



Common clinical impairments that are treated with hippotherapy are:

Abnormal tone, impaired balance, abnormal reflexes, impaired coordination and communication, impaired sensory function, postural asymmetry, poor postural control and decreased mobility.

Medical conditions:

Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Cerebral vascular accident, Developmental Delay, Multiple, Sclerosis, Sensory integrative Dysfunction, Traumatic brain injury

This list is not all inclusive



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Equine Magic Therapeutic Services



Lisa Schartiger
Licensed Physical Therapist

Offering hippotherapy as a physical therapy treatment strategy for special needs adults and children. An alternative to traditional therapy.

Hippotherapy

Hippotherapy is a physical, occupational, and speech therapy treatment strategy that utilizes equine movement and is part of an integrated treatment program to achieve functional outcomes.

The horses' pelvis moves in the same tri-planer motion at the walk as we do. Trained certified therapist work in a controlled hippotherapy environment. The therapist modifies the horse's movement and carefully grades sensory input. The sensory input from the horse impacts on the patient's vestibular, tactile and proprioceptive systems, which provide a foundation for the development of sensory motor abilities.

Specific riding skills are not taught (as in therapeutic riding) but rather a foundation is established to improve neurological function, sensory processing, physical mobility and strength.

Staff

Lisa Schartiger, MPT

Owner of Equine Magic Therapeutic Services and Physical Therapist for the past eight years. Lisa has been using hippotherapy as a treatment strategy for 6 years along with traditional treatments for pediatrics, geriatrics, and special needs individuals. Lisa is a member of NARHA & AHA.

Jeff and Angela Duffner

Owners and operators of Horizon Stables. Jeff is fire chief of Bell Township and Angela is the secretary at the municipal building. Along with there busy schedules at the stables and other jobs. They find the time to volunteer for Equine Magic.

Facility

Equine Magic Therapeutic services is located at Horizon Stables, 730 Rubright Road in Bell Township, PA.

The stables offer:

- **60' x 110' indoor arena outdoor arena.**
- **Indoor viewing room with heat for winter!**
- **A mounting stage for easy on and off access.**
- **And of course our wonderful Hippotherapy Horses CHIPPY, TED, REBEL, and ABIGAIL (who is in training).**

