told that our proposal for students who were blind was not funded because it was such a low incidence population. Having worked with deaf, visual impaired and deafblind children, I am very sorry that these children are not included. It is my strong belief that they could benefit on a number of fronts, especially since balance is a frequent issue for all three populations.	Jul 25, 2011 7:46 AM
14	Lessons can be created which speak directly to specific disabilities.	Jul 23, 2011 7:16 AM
15	Much as we all don't like to think this way, when we have limited spaces available, it would make sense to prioritize availability to clients who would benefit the most.	Jul 23, 2011 6:43 AM
16	It would help those of us administering programs have a better sense of what our priorities should be for the growth of the program.	Jul 23, 2011 4:50 AM
17	My specialty is assessment and treatment of PTSD, Complex PTSD and Combat-related PTSD and research data is necessary if equine assisted psychotherapy is ever to become an evidence-based practice for trauma.	Jul 22, 2011 10:41 AM
18	I would hope research would help ME be a better clinician so I can alter, adjust, and add components to my sessions based on the specific client and his o rher needs.	Jul 22, 2011 8:24 AM
19	Alot of our career is trial and error. It will always be. With a better understanding of our EAAT and certain disorders we are opening doors to successfully help more people in a more efficient way.	Jul 22, 2011 7:17 AM
20	I would say "very important" if we were starting to see quantitative research being done. To date, almost everything I have seen has been qualitative, which, as a scientist, I tend to discount a bit. (sorry; can't help it)	Jul 22, 2011 7:09 AM
21	I myself have been a professional in that field since more than 35 years now but nevertheless learn through every new scientific based approach.	Jul 21, 2011 6:52 PM
22	This will allow us to better tailor our sessions to achieve the best outcomes for our students.	Jul 21, 2011 6:28 PM
23	Would enable us to know what areas on which to focus in order to provide beneficial activities	Jul 21, 2011 3:14 PM
24	it is important to know what type of medical problem you are working with	Jul 21, 2011 2:33 PM
25	This data can provide a comparison in relationship to other types of therapy.	Jul 21, 2011 1:59 PM

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26	I think that as an OT it is important to keep on learning about treatment efficacy but am not sure how that will impact funding. Insurance companies don't really care about efficacy they just want to limit the expense. They probably prefer that there be an end to research, that's my guess, how can they possibly benefit from additional spending ?	Jul 21, 2011 1:12 PM
27	body awareness	Jul 21, 2011 12:35 PM
28	It is essential that we increase our understanding of the role of cultural dynamics in this work as well.	Jul 21, 2011 11:44 AM

**Page 12, Q11. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following specific focus areas:**

1	I'm specifying those areas where I'm in practice, and therefore nearest and dearest to my concerns. The others are also important, but don't have as direct an influence on my own work.	Aug 15, 2011 11:32 AM
2	I don't think you can lump all EAA/T together to answer this question. Answers are different for various types of EAA/T.	Aug 11, 2011 11:30 AM
3	I am also a specialize educator ... working most with cognitive disabilities since 2005	Aug 8, 2011 6:53 PM
4	I have rated all areas as very important because although all of us in TR have great anecdotal stories , having our work substantiated by solid research would increase the credibility of our programs not only for parents and the general public, but for the medical profession & especially for establishing more stable funding sources.	Aug 6, 2011 1:00 PM
5	When you work EAA/T, you make a complete rehabilitation, you need to involve every of the above areas referred, it's not possible to miss one of them.	Aug 5, 2011 2:20 PM
6	Emotional disorders sometimes increase by using the horse	Aug 5, 2011 12:56 AM
7	All are extremely important	Aug 4, 2011 4:13 PM
8	think should be more important.. but often hard to access and interpret	Aug 4, 2011 8:13 AM
9	All areas are important and the more information, the better. We need to apply ourselves in those areas where we can have the most impact. However, again, it is crucial that we first establish our overall credibility as a modality and then address specific areas of concentration.	Aug 3, 2011 7:15 PM
10	As an industry, I believe all areas of focus would be important. There is also much cross over in these areas (i.e. many participants may exhibit multiple aspects of these individual disabilities) so having the research in all would provide options for improving best practices, enhancing awareness and education to participant families, volunteers, staff and community at large, and increasing funding options as we would be able to reference and relate to more of our population.	Jul 30, 2011 9:49 AM

**Page 12, Q11. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following specific focus areas:**

11	Patience is key in this area ,but also respect for the horse,instructor,and helper. The parent also should be involved,,,,,is disrespect is allowed,,,,,it is hard for a positive/productive environment to evolve. After initial contact the parent might be found to be the negative point in the program. At that point the instructor/director must reestablish or change that individual plan.	Jul 29, 2011 6:44 AM
12	EAA/T applies to every single one of these categories -- I cannot see how any is less important than the other. I work with people in each area.	Jul 27, 2011 8:15 AM
13	We work with adults with acquired brain injury. Based on the success of our AAA/AAT program we are interested in the potential of EAA/EAT for hard-to-serve (Especially blank affect) clients.	Jul 25, 2011 1:26 PM
14	This reasearch would also help us enlist the participation of other professionals. I am looking for more research into the field of EFP/EFL particularly in trying to engage mental health professionals.	Jul 23, 2011 4:52 AM
15	Much research has been published concerning physical disabilities. More published research is needed in the other areas.	Jul 22, 2011 10:50 AM
16	I believe sufficient research has been done and published in the areas of physical disabilities - not to say more can't be done - yet so many other human needs and disabilities have barely been touched and my hope is more attention would be given there.	Jul 22, 2011 8:26 AM
17	Again, see comment on #10	Jul 22, 2011 7:10 AM
18	Research should focus on psychological, social and resilience aspects of the impact of the horse and EAA/T.	Jul 21, 2011 6:59 PM
19	You can not DEFINE and DESIGN excellent research models that I respect when you have barely defined a field, its specialties, necessary parts and players. How to measure and calibrate the horse regarding its unique movement base opportunities or emotional, sentient qualities would be a BREAKTHROUGH in AMERICA not putting the "CART BEFORE THE HORSE". "THIS TYPE OF RESEARCH" IS USUALLY ALWAYS PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE!!!!	Jul 21, 2011 6:02 PM
20	I have Bipolar I and anxiety disorder. I use the practice of hippotherapy on my own without a therapist on site. I find that riding extinguishes the effect of the disorder to a level in which I can function and control my self more effectively.	Jul 21, 2011 3:08 PM
21	Physical and Developmental are pretty proven already...the new foray is of the mind... more research needed to prove it.	Jul 21, 2011 1:16 PM
22	Same problem DD--Very BD--Very ED--Very SD--Very PD--Very CD--Very	Jul 21, 2011 12:37 PM
23	Even though I have a physical disability, our barn setup is not ADA compliant so although intereseted our environment is not suitable	Jul 21, 2011 12:36 PM
24	We desperately need solid research-based knowledge in each of these as to the IF and if so, HOW the horse/human relationship is of value	Jul 21, 2011 12:01 PM
25	I would like to see PTSD added to this list.	Jul 21, 2011 11:48 AM

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26	I am also interested in the impact on clients' relational functioning.	Jul 21, 2011 11:45 AM
27	We like to be able to quantify improvement in all these areas for grants.	Jul 21, 2011 11:43 AM
28	As our program works in ground-based activities and deals with emotional and mental health concerns, the physical and cognitive issues are not central to our work. We do recognize the importance of research with this focus for other programs, however.	Jul 21, 2011 11:36 AM

**Page 13, Q12. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for better understanding impact when used for leadership and communications skills training.**

