

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy

AT STABLE MINDS

What is Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP)?

Similar to working with other animals in a therapeutic setting, it is a type of experiential therapy with horses that helps clients work through concerns related to depression, anxiety, trauma, stress, and relationships.

Who can partake?

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy will be offered to our clients ages 6 and over, who may be experiencing anxiety, depression, mood issues and trauma history.

Location?

Sessions will be offered at our farm: Stable Minds, 43W043 Campton Hills Road, Elburn, IL.

Cost?

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy can be billed the same as individual therapy, and we require a barn fee of an additional \$30/session.

What to consider & wear?

EAP will occur mostly outdoors in an outdoor round pen/arena area. But we also offer indoor arena sessions due to weather. Long pants and closed-toed shoes (boots or sneakers ideally) are required for safety. There will be a restroom on site. Water bottles, hats, and sunscreen are also encouraged.

Am I riding the horse?

Short answer: yes and no. Long answer: the majority of sessions are spent on the ground working alongside the horse. There is a potential for riding bareback after a handful of sessions are completed and agreed upon by the therapist, the client/guardian, and the horse:)

Do I need experience with horses?

Not at all!

What Medical or Liability concerns should be considered?

If you have allergies to horses or hay, or being outdoors for 50- 60 minutes causes any significant medical/physical/mental health issues, then this may not be the best therapeutic option for you.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, email Angel@anchorcounseling.org or call 630-765-3214

