



Research Readiness in Equine Assisted Services

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Key Questions

What do you want to research and why?

What research has already been done?

University or Hospital Research Partner?

What makes your study important and unique?

What will you do with the research findings?

ARE YOU RESEARCH READY?



Free Research Readiness Checklist

• <https://www.horsesandhumans.org/news/2019/11/13/introducing-the-eaat-center-research-readiness-checklist>

• (The checklist is 4 pages)

EAAT CENTER RESEARCH READINESS CHECKLIST®				
Developed by Nancy Paschall, incorporating Shoffner, A, Gabriels R. Therapeutic Horseback Riding Intervention Manual. In Denver, CO: University of Colorado and Children's Hospital Colorado; 2008, and B. Caitlin Peters, Ph.D., OTR/L November 10, 2019				
SITE NAME:	DATE			REVIEWER
LOCATION:				
I EAAT CENTER EXPERIENCE, GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE	Not at All (NO)	Somewhat (YES)	Very Much	Comments
1 The center has participated in other research projects	1	2	3	
2 The center has experience with Logic Models	1	2	3	
3 The center has participated in program evaluation	1	2	3	
4 PATH Intl Premier Accredited Center or Other National/Intl Accreditation	1	2		
5 Governance, guidance documents and by-laws in place	1	2		
6 Policies and procedures comply with a set of Standards (i.e. PATH Intl or other appropriate Accreditation)	1	2	3	
7 Mission and/or by-law/ and/or strategic plan support research	1	2	3	
8 Policies and procedures comply with federal government regulations (if federal grant funds to be used; includes personnel policies)	1	2	3	
9 The center supports implementing evidence- based best practices (has a learning culture)	1	2	3	
10 The center has history of successful collaborations with other organizations	1	2	3	
11 The Board of Directors supports the center's involvement in research	1	2	3	
II FINANCIAL CAPACITY & MANAGEMENT	Not At All (NO)	Somewhat (YES)	Very Much	Comments
1 The center uses Generally Accepted Accounting Practices, Project-Based Accounting, AND keeps research funds separate from other funds	1	2	3	
2 The center has reserve funds to meet unfunded research associated expenses (i.e. meetings)	1	2	3	
3 The center has enough "up-front" funds if research funding to center is paid at intervals or at end	1	2	3	



Safety
First...
and other
priorities

**Nothing should endanger
participants, volunteers,
staff or horses**

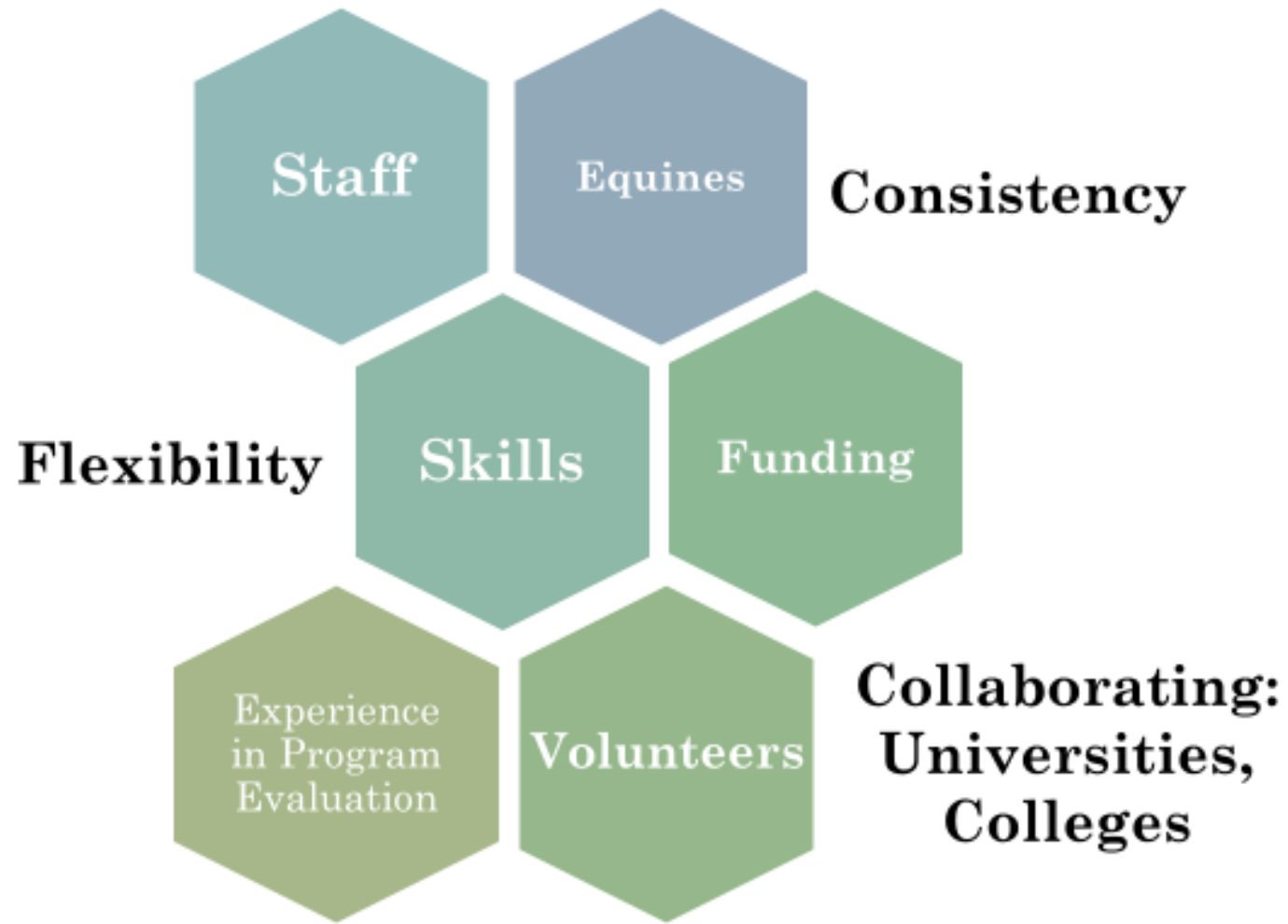
Horses

Suitable

Healthy
Physically
Mentally



These are not OK in EAS or in research!



Do You Have Enough?

Necessary

Facility

Has standards of care for horses and participants (i.e., PATH Intl/ HETI)
Suitability for project
Secure data storage

Administrative Practices

- Paperwork
- Finances and contracts
- Accreditation
- Documentation
- Nonprofit management
- Fiscal soundness
- Research alignment w/mission



Horses

- Suitability
- Training
- Health/Welfare

Staff

- Intervention leader
- On site Research coordinator
- Training & skills, licenses if needed

Volunteers

- Training
- Scheduling
- Placement

Slide adapted from Robin Gabriels, PhD

Resources

- Horses and Humans Research Foundation Call for Research Grant Proposals:
<https://www.horsesandhumans.org/blog/2021/3/29/50000-available-for-research-investigating-the-effects-of-horses-on-humans-who-have-experienced-trauma>
- Research Readiness Checklist:
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Thank You

- **Thank you for attending this presentation. I am honored to present, appreciate HETI, and the Secretariat of HETI2021 Seoul.**
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