1	There are great application opportunities of EAA/T in the areas of leadership and communication.	Aug 17, 2011 9:24 AM
2	The best for creating a Team Work	Aug 15, 2011 4:51 AM
3	Since there is no research in this area to date, how can this question be asked. I also consider this application to be very pseudoscientific and close to common snake oil types of team building activities that I have seen in industry. So I wonder if there is much possibility to even do valid research on such a questionable activity.	Aug 11, 2011 11:33 AM
4	Again, methodology of the application of the already existing science.	Aug 8, 2011 1:22 PM
5	I dont understand this question	Aug 6, 2011 8:21 PM
6	Canada has an Equine facilitated Wellness committee of the CanTRA Board and this branch works with clients with mental health issues ,but also leadership & team building . Young people with intellectual delays can make great strides in communications skills training	Aug 6, 2011 1:04 PM
7	Again it is not personally relevant to me but is critically important for the field.	Aug 4, 2011 4:15 PM
8	This has more to do with the current focus of our program, which is equine assisted psychotherapy, rather than corporate development, EAL. That being said, I was actively involved in applying EAL in a corporate training context in the 90's and early 2000's and found it to be a powerful tool in helping organizations understand their internal dynamics and functioning. My wish presently, however, is to have research focused on the therapy component since that is where we get the most 'push back' from potential reimbursers and funders of our programs nationwide.	Aug 3, 2011 7:21 PM
9	To have specific, relatable information to share with all constituencies would allow us more opportunities to educate and improve our practices. The greater the knowledge and understanding of the participants we serve, and being able to enhance how we communicate and the effectiveness of the communication (through more knowledge based information), would definitely serve to enhance the overall quality of our practices and programs.	Jul 30, 2011 9:49 AM
10	It is important for instructor/volunteer have good communication, Also student	Jul 29, 2011 6:47 AM

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	/volunteer so they have understanding to have continuity on the horse/learning skill. That is why i feel volunteers must have some background on student. To understand what needs to be instilled in the student for positive experience.	
11	In my at-risk youth, leadership and communication is critical. Who is the leader? How do I communicate without conflict? Herd dynamics are critical for addressing these skills.	Jul 27, 2011 8:16 AM
12	When the impact is supported with data, board members, volunteers, and teachers are recharged to do even more for the program.	Jul 27, 2011 7:24 AM
13	We currently have a waiting list without research, but the more evidenced based research the better.	Jul 25, 2011 6:11 PM
14	Need additional information to evaluate	Jul 25, 2011 12:54 AM
15	This is just one of the many areas in which Horses can help Humans at all levels of cognitive ability	Jul 23, 2011 4:53 AM
16	Hmmm not sure I understand this question	Jul 22, 2011 12:19 PM
17	We need to train our volunteers in their interactions with horses and their own responses so they can better provide support to our clients who are interacting with horses.	Jul 21, 2011 3:15 PM
18	On a personal level I think I have a pretty clear understanding but always ready to learn more.	Jul 21, 2011 12:37 PM
19	I don't know this use	Jul 21, 2011 12:06 PM
20	It will help to keep us up to date and educated, we are always looking to improve.	Jul 21, 2011 11:49 AM
21	We have found a great deal of relevance and cross-over in our equine work in training therapists and other professionals. Research addressing this area is extremely important as we develop new training opportunities and seek funding and support.	Jul 21, 2011 11:38 AM
22	Not sure what this means....	Jul 21, 2011 11:22 AM

**Page 14, Q13. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following types of skills training:**

1	Types of assistance	Aug 18, 2011 2:04 PM
2	relationship skills--that of relating to another person (does encompass communication but is more, such as showing empathy, compassion)	Aug 17, 2011 9:25 AM
3	Training coaches/volunteers	Aug 17, 2011 7:04 AM
4	It is evidence based justification, which is required for any type of skills training.	Aug 17, 2011 3:18 AM

**Page 14, Q13. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following types of skills training:**

	we have lots of qualitative evidence, but little quantitative..so it is extremely important. many thnaks for undertaking it !!	
5	Physical treatment for regulation of muscular tension , physical strength increase by riding , increase of physical mobilization , improvement of walking distance + generally extended range of movement.	Aug 7, 2011 5:07 AM
6	social skills ( to work together) Accept the meaning of being different in all ways	Aug 5, 2011 12:59 AM
7	social skills and emotional awareness	Aug 4, 2011 8:48 PM
8	Yes, research results gives us a common language to use when we all understand the terminology.	Aug 4, 2011 4:16 PM
9	relationship skills	Aug 4, 2011 10:34 AM
10	Enhancing knowledge and expertise along with practice improves overall quality. Effective leadership and communication expands to include not only immediate constituency (staff, volunteers, participants) but then goes beyond to sharing more with families, communities, other human service entities, etc. So specific additional 'skills' would most likely relate to specific diciplines and enhanced knowledge of disabilities through research.	Jul 30, 2011 9:49 AM
11	Social skills; creative problem-solving skills; team building skills; and although CONFIDENCE is not a skill, these activites go a long way toward building the confidence necessary to make good life choices.	Jul 30, 2011 9:39 AM
12	It is important for volunteer /student positive reinforcement for the program to succeed. Instructor having say over the class is also important. It is a group effort and might need extra planning to make it work. Most volunteers I have worked with are willing to meet to know what is needed. It makes for better flowing class and learning experience if all on the same page.	Jul 29, 2011 6:51 AM
13	Interpersonal relationships including family relationships/dynamics	Jul 28, 2011 8:47 AM
14	Goal Setting Effectiveness Measurement	Jul 27, 2011 6:19 AM
15	Life skills, functional academics, socialization, and behavioral modification...	Jul 26, 2011 1:37 PM
16	Sensory integration, behavior modification, social skills, emotional intelligence, empathy	Jul 26, 2011 10:24 AM
17	VOCATIONAL/CAREER SKILLS (horse handling, related businesses/operations, human services, social work) VOLUNTEERISM/STEWARDSHIP	Jul 25, 2011 9:57 PM
18	Marketable job training skills.	Jul 25, 2011 2:30 PM
19	not sure what you mean- but here goes: threat appraisal distress tolerance problem-solving cognitive reframing self-care self-advocacy	Jul 25, 2011 8:54 AM
20	Relationship-building and team work	Jul 25, 2011 7:12 AM
21	Body sensations awareness and thus, greater care of onesel	Jul 25, 2011 6:34 AM

**Page 14, Q13. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following types of skills training:**

22	Quick reaction's skills, patience, observational skills, cooperation, team building skills, etc	Jul 25, 2011 3:23 AM
23	Need additional information to evaluate	Jul 25, 2011 12:56 AM
24	Teamwork	Jul 24, 2011 3:08 PM
25	Equine welfare and husbandry skills in the EAA/T setting	Jul 24, 2011 7:40 AM
26	Life skills	Jul 24, 2011 5:26 AM
27	Setting limits and boundaries	Jul 23, 2011 7:51 PM
28	team building	Jul 23, 2011 3:30 PM
29	Being open, persistent & resourceful (Karpman's compassion triangle) Leveraging Diversity Personal Empowerment	Jul 23, 2011 8:35 AM
30	Mental Health related skills like assertiveness training skills, coping skills for dealing with PTS & PTSD, abuse (sexual and otherwise), self esteem promotion within populations at risk for educational disengagement and those at risk of suicidal ideation.	Jul 23, 2011 4:59 AM
31	knowledge and treatment of specific disabilities and diseases.	Jul 22, 2011 9:36 AM
32	Team building	Jul 22, 2011 9:10 AM
33	conflict resolution empathy-building/compassion self-esteem resiliency anger management/frustration tolerance	Jul 22, 2011 8:56 AM
34	Vocational skills	Jul 22, 2011 8:46 AM
35	Self-awareness coping skills relationships skills social skills	Jul 22, 2011 8:40 AM
36	Social function	Jul 22, 2011 7:43 AM
37	ability to work with others; development and demonstration of empathy	Jul 22, 2011 6:43 AM
38	goal setting awareness of boundary setting focus	Jul 22, 2011 6:26 AM
39	Physical Skills, Functional Skills, Sensory Modulation, Social Skills, Visual/Perceptual Skills	Jul 22, 2011 5:40 AM
40	All - there is not one sector where Horses can't help humans!!	Jul 21, 2011 10:33 PM
41	emotional regulation stress reduction relationship skills	Jul 21, 2011 8:39 PM
42	Emotional intelligence, social skills development, self esteem, self confidence, understanding presence, identification of/respect for/development of boundaries, listening to the "true self" for guidance, development of personal authenticity	Jul 21, 2011 8:37 PM
43	Development of individual development and education plans. Goal setting. Teaching and therapy methods.	Jul 21, 2011 7:35 PM
44	Mindfulness skills	Jul 21, 2011 6:41 PM

