



**Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.**  
**11968 Mineral Road, Longmont, CO 80504**  
**PHONE: (303)652-9131 FAX: (303)532-0164 [www.ctrcinc.org](http://www.ctrcinc.org)**

**Dear Prospective Participant:**

Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (CTRC). A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and a premier accredited center by PATH Intl, CTCRC has been providing therapeutic riding and other equine assisted activities to individuals with therapeutic needs in the Denver-Metro area since 1980.

Please complete and return via email, fax or US mail the enclosed application (you complete the Participant Application, Participant Consent and Release form and your physician completes the Medical History/Physician Statement). We schedule an on-site visit/evaluation after we receive your application and believe that we may have suitable openings in our schedule. The evaluation is an opportunity to determine if our services are a good fit and whether we can safely accommodate you/your son or daughter. There is no fee for therapeutic riding evaluations; hippotherapy evaluations require direct payment to the therapist.

Most participants pay privately for CTCRC services. If you are planning to pay with outside agency funds or CES Medicaid Waiver funds, please talk first with your case manager to be sure the funding can be authorized for therapeutic riding and/or hippotherapy. CTCRC does not bill private insurance but our therapists can provide you with documentation. Therapeutic riding is not covered through private insurance/Medicaid. We can provide you with documentation if you believe that a flexible spending account or health care spending account covers therapeutic riding or hippotherapy expenses (again, you would need to submit this documentation on your own).

In order for everyone to get the most out of their experiences at CTCRC we strive to provide the safest possible conditions and adhere to precautions and contraindications for participants established by PATH Intl. Please review the following CTCRC policies:

1. The acceptance and continuation of a participant depends on the availability of instructors, volunteers and suitable horses.
2. Rider weight limit is subject to CTCRC's Height/Weight policy and horse availability (**200 pound maximum**).
3. CTCRC retains the right at any time to refuse any participant that we cannot safely accommodate.
4. We ask participants to inform us of any changes in health status.
5. An annual update of the Medical History Form/Physician Statement is required.
6. When near/on horses, participants must wear ASTM-approved riding helmets, which CTCRC supplies.
7. Appropriate clothing, e.g. closed-toe shoes (heels if possible) is required.
8. CTCRC does not offer make-ups or refunds for missed classes, including classes that we must cancel due to hazardous weather.

When driving to CTCRC, please use caution pulling into CTCRC from Highway 52 as other drivers may not be anticipating your turn. When heading westbound (turning left into CTCRC), we would advise you to continue past CTCRC and the Tree Farm until you come to the left turn lane onto County Road 119. You can then turn around and head back eastbound and turn right into CTCRC.

Thank you again for your interest in our programs!

Sincerely,

*Michele Bruhn*

Head Instructor

[headinstructor@ctrcinc.org](mailto:headinstructor@ctrcinc.org)

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by (Initials): \_\_\_\_\_



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## PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

*In order to ensure coordinated care, staff and volunteers are provided with information about abilities/disabilities.*

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Rider or Guardian's Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

List Phone Numbers and whose number it is, if other than Participant:

Cell 1 # \_\_\_\_\_ If not Participant's #, whose is it? Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell 2 # \_\_\_\_\_ If not Participant's #, whose is it? Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Other # \_\_\_\_\_ If not Participant's #, whose is it? Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear of our program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in:

Therapeutic Riding  Hippotherapy  Interactive Vaulting  Miniature Horse Visit

Will you be paying:

Own funds/ using private insurance/ flexible/ health spending account

Agency/ Government Funding:

List agency name: \_\_\_\_\_

List funding type: \_\_\_\_\_

List case manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your primary area(s) of interest while at CTRC and share your goals.

Equestrian/horsemanship (goals \_\_\_\_\_)

Therapeutic (goals \_\_\_\_\_)

Recreational (goals \_\_\_\_\_)

Social (goals \_\_\_\_\_)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Describe previous riding experience, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience wearing a helmet (e.g. ski, bike) \_\_\_\_\_

I believe that wearing a helmet will  or will not  be a possible challenge (if so, please practice prior to eval).

## Physical skills

Is the participant able to demonstrate the following skills? Mark X for yes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sits unassisted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stands independently
<input type="checkbox"/>	Walks unassisted
<input type="checkbox"/>	Runs unassisted

<input type="checkbox"/>	Moves sideways (laterally)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses hands independently
<input type="checkbox"/>	Releases objects
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skip
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hop

<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses bathroom independently
<input type="checkbox"/>	Climb stairs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bears weight on legs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stand on one foot

Describe general balance: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe muscle tone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and explain ANY assistive devices that the participant may use at home or school (e.g. walker, communication device):

\_\_\_\_\_

Notes on Hearing or Vision Impairments: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the participant able to demonstrate the following skills? Mark X for yes:

### EDUCATIONAL/COGNITIVE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Knows numbers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knows letters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knows left/right
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognizes names
<input type="checkbox"/>	Displays safety awareness
<input type="checkbox"/>	Makes choices

### SOCIAL

<input type="checkbox"/>	Recognizes name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Makes eye contact
<input type="checkbox"/>	Waves/ says hello/bye
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shares toys/items
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communicates feelings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interacts with peers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Converses with others
<input type="checkbox"/>	Takes turns

