MISSION OF SADDLE UP!
The mission of Saddle Up! is to provide children and youth with disabilities the opportunity to grow and develop through therapeutic, educational, and recreational activities with horses.

GOALS OF EC
- Demonstrate innovation and professional reasoning by designing site specific work projects including a horse movement analysis to better match the horse to the individualized needs of the rider at Saddle Up!
- Advocate for the occupational potential, occupational performance, and occupational engagement of clients including individuals, organizations, or populations, and those in complex situations
- Synthesize multiple sources of information such as AOTA official documents or clinical practice guidelines such as the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH, Inc.) and American Hippotherapy Association (AHA) best practice guidelines to enhance practice through identified work project within Saddle Up!
- Support the integration of best evidence and the distribution and translation of new knowledge (consistent with occupational therapy practice) into the Therapeutic Riding Program and Therapy Program at Saddle Up!
- Communicate and collaborate with clients and other providers of therapeutic riding and equine assisted therapy to identify meaningful ways to transcend system limitations
- Develop knowledge of appropriate equine assisted activities for individuals with disabilities at Saddle Up!
- Design materials and activities to enhance equine assisted activities at Saddle Up!
- Advocate for the participation of individuals with disabilities in animal assisted therapy

OUTCOMES OF EC
- Development of an Equine Movement Evaluation Protocol and Equine Movement Evaluation form to therapists and therapeutic riding instructors at Saddle Up!
- Markings on the horse and rider help identify points of movement
- Networked and collaborated with other therapeutic horseback riding and hippotherapy providers
- Participated in the development of the Therapist-in-Training Program
- Created a tool bank of equine assisted therapeutic activities
- Gained knowledge and appreciation of equine assisted therapy and therapeutic horseback riding

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