**Page 14, Q13. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following types of skills training:**

45	Social Interaction, Cognitive and Behavioral Interactions	Jul 21, 2011 5:43 PM
46	over all life skills & confidence	Jul 21, 2011 5:25 PM
47	We need to blanket the field with safe, well trained and experienced practioners who will raise the bar on service delivery.	Jul 21, 2011 4:24 PM
48	Natural herd behaviour looks to mirroring many necessary skills that humans can access for increased skill levels in the above	Jul 21, 2011 3:37 PM
49	Don't know enough about it till we do it to understand what other skills are needed.	Jul 21, 2011 3:17 PM
50	Fine and gross motor control Concentration and communicati0n development as well as sensory recognition and development	Jul 21, 2011 3:10 PM
51	affect regulation skills mindfulness skills awareness skills skills in empathy	Jul 21, 2011 2:27 PM
52	Assertiveness	Jul 21, 2011 2:06 PM
53	there are audiences to whom this research would be very influential	Jul 21, 2011 1:48 PM
54	Balance. confidence	Jul 21, 2011 12:48 PM
55	Same problem--Sound research is VERY important in order to prove efficacy.	Jul 21, 2011 12:38 PM
56	Ability to learn, mutual respect, trust	Jul 21, 2011 12:33 PM
57	skills training for work in the horse industry for people with developmental/intellectual disabilities	Jul 21, 2011 12:25 PM
58	Confidence	Jul 21, 2011 12:23 PM
59	relationship, self awareness, critical thinking	Jul 21, 2011 12:06 PM
60	Herd dynamics in human organizations	Jul 21, 2011 12:01 PM
61	Adaptation to change	Jul 21, 2011 11:47 AM
62	Native horsemanship : communicating to the horse in a manner that makes sense to the horse, which can be used by the student to help their families economically (by helping local horse owners w their horses) and helping FAS and autistic children with their physical and communication skills.	Jul 21, 2011 11:47 AM
63	I am unclear on the intent of this question. Whose leadership/communication skills?	Jul 21, 2011 11:45 AM
64	Team building and collaborative work for mental health professionals, attorneys, etc. Also, patient-relationship skills for physicians and other health care providers.	Jul 21, 2011 11:39 AM
65	Less directly related to typical goals and outcomes, the relationship of the research to these criteria is more contingent on the exact questions to be answered relative to the leadership, communication, etc. domains.	Jul 21, 2011 11:34 AM

**Page 14, Q13. Please indicate how important this type of research is for increasing understanding of EAA/T impact on each of the following types of skills training:**

66	Socialization skills training	Jul 21, 2011 11:17 AM
67	Instructor Training	Jul 21, 2011 11:16 AM

**Page 15, Q14. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for reflecting your philanthropic interests as a donor.**

1	as mentioned earlier, both qualitative and quantitative research is required to promote the value of the therapy we offer.	Aug 17, 2011 3:19 AM
2	As a donor myself & also for those donors I approach, research results are important ---it takes what we do to the next level ----business people are results oriented	Aug 6, 2011 1:08 PM
3	Should not the countries government be more interested in their less gifted inhabitants?	Aug 5, 2011 1:03 AM
4	But we have no discretionary income at this time.	Aug 4, 2011 8:21 PM
5	I have given all that I can give and will continue to do so out of my convictions about the need and efficacy of this modality of psychotherapy. The research is needed, however, in convincing others that are not as personally involved that donating/sponsoring is a worthwhile and important thing to do.	Aug 3, 2011 7:24 PM
6	Being involved day to day I am privileged to see some of the benefits, changes and results first hand so for me personally, I do not need more research that would influence me philanthropy. For others less involved would greatly benefit I believe. The more we can substantiate and demonstrate objectively, the greater our ability to share the benefits in a manner that is meaningful and sensible to others less involved.	Jul 30, 2011 9:49 AM
7	If I were a potential donor without prior knowledge of EAA/T, this research would greatly help me understand what it is. Without the research and hard data, it might sound "woo-woo" and I would be less likely to donate.	Jul 30, 2011 9:41 AM
8	Understanding the program and feedback from instructors/volunteers/students and parents. Often from first class to where the people involved have evolved in their personal growth.	Jul 29, 2011 6:53 AM
9	To the uninformed (say an audience at a power point presentation) the research and results impact their willingness to donate.	Jul 27, 2011 7:27 AM
10	b/c I have no \$\$\$	Jul 25, 2011 8:55 AM
11	I am not a donor.	Jul 25, 2011 7:46 AM
12	While not considered a donor as such technically, my husband and I are supporting the program to a great extent with our own finances. This research work will help assure us that we have some hope that one day outside funding sources will enable the program to continue without our personal financial input.	Jul 23, 2011 5:02 AM

**Page 15, Q14. Please indicate the importance of this research to you for reflecting your philanthropic interests as a donor.**

13	People need to know and love something they are supporting. We ask for donations and sometimes fail to give our donors what they need to understand and follow our process. They deserve to be a part of what they support and they deserve to be aware of the pathway to success.	Jul 22, 2011 7:19 AM
14	If I had resources to donate.	Jul 21, 2011 2:28 PM
15	I am only interested in making money	Jul 21, 2011 1:13 PM
16	I have seen it work so your efforts would confirm what I already believe in.	Jul 21, 2011 12:49 PM
17	My donor-related activities are motivated by my belief in the value of human-horse interaction and by personal (and wonderful!) experience. I think a scientific foundation would expand the donor-pool considerably.	Jul 21, 2011 11:47 AM
18	Note that I am not currently donating funds (only expertise and time), so my response is hypothetical.	Jul 21, 2011 11:35 AM
19	Even though I don't contribute much \$, I believe that research is an important component in the overall credibility of EAA/T. The more positive data that gets out there, the more likely donors are to support this "cause." And as well, support it with bigger \$ amounts.	Jul 21, 2011 11:24 AM
20	I already know how beneficial working with and around horses can be to humans, therefore the research does not affect my decision to make donations in the future.	Jul 21, 2011 11:18 AM

**Page 16, Q15. As a donor, which of the following is your primary reason for providing philanthropic support in this area? (choose only one)**

1	I selected this category since if the orgnaizations are not sustained then programs to children and people in need will not survive. The important factor is the human element	Aug 4, 2011 4:20 PM
2	All are very important.	Aug 4, 2011 7:43 AM
3	While ALL are important to me personally and I do contribute in some way to all, I believe paramount importance is to help organizations become sustainable. This has been a primary focus of mine for past number of years, so my response is a personal one.	Jul 30, 2011 9:50 AM
4	not applicable	Jul 26, 2011 11:05 AM
5	I believe that it works in so many ways, that typical therapy dosen't. It would be amazing if more people could have the opportunity to participate in it	Jul 23, 2011 7:53 PM
6	I am not a donor	Jul 22, 2011 5:42 PM
7	As I said before, I am a student with no capacity to donate monetarily. I would, however, donate to the advancements in EAAT and to increase the capacity and ability of programs to support their communities.	Jul 22, 2011 7:20 AM