### LANGUAGE

<input type="checkbox"/>	Makes sounds
<input type="checkbox"/>	Says words
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combines 2 or more words
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaks in complete sentences
<input type="checkbox"/>	Understands "No"
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter sound identification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Signs or uses gestures
<input type="checkbox"/>	Uses picture symbols

Please describe personality and strengths: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Psychological, emotional, behavioral, social issues: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Any other special things we should know? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list all times that MIGHT work to participate in CTRC programs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This form was completed by (participant/parent/other): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please attach additional sheets of paper or more information (e.g. IEP) if desired**

**\*Please enclose a photo for your file**



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## PARTICIPANT'S CONSENT & RELEASE FORM

### CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

In the event emergency medical aid/treatment is required due to illness or injury while participating in the services of, or while being on the property of, the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center (CTRC), I authorize CTRC to secure and retain medical treatment and/or transportation if needed. This authorization includes any treatment deemed necessary by a treating health care professional and includes but is not limited to x-ray, surgery, hospitalization, and medication. In addition, I authorize CTRC to release my/my child/my ward's records to any individual involved in medical treatment and/or necessary transportation.

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

or contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

or contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or signature of parent/guardian if participant is under age 18)

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Participant's name) would like to participate in the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center's (CTRC) program. I acknowledge the risks and potential for risks in riding and working with horses. However, I feel that the possible benefits to myself/my child/my ward are greater than the risks assumed. I hereby, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors and/or administrators, waive and release forever all claims for damages against CTRC, its Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Instructors, Therapists, Aides, volunteers, employees, agents, and representatives of any kind for any and all injuries, damages, claims, demands, causes of actions, law suits, and/or losses I/my child/my ward may sustain while participating in CTRC's program.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or signature of parent/guardian if participant is under age 18)

**PHOTO & PUBLICITY RELEASE (Optional):** I hereby consent to and authorize the Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center to use my/my child's/my ward's name in all audio, visual and written promotional material and to use and/or reproduce any and all photographs and any other audiovisual materials taken of me/my child/my ward for promotional printed material, educational activities, exhibitions or for any other use for the benefit of the program.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or signature of parent/guardian if participant is under age 18)



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**Dear Health Care Provider:**

Your patient is interested in participating in supervised equine activities. In order to safely provide this service, we request that you complete (or update) the attached Participant Medical History one-sided form. Please note that the following conditions may suggest precautions and contraindications to equine activities. Therefore, when completing this form, please note whether these conditions are present, and to what degree.

**Orthopedic**

Atlantoaxial Instability – include neurologic symptoms  
Coxa Arthrosis  
Cranial Deficits  
Heterotopic Ossification/Myositis Ossificans  
Joint Subluxation/dislocation  
Osteoporosis  
Pathologic Fractures  
Spinal Fusion/Fixation  
Spinal Instability/Abnormalities

**Neurologic**

Hydrocephalus/Shunt  
Seizure  
Spina Bifida/Chiari II Malformation/Tethered Cord/Hydromyelia

**Medical/Psychological**

Allergies  
Animal Abuse  
Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse  
Blood Pressure Control  
Dangerous to self or others  
Exacerbations of medical conditions  
Fire Setting  
Heart Condition  
Hemophilia  
Medical Instability  
Medications – e.g. photosensitivity  
Migranes  
PVD  
Poor Endurance  
Respiratory Compromise  
Recent Surgeries  
Skin Breakdown  
Substance Abuse  
Thought Control Disorders  
Weight Control Disorder

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this patient's participation in equine activities, please contact me at (303) 652-9131 or [headinstructor@ctrinc.org](mailto:headinstructor@ctrinc.org).

Sincerely,  
*Michele Bruhn*  
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Head Instructor



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**PARTICIPANT'S MEDICAL HISTORY & PHYSICIAN STATEMENT** *(Physician Completes)*

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Best Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ **Weight** \_\_\_\_\_ Relevant Medications \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobility:** Independent Ambulation  **OR** Assisted Ambulation: Braces  Crutches  Walker  Wheelchair

**Special Precautions:**

For Down Syndrome, this box must be checked:  As the physician, I have conducted a medical examination including a complete neurologic exam within the past year that shows no evidence of Atlanto Axial Instability or Focal Neurologic Disorder (Comments: \_\_\_\_\_)

Seizures: Yes  No  Seizure Type \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Seizure \_\_\_\_\_  
 Changes to Seizure Activity in the past year? Yes  No  Now Controlled? Yes  No

Scoliosis: Yes  No  Degree of Scoliosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Shunt: Yes  No  Date of Last Revision \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary** Diagnosis/Presenting Concern \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Onset \_\_\_\_\_

**Secondary** Diagnosis/Presenting Concern \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list current or past indications/special needs in the following areas, including surgeries:**

AREAS	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Visual			
Auditory			
Tactile Sensation			
Speech & Language			
Cognitive/Processing			
Learning & Development			
Psychological/Emotional/Behavioral			
Muscular			
Balance			
Orthopedic – Note Scoliosis or Hip Subluxation/Dislocation			
Neurologic			
Cardiac			
Circulatory			
Pulmonary			
Integumentary/Skin			
Immunity			
Pain			
Allergies			
Other			

**To my knowledge, there is no reason this person cannot participate in supervised equestrian activities. I concur with a review of this person's abilities/limitations by a licensed/credentialed health professional, as necessary, in the implementation of an effective equine activity program.**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name & Title** (print) \_\_\_\_\_ MD DO NP PA

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_