**Page 16, Q15. As a donor, which of the following is your primary reason for providing philanthropic support in this area? (choose only one)**

8	I am not a donor	Jul 21, 2011 4:31 PM
9	as a shamanic practitioner any realisation of further research into complementary/alternative therapies can only be a benefit to people like myself, other therapists and the recipients	Jul 21, 2011 3:39 PM
10	I am definitely not in favour of increasing some EAA/T organizations.	Jul 21, 2011 12:52 PM
11	This is hard to choose.. all reflect back to each other.. all are important, but I suppose the bottom line goes to the participants that are served	Jul 21, 2011 11:38 AM
12	Again, response is hypothetical	Jul 21, 2011 11:35 AM

**Page 19, Q18. Please indicate below how effective you think HHRF is in each of the following areas:**

1	Conference presentations of funded research have been particularly good.	Aug 18, 2011 2:06 PM
2	I have no idea, this is the first time I've heard of HHRF.	Aug 18, 2011 10:58 AM
3	I don't know anything about it	Aug 17, 2011 6:42 PM
4	I have had no experience here.	Aug 17, 2011 7:06 AM
5	I didn't hear of the research results right now	Aug 15, 2011 12:13 PM
6	So far HHRF has not funded many studies in the mental health field, so I have not found the information particularly helpful (note--I don't work with clients with autism, so the work in that specific area has not been applicable in my practice)	Aug 15, 2011 11:36 AM
7	i dont know the work of HHRF enough to answer this question	Aug 15, 2011 1:42 AM
8	I do not know. It is the first time I have heard of hrrf	Aug 9, 2011 9:45 AM
9	Have had limited experience so far, so I can't give an accurate assessment.	Aug 9, 2011 8:27 AM
10	I do not know by myself how good you are, but think you do a good job	Aug 9, 2011 1:12 AM
11	Just learned about the foundations so i'm still learning from it :) Not easy for french people but we can manage!	Aug 8, 2011 6:56 PM
12	Have no background to base any judgement on	Aug 8, 2011 12:36 AM
13	I am afraid my answers are given on a very little knowledge of HHRF	Aug 6, 2011 5:03 AM
14	If I look for the info I would probably find the foundation activity information but honestly I don't look the info up.	Aug 5, 2011 1:05 AM
15	unsure, have never worked with hhrf	Aug 4, 2011 6:41 PM
16	I haven't seen any communications , that I know of unless their message has been indirectly communicated via other workshops	Aug 4, 2011 5:51 PM

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17	A lot of work needs to be done.	Aug 4, 2011 4:21 PM
18	I believe the communication is underatandable for the constituency that it relates to, but HHRF might be able to provide a less 'technical' form of communication that might be more underatandable to those not so scientifically oriented. Not sure if this would even be possible...maybe relating how the might effect others outside the study?	Jul 30, 2011 9:51 AM
19	I am not familiar with the organization, CANTRA asked us to do the survey so I am	Jul 29, 2011 10:00 AM
20	It is certainly important for all participants to understand the programs/fund raising/and community involvement to make a positive plan for the program to succeed.	Jul 29, 2011 6:57 AM
21	Without having looked at previous reseach unable to evaluate.	Jul 28, 2011 7:03 PM
22	I am not familiar with any of these methods of communication with HHRF. How do you even access this information.	Jul 27, 2011 11:28 AM
23	Excellent speaker at regional conference.	Jul 27, 2011 7:29 AM
24	Don't know. This is my first interface with your organization	Jul 27, 2011 6:22 AM
25	I can't say I know enough about the HHRF to honestly answer this question. The Survey was forwarded to me via a friend who is also in the same "horse" field as myself	Jul 26, 2011 5:44 AM
26	BASED ON MY TIME ON HHRF WEBSITE	Jul 25, 2011 10:00 PM
27	I really didn't know how to answer these questions, so I put fair.	Jul 25, 2011 6:54 PM
28	In terms of trying to obtain grants H & H has a somewhat obscure and unhelpful "Don't ask - Don't tell" policy about why a project was not successful. No help when it comes to improving the research funding request. We ahve moved on to other, more positive, potential funding sources.	Jul 25, 2011 1:30 PM
29	Would love to see your oppourtunities and funded studies much more widely available and publicized.	Jul 25, 2011 8:56 AM
30	I'm new to the HHRF so I'm not able to assess	Jul 24, 2011 1:18 PM
31	I have learned a lot through the email and regular mailings. I do not know if this information is widely available to the public, or specifically horse industry people, NARHA (can't recall the new name), and EAGALA.	Jul 23, 2011 7:56 PM
32	Not familiar enough to rate	Jul 23, 2011 9:09 AM
33	unfortunately I don't have enough information to evaluate this.	Jul 22, 2011 6:54 PM
34	Until I received this email I had no idea this organization existed. I have loaned one of my horses to the local therapeutic riding organization and I have supported the use of horses in physical, mental and emotional therapy.	Jul 22, 2011 12:29 PM
35	Have no basis except newsletter to evaluate what you have been doing.	Jul 22, 2011 10:54 AM

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36	I personally have not seen or read many reports so the "fair" marks are probably due to my negligence.	Jul 22, 2011 9:42 AM
37	I can't comment on these, because I haven't been following your progress YET!	Jul 22, 2011 9:31 AM
38	I have been doing this work for over 5 years, and this is the first I have had any information beyond a brief announcement that I ran across a couple years ago. At that time there was not much information available on the web. I have done extensive literature reviews, but the HHRF does not appear to be involved in publishing--that's a shame, as it is very difficult to find journals open to this work.	Jul 22, 2011 6:47 AM
39	I get the e-mails from time time, but haven't waded through them to get the content. Not seeing it as top reading priority.	Jul 22, 2011 6:29 AM
40	I am not familiar with any of the above	Jul 22, 2011 6:04 AM
41	I have no idea!	Jul 22, 2011 1:16 AM
42	I would love to be able to utilise your information.	Jul 21, 2011 10:36 PM
43	I have no prior knowledge about HHRF and no means of evaluating its effictiveness.	Jul 21, 2011 6:58 PM
44	BUT YOU GUYS ARE STILL MISSING THE BOAT....	Jul 21, 2011 6:05 PM
45	However, I don't feel qualified to answer this question.	Jul 21, 2011 5:38 PM
46	Never heard of HHRF before today.	Jul 21, 2011 5:02 PM
47	Do not have to necessary experience with the foundation yet to comment on these issues.	Jul 21, 2011 4:21 PM
48	I am not in a position to determine how effective HHRF is in anything it does.	Jul 21, 2011 4:19 PM
49	You all are great!	Jul 21, 2011 3:18 PM
50	This is my first contact with HHRF. I really have no opinion at this point.	Jul 21, 2011 3:13 PM
51	I would like to see more participation of Universities, hospitals to assist in the research	Jul 21, 2011 3:13 PM
52	I recently found you on the internet when I was doing research for college. I did not understand the funding procedures in time to request a grant for this year. I will continue with my research and work on getting certified this fall as I complete my project through volunteering at Freedom Reins. The dedication of the two instructors has convinced me of the need to pursue help for them. They give of thier time to help others who are in need without expecting anything in return. I hope that my involvement and research project will give them a new direction to be able to continue serving the community children.	Jul 21, 2011 2:11 PM
53	don't really know, sorry.	Jul 21, 2011 1:57 PM
54	I do not knowat this time	Jul 21, 2011 12:52 PM
55	I'm not familiar enough with HHRF to comment knowledgeably.	Jul 21, 2011 12:40 PM

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56	I'm not sure that I have ever heard anyone not directly involved even express awareness of HHRF	Jul 21, 2011 12:40 PM
57	I was unable to locate a research outcomes link on the website. I was only able to locate an update from Tim Shurtleff, OTD, OTR/L, Motion Analysis Laboratory, Saint Louis University, St.Louis, Missouri	Jul 21, 2011 12:37 PM
58	I am not in a position to answer this question	Jul 21, 2011 12:29 PM
59	I need to do more research in these areas to be able to answer this fairly.	Jul 21, 2011 12:17 PM
60	I do not have sufficient experience to answer this question	Jul 21, 2011 12:09 PM
61	I don't know what a stakeholder is. I sort of understood what types of research you fund when I spoke to your staffer, but not really...	Jul 21, 2011 11:50 AM
62	I read my newsletters and emails from HHRF with great interest, but I don't always feel like there is an opportunity for my to respond in a meaningful way.	Jul 21, 2011 11:49 AM
63	I have no idea. . .this is my first experience with HHRF	Jul 21, 2011 11:47 AM
64	I am unsure. However, I once submitted a proposal for funding for research through HHRF and never received follow up.	Jul 21, 2011 11:47 AM
65	I will admit to attention wandering for some detailed results.. but there have always been summaries that explain the results that peak my interest :) There needs to be technical details.. so keep them coming :)	Jul 21, 2011 11:41 AM
66	I'm sorry, I don't know enough about this to respond with worthy data	Jul 21, 2011 11:37 AM
67	Not sure about foundation activities....	Jul 21, 2011 11:27 AM
68	Question not applicable	Jul 21, 2011 11:20 AM
69	I have not researched this and cannot answer.	Jul 21, 2011 11:14 AM

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1	Good work! We just need more of it!	Aug 17, 2011 10:40 AM
2	I am grateful this foundation exists! I appreciate the organization, structure, communication, and rigor in the grant review process of those involved in HHRF.	Aug 17, 2011 9:28 AM
3	I am just learning about your organization, and am new to fund-raising and working with foundations. However, I believe that the research is paramount in helping participants and donors and the community at large to understand the importance, potential and unlimited possibilities of assisting individuals immeasurably in many areas.	Aug 17, 2011 7:09 AM
4	creating surveys is a terrific way of making sure that you meet our expectations- we feel involved and acknowledged as service providers.	Aug 17, 2011 3:23 AM

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5	Where are the results published?	Aug 15, 2011 12:14 PM
6	I would love to see funding for more programs in the mental health areas besides autism.	Aug 15, 2011 11:36 AM
7	Horse and Human >Research Foundation is doing such a great job for bringing this industry to the highest level for giving the best to our riders. Thanks so much	Aug 15, 2011 4:57 AM
8	Distributing money to more researchers.	Aug 14, 2011 11:23 AM
9	More funding for more projects.	Aug 11, 2011 11:34 AM
10	yes we need a lot of informations regarding best practice	Aug 9, 2011 11:34 AM
11	I would like to apply to make our own research ... is there any way to speak with someone in french about it ?	Aug 8, 2011 6:57 PM
12	I always look forward to reading about the research funded by HHRF, but would like to see these studies published annually in full and in hard copy. Maybe this is already being done and I am not seeing it?	Aug 8, 2011 4:06 PM
13	Need to be creating a national evaluation data base for gov. and insurance considerations.	Aug 8, 2011 1:30 PM
14	I would like to see a focus regarding the effects of this kind of therapy on the horses. Best practices for our equine partners is as important as for humans. I don't like to see horses used as a therapy tool. I see them as partners/therapists in the process.	Aug 8, 2011 12:24 PM
15	I do not know it well enough to put something reasonable here	Aug 8, 2011 11:43 AM
16	Have tried to answer questions, but know little of your organisation. Will now try to find out more.	Aug 8, 2011 12:38 AM
17	There should be 2 dates to review proposals per year	Aug 6, 2011 8:23 PM
18	I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WORK AND TO HELP US IN GREECE TO ESTABLISH A BETTER THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM. WE NEED FUNDS FROM ABROAD.	Aug 6, 2011 1:57 PM
19	I feel TR around the world is fortunate to have a foundation of this kind ---this type of initiative is the only way we as a global community will really move forward	Aug 6, 2011 1:15 PM
20	Vocabulary it's a little complicated	Aug 5, 2011 2:28 PM
21	HHRF has an important mission. I would like to see more research in the public domain about hippotherapy.	Aug 5, 2011 8:38 AM
22	As this is the first time I heard about HHRF, I certainly would like to learn more about them. Perhaps my faylt as I have not try to find out more about HHRF	Aug 5, 2011 1:07 AM
23	Where are you based? What is your PRIME purpose?	Aug 4, 2011 5:52 PM
24	I am not currently involved.	Aug 4, 2011 4:22 PM

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25	Send out a monthly email to centers, administrators, donors, etc. keeping everyone up to date on what is happening. I do not seem to receive information often enough.	Aug 4, 2011 3:38 PM
26	I do believe this is the first time I have ever heard of you - which is surprising as I am actively practicing in the field!	Aug 4, 2011 11:57 AM
27	As a private practitioner providing equine facilitated psychotherapy, I could be gathering/supplying data related to outcome effectiveness. However, I am not allied with a university, nor equipped to develop a research protocol. A protocol to be sent to practitioners like myself to collect data on the general effectiveness of EFP could provide broad stroke information, valuable as answering general questions of effectiveness. This may or may not be something HHRF could facilitate.	Aug 4, 2011 10:42 AM
28	I think we should improve the communication between HHRF and the association that I represent, AEDEQ	Aug 4, 2011 9:52 AM
29	If appropriate, highlight quite clearly if EU countries are eligible to apply or alternately, highlight that they are not. I believe that there is scope for some collaboration across continents...	Aug 4, 2011 8:34 AM
30	doing a good job as a research engine; would be better if more output was spread to groups on the ground for use in getting funds, it would also be good if the research results were shared with potential donors from the HHRF side.	Aug 4, 2011 8:08 AM
31	I hope to learn more about HHRF's programs and progress in achieving third party funding of equine assisted activities at the workshop.	Aug 4, 2011 7:47 AM
32	Please do it quickly and do it now! We desperately need your help to make our EAP programs viable on a nationwide basis. If we can't pay your bills, we can't offer the services. If we can't offer our services, the community is deprived of a unique and highly effective treatment approach.	Aug 3, 2011 7:28 PM
33	I am happy to see a foundation focusing on supporting research in our industry!	Aug 1, 2011 12:36 PM
34	That such a prestigious organization has considered our opinion makes me very happy and very satisfied. I think it's very important work they are doing. In my particular role within the team and tell me I'd be interested to learn more about ways to raise money to fund and support the work programs.	Jul 31, 2011 8:26 AM
35	How can I participate in your researchs ?	Jul 31, 2011 7:21 AM
36	Increasing your awareness...in addition to expanding research...to create greater awareness of who you are and what you do. Many who might be helpful to you do not yet know about Horses and Humans and the significance and importance of the work you do....or what it takes for you to be able to serve the overall industry in the way you want to do. Look at how you position yourselves....and how others might help you promote who you are, what you do... i.e. we might create page in our Horse Show program to help create exposure for you.. Other centers might be able to do the same and have this be an in-kind gift to you (as some centers may not be able to provide outright donations to you). This type of exposure may help to create more awareness, interest and understanding in HHRF and help provide ways to become more involved/support your efforts and help provide understanding of how people can get involved to help forward your	Jul 30, 2011 9:52 AM

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	mission.	
37	I am duly impressed with how well this one-of-a-kind research foundation has done and is doing. All of us in this field know how partnering with horses has positive outcomes, but it takes hard data to convince others...hard evidence that has been missing for too long. You have done a wonderful job in keeping us apprised of projects you are funding and their outcomes. Keep up the good work. We need you!	Jul 30, 2011 9:50 AM
38	I feel communication within each program is essential,,,,,,,,,even other instructors and volunteers to make sure all bases are being played to make the program whole.	Jul 30, 2011 7:37 AM
39	I have never heard of you till this survey .....	Jul 29, 2011 10:23 AM
40	See previous. Am unable to find HHRF in previous filing	Jul 28, 2011 7:04 PM
41	Thanks to its foundation from Spain I have known his work. I think we should work together in the same direction for the good of the people who need this type of therapy. It is very important to work among them and show, from different branches of research the results we achieved. As a meeting and outreach, I think your foundation is unique in the world and thank you for participating possibility that through this survey.	Jul 28, 2011 11:36 AM
42	The work you are doing is invaluable in bridging our society's validation practices, i.e. research, with the emerging field of EAA/T - Thank you!	Jul 28, 2011 8:52 AM
43	Please help provide funding for our next research project ?Taking Strides in Communication."	Jul 27, 2011 7:07 PM
44	I am always desperate for research information and have always turned to AHA for research information. I am not familiar with how to access information from your organization.	Jul 27, 2011 11:29 AM
45	A sponsorship program for the outreach programs like the Equestrian Angel who are out doing the work and raising awareness . Support from the equine community would help ensure the sucess of our mission. Sincerely, Ken Roche' 504-452-1081	Jul 27, 2011 8:36 AM
46	More frequent communications	Jul 27, 2011 8:21 AM
47	More articles in Strides to keep us aware of research results.	Jul 27, 2011 7:30 AM
48	I am currently volunteering my time to compile research in the Equine Assisted Psychotherapy field for an organisation called EAGALA in the Pacific area (Australia, Asia and New Zealand). As a mental health professional I would like to know how the foundation maybe able to support the collation of current research?	Jul 26, 2011 2:33 PM
49	I like the focus on EAA/T... So many past research topics appeared very limited in scope which is less helpful to our Center.	Jul 26, 2011 1:41 PM
50	I don't have any suggestions or thoughts for improvement at this time.	Jul 26, 2011 11:13 AM
51	I am always looking for more information. Perhaps a discussion forum of. Some	Jul 26, 2011 10:27 AM

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	sort would also be helpful. The information presented is generally concise, well ordered and helpful.	
52	There is a need for development of a data base on research and for an online access to all know studies (both scientific and grey literature)	Jul 26, 2011 9:43 AM
53	It is very nice that Europe is included in your scope!	Jul 26, 2011 7:18 AM
54	This is a much needed area in the field of EAA/T...thank you for all you do!	Jul 26, 2011 7:15 AM
55	keep up the good work! Thanks	Jul 26, 2011 6:28 AM
56	I am willing, able and interested in working on research initiatives but am unable to ake connections with those proposing, implementing and evaluating studies. Perhaps a networking resources for those in the field.	Jul 26, 2011 4:57 AM
57	KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!	Jul 25, 2011 10:00 PM
58	I am aware of only 2 grants that were funded. Those were very good. Evidence based practice is needed for therapy to be continued and funded but must be well done to be considered and show proof any value.	Jul 25, 2011 9:31 PM
59	Indicate areas you would like to see more research.	Jul 25, 2011 9:25 PM
60	You fill a real niche in terms of research based data...in a field that is full of anecdotal stories.. thank you and thanks for your rich funding of research!!	Jul 25, 2011 6:15 PM
61	I wish there were more grants, but in smaller denominations for community reserach purposes.	Jul 25, 2011 3:36 PM
62	We thank you so much for your foresite and dedication to the future of our industry.	Jul 25, 2011 10:06 AM
63	I would love bullet points, outline, or checklist for what kind of rigor you are looking for and what you research agenda is- eg. do you want only randomly-assigned experimental studies? are you interested in certain research areas? do you want to fund replication of previous studies?	Jul 25, 2011 8:58 AM
64	As stated earlier, I'd love to see you broaden your support to some of the areas of qualitative research. I know of a growing area of interest in equine/ health professions that would benifit greatly from support.	Jul 25, 2011 8:26 AM
65	Again, since my service area is vision and hearing loss, although I applaud what you are doing, it is not relevant for my specific population.	Jul 25, 2011 7:48 AM
66	Please be aware my comments stem from an Equine Specialist perspective who only facilitates Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning. Having data on effectiveness of EAP/EAL on various populations would greatly benefit facilitators and organizations to expand this field.	Jul 25, 2011 7:16 AM
67	I think the work you're doing is wonderful. We so desperately need the research and documented outcomes in this field- thank you so much! I know its expensive & time consuming to conduct these research studies. It would be helpful to me if we had an easy way to access other studies as well- is there any type of sharing information & making it easily accessible.	Jul 25, 2011 5:01 AM

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68	Excellent organization!	Jul 24, 2011 9:51 PM
69	Tremendous work in supporting many aspects of the EAA/T programs. Very appreciative of and impressed with the high quality of research that has resulted.	Jul 24, 2011 9:49 PM
70	Keep up the good work. We always keep this in our prayers for others to understand the importance of the horse to the human in therapy.	Jul 24, 2011 3:41 PM
71	Publishing and forwarding to all practitioners. I am certified with EFMHA, and never heard of this organization until it was recently forwarded to me via email by friend.	Jul 24, 2011 9:18 AM
72	I like the newsletters and the supporting grant writers in the process of applying, I would like to see an option for grant writers to apply at a lower level for the small organizations to be competitive at, at like \$10,000 as well as the \$50,000. To allow for more diversity in the funding of grant research projects.	Jul 24, 2011 8:47 AM
73	Would like to see more support for research evaluating animal-client bond and mutual welfare	Jul 24, 2011 7:45 AM
74	Let me know what resources are available to assist in setting up a program, or setting up research	Jul 23, 2011 7:57 PM
75	I look forward to the HHR meetings at national PATH (formerly NARHA)conventions each year	Jul 23, 2011 7:05 PM
76	HHRF provides outstanding opportunities for desperately needed professional research in the EAAT field. Keep up the great work!	Jul 23, 2011 4:20 PM
77	More access to information	Jul 23, 2011 2:31 PM
78	It seems to me that there is a larger focus on Hippo and EAT rather than therapeutic riding. I assume that this has something to do with the difference in the levels of education in the providers. How do we change this?	Jul 23, 2011 10:05 AM
79	It would be useful if the criteria for getting research funded by the HHRF were constantly communicated and easily accessible.	Jul 23, 2011 9:53 AM
80	You're doing fine.	Jul 23, 2011 9:23 AM
81	You could better meet my needs by opening up your research funding opportunities to EAGALA model practitioners.	Jul 23, 2011 7:43 AM
82	I appreciate being aware of what is going on in the research field.	Jul 23, 2011 7:20 AM
83	You are doing a fantastic job!!!! The only thing you could do better is have twice as much money, publicity, and time for the work you're doing :-). We are so exciting about HHRF and really hope to get a researcher to our facility to submit an HHRF grant. Actually, perhaps as you grow that could be an offered service - matching potential researchers with therapeutic riding facilities.	Jul 23, 2011 6:49 AM
84	I am pleased to see this research being conducted. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning is very powerful, not only for Mental Health Issues but also personal and professional growth and learning. Data and research will help greatly when we are explaining just how this work is beneficial this work	Jul 23, 2011 6:07 AM

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can be. Also to get community and media awareness.

85	Help promote the stakeholders cooperation in educating each other on how their programs are established, funded and organized.	Jul 23, 2011 5:08 AM
86	I have requested that Mr. Henry (I believe is name is - - your coordinator), get back to me on several inquiries and questions. Never has. I have found his performance unsatisfactory. Tom Weil Management Consultant to Hospitals and Medical Schools for 30 years MHA (Yale): Ph.D., (Michigan). Providing these credentials, solely because you might agree. that I am an informed critic.	Jul 22, 2011 3:00 PM
87	your survey skill set could be improved, and so could your communication skills be improved.	Jul 22, 2011 12:29 PM
88	Thank you for what you do. It's so needed, and appreciated.	Jul 22, 2011 12:21 PM
89	We would like to see pinpointed research efforts to address specific areas of disabilities rather than a variety of projects. Funding support from other partners may be possible if there is a specific project that would get the interest of the medical and insurance reimbursement community.	Jul 22, 2011 11:30 AM
90	Pure & applied research is needed in counseling related activities and the equine industry. We have horse people who understand the training of horses and counselors who are overwhelmed.	Jul 22, 2011 10:56 AM
91	You're doing great. One suggestion I would have is to globalize your website a bit more. Expand any reference that is US specific to a more general international information since you're funding international research as well. Cheers!	Jul 22, 2011 10:56 AM
92	I am just learning about you through a colleague at work, but very interested in learning more. Please send me more or include me on an email list. My contact information is: Joab Owen email: owenj @mpsct.org and/or: jpowenfarm@yahoo.com	Jul 22, 2011 10:01 AM
93	Perhaps we need more than the web site to keep us informed. Personally, I need written email prompts to seek out the progress reports. It's a great cause and very appropriate in today's expanding role of Equine assisted therapy. Cheers to all of you!	Jul 22, 2011 9:45 AM
94	I'm happy with all you are doing in behalf of research engreasment.	Jul 22, 2011 9:37 AM
95	What HHRF is doing is great. Nothing to change. Continue the good work.	Jul 22, 2011 9:25 AM
96	I encourage you to contact/market horse councils in every state. We (I am one of them!) are constantly feeling we have to "prove" why horses are good for the culture and community. We are being squeezed out by urban expansion and the digital age. Every piece of evidence we have regarding all the good horses do for humans can help us with better advocacy for the horse community.	Jul 22, 2011 9:15 AM
97	Would be helpful to HHRF spearhead a project where you develop a tool all practitioners can use to measure outcomes, even if this is on a small and basic level. There are so many people trying to keep track of their own individual outcomes, they create their own tools, or they just don't bother to track. If there	Jul 22, 2011 9:01 AM

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was a central database where practitioners could log into and record their outcomes after seeing groups or clients, I think this could be a great foundation to the start of other more quantitative studies.

98	Thank you for funding research. It is so important! The research focus seems to have been on impact of riding horses and not on models that are on-the ground and utilize professionals (mental health and equine specialists) as facilitators. I hope that in the future there will be a more varied approach to funding proposals.	Jul 22, 2011 8:44 AM
99	Love your foundation.	Jul 22, 2011 8:28 AM
100	I love what you are doing and I hope in my future that I can be of assistance to you. I understand that research is very important in our field and must be taken seriously for our field to be taken seriously. Hopefully upon graduating and incorporating a BA in TH and a MS in OT my life will take me in directions most helpful to my community, my colleagues, and my clients. I hope to keep in touch with HHRF and if I can ever be of assistance, please never hesitate to contact me. Maybe I can incorporate my graduate research with something of importance to your cause. It would be an amazing opportunity to work with you. Sincerely, Pamela Schaeffe Fowler Pamela.Schaeffe@yahoo.com	Jul 22, 2011 7:26 AM
101	We would appreciate more concrete evidence on the possible physical and cognitive benefits of therapeutic riding to provide potential funders with better information on outcomes. We would also like evidence of what practices in EAAT are the most effective.	Jul 22, 2011 7:24 AM
102	The problem I have with this study is that you are not taking into account the importance of the instructors/teachers actually understanding the language of the horse. You may get people who see a way of making money using horses, who actually abuse the horse because they don't understand their actual body language and thought process.	Jul 22, 2011 7:09 AM
103	Consider creating a journal specifically for publishing work done on this area. If you even received 4 studies a year, that would be sufficient for one journal yearly. This research is interdisciplinary, necessarily, so tends to be tossed aside if one is not embedded in the discipline of the journal. It is often looked at as too far afield.	Jul 22, 2011 6:51 AM
104	High hopes for what your research can bring to this field in terms of credentials and believability which will generate trust, and commitment from funding sources!	Jul 22, 2011 6:31 AM
105	We need a better network worldwide with communication about the research foci in EAT. A platform, where all interested (good) researchers can interact and discuss terms!	Jul 22, 2011 12:39 AM
106	HHRF could gain even more intl. visibility, for example by newsletters in main foreign languages and also, by membership in organizations such as IAHAIO	Jul 21, 2011 10:49 PM
107	Do you have a news letter? Updates? etc?	Jul 21, 2011 10:37 PM
108	I have never heard of HHRF until I received this e-mail. It sounds like a great idea and I look forward to learning more about what the organization is doing.	Jul 21, 2011 8:40 PM
109	Glad that you exist!	Jul 21, 2011 8:19 PM

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110	I wish to get things square	Jul 21, 2011 7:48 PM
111	The role of HHRF in the EAAT industry is tremendously important. More funding for research is needed in order to create more research results. I recognize a need for third party funding for veterans and active duty military and there is a need for more support research support (monetary and in-kind support - such as facility access and personnel participation - (medical service providers and participants).	Jul 21, 2011 7:45 PM
112	Hi there. Thunder Rode is a facility in Northeast Iowa that would like to be part of a research project, however, I contacted Luther College staff, of which Luther's nursing program is connected to Mayo Clinic and Winneshiek Medical Center, which is part of Mayo Clinic and our Gundersen Lutheran branch here and no one seems to care. They all agree that equine therapy is valuable, however, not interested in research to prove it's worth. If there is anyway that we could assist, I would love to hear from someone at your foundation. Thank you. Michelle McLain-Kruse, Executive Director, Thunder Rode, Inc. 1957 Meadowlark Road, Decorah, IA 52101 (563) 419-8318, thunderode2006@yahoo.com	Jul 21, 2011 7:37 PM
113	I would appreciate a discussion about EAA/T theoretical concepts and methods other than Hippotherapy.	Jul 21, 2011 7:20 PM
114	Thank you for doing this and your research! We need this to move forward!	Jul 21, 2011 7:12 PM
115	Keep up the good work!	Jul 21, 2011 6:34 PM
116	Actually, I am not familiar with HHRF. I do look forward to learning more in the future.	Jul 21, 2011 6:31 PM
117	I feel that HHRF is doing a very good job with the available fund!	Jul 21, 2011 6:17 PM
118	I think I've made myself clear.	Jul 21, 2011 6:06 PM
119	Smaller grants to fund smaller program participants for research or collaborative research opportunities would be nice	Jul 21, 2011 5:46 PM
120	I have only recently become aware of HHRF and have not had time or opportunity to familiarize myself with any EAP research. The community/state in which I live has been particularly badly affected by the economic recession. EAP practice according to the EAGALA model I espouse, remains, in my opinion too expensive, demanding as far as staff requirements, and unfamiliar to agencies, insurance companies and the like. I feel there should be more community education about different EAP modalities.	Jul 21, 2011 5:45 PM
121	I believe you are on a great track.	Jul 21, 2011 5:44 PM
122	Keep spreading the word and thanks for all you promote	Jul 21, 2011 5:28 PM
123	give longer heads up for new funding proposal due dates	Jul 21, 2011 5:21 PM
124	I do not know enough about HHRF or what it does/has been doing to comment	Jul 21, 2011 4:20 PM
125	There are a growing number of equine students (many disciplines, many courses) who would perhaps benefit from input/advice/encouragement beyond	Jul 21, 2011 3:45 PM

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	that which you give. As a student myself it took me some time to come across you and the requisites needed to even be in the running for funding, is, in my eyes, too limited. Please allow those of us who are daring to look to the energy based/ more lateral thinking therapies to also have a chance at some really strong, professional, focused help. There needs to be more reserach into these areas, which so far, sadly seem to rely more on anecdotal evidence. This of course not acceptable by the scientific community. This in turn impinges on the acceptability of any beneficial impact by such bodies as RCVS.	
126	HHRF is a terrific organization dedicated to the sustainability of the future of this field. Thanks for all that you do!	Jul 21, 2011 3:35 PM
127	I am not sure what is needed most. I would like to conduct a research project, however it is difficult to know who to involve and how to best start a project.	Jul 21, 2011 3:14 PM
128	Keep up the great work - as it is much needed and there are very few other entities doing it.	Jul 21, 2011 2:41 PM
129	Thank you for this!	Jul 21, 2011 2:32 PM
130	I hope that you will recognize my abilities when I reapply for a grant in 2012. I grew up with horses, will have donated my time to helping with EAA/T.	Jul 21, 2011 2:24 PM
131	I would like more notice when you are accepting research proposals for potential funding. It seems like I find out about a month before the deadline.	Jul 21, 2011 2:09 PM
132	your website isnt v user friendly,	Jul 21, 2011 1:44 PM
133	I'm pleased with the emphasis on evidence-based practices.	Jul 21, 2011 1:36 PM
134	I would like to see more studies granted in the mental health world, as opposed to physical disabilities.	Jul 21, 2011 1:26 PM
135	Can you find more funding opportunities into more areas? Can we publicize / publish the results into mainstream Mental Health or Psychology journals?	Jul 21, 2011 1:19 PM
136	Mentor-ship for smaller organizations ready and willing to become part of the equation.	Jul 21, 2011 12:58 PM
137	Your email today is the first contact I have had with your organization. I will have to follow your website to make a more knowledgeable decision.	Jul 21, 2011 12:54 PM
138	I see the need for third-party payments as legitimizing not only EAT but also AAT and finally making these fields acceptable modalities to the entire healthcare industry.	Jul 21, 2011 12:41 PM
139	Need to work with Survey Monkey of getting the bugs out of the tool.	Jul 21, 2011 12:41 PM
140	A research outcomes link would be great! I look forward to seeing the results of funded research projects. Thank you for all your doing to support EAA/T!!	Jul 21, 2011 12:39 PM
141	I understand the need for clinical research and therefore, its language. But more plainspeak would be appreciated. Thanks.	Jul 21, 2011 12:36 PM
142	As a researcher and practitioner involved in qualitative research (EFL), I suggest	Jul 21, 2011 12:33 PM

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	HHRF become more open to funding non-clinical / empirical studies and support qualitative research projects.	
143	I am a volunteer with a local therapeutic/equine assisted program; also a donor/supporter. I am not in a position to answer this question.	Jul 21, 2011 12:29 PM
144	Be sure to share results of all projects. Keep on doing what you're doing!!	Jul 21, 2011 12:28 PM
145	I hope that the HHRF can serve to put together a framework for effective research standards and design for use by those of us who practice in the mental health field - it will certainly help practitioners better understand how to go about utilizing both qualitative and quantitative measures for demonstrating the effectiveness of equine assisted psychotherapy.	Jul 21, 2011 12:22 PM
146	I would like to know if you have done or are planning on doing any research for soldiers suffering from PTSD and OSI. This is a growing problem and will only get worse worse in the next few years.	Jul 21, 2011 11:55 AM
147	I strongly support the efforts of this group because I know that the only way to get EAAT to more patients is to have a strong scientific foundation and third-party reimbursement. Otherwise, EAAT will remain a 'feel-good' activity, not a treatment. Showing effectiveness in functional status, physical, and cognitive performance is the only way to accomplish this. Also, I think it is essential to demonstrate effectiveness, and THEN you can get funding and support to delineate mechanisms. Just a thought. . .Best wishes in your important efforts.	Jul 21, 2011 11:52 AM
148	Can you be involved in pairing equine-facilitated learning programs with researchers?	Jul 21, 2011 11:51 AM
149	My one concern in the larger field if EAT is that there is a lack of cultural considerations in the research and practice. I recently completed my dissertation on this subject and would love to share my findings.	Jul 21, 2011 11:49 AM
150	More emphasis needed on helping wild horses in the wild and their value to society and to the N. Am. ecosystem, where they are a restoration	Jul 21, 2011 11:48 AM
151	A wonderful organization with fantastic staff and leadership!	Jul 21, 2011 11:44 AM
152	Thank you for doing what you are doing :) I've worked in this field for over 25 years now and this organization is exactly what has been needed and is doing great work !!	Jul 21, 2011 11:43 AM
153	Keep consistency in terminology regarding the medical model approaches (Therapy) and equine activities (educational/recreational/sport etc). Begin to use the term "adapted riding" rather than "therapeutic riding" when referring to equine activities that are not under the direction of a medical professional. Assist new researchers in the understanding of terminology. Grey areas mislead everyone. Proofread all literature for clarity to help eliminate this ongoing confusion. Your work is outstanding and the efforts to further all areas of equine activities and therapies are appreciated!	Jul 21, 2011 11:43 AM
154	This sort of survey of the field is a great addition. As a general comment, the field still suffers from fractionation and poor understanding of best practices concerning the safety of both humans and equids. Although effectiveness of achieving program outcomes is perhaps "sexier" in attracting funding, we as	Jul 21, 2011 11:42 AM

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researchers and practitioners must exercise the self-discipline in first investigating how the programs affect those involved and have the integrity to change practice based on an honest appraisal of the results. Funders, of course, can help researchers maintain this self-discipline and integrity by funding these necessary foundational investigations maybe even more than outcome-based studies.

155	I have two concerns: 1) The biggest one is the education of the medical community at large about the value of EAA/T. I think we need to develop a CEU specifically aimed at doncors (for example), to raise awareness. So, while this does not fir into the area of 'research' it is certainly a NEED. 2) A better job needs to be done to get the research you support into juried, high profile journals. Perhaps a specific pot of money could be established to identify and pay a well-regarded medical journalist to get a fact-filled, comprehensive article on EAA/T in a good journal - like the New England Journal of Medicine?	Jul 21, 2011 11:34 AM
156	I wish there was a mentorship program where senior researchers would be matched with junior or potential researchers (such as myself.) If there is a program, I am not aware of it.	Jul 21, 2011 11:28 AM
157	This survey asked relevant, thoughtful questions. Thanks for allowing input from those of us in the field.	Jul 21, 2011 11:21 AM
158	Love what you do!	Jul 21, 2011 11:19 AM
159	Support randomized, well controlled trials with different focus groups.	Jul 21, 2011 11:18 AM
160	I Know very little about the foundation	Jul 21, 2011 11:18 AM
161	I would like to see more opportunities for the membership to get involved with research. Having worked as a research associate in addition to being a PATH instructor and administrator, I have trouble figuring out how to marry my two interests.	Jul 21, 2011 11:10 AM