



The 42 Horse Discovery Centers (HDCs) are part of a volunteer, certified program of stables licensed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB). These centers welcome the general public of all ages and experience levels to learn about horses in a knowledgeable and friendly environment. In 2023, almost all of the HDCs participated in public outreach and reported continued growth and interest in horses. MHIB's HDCs are located in 18 counties and in all regions of the state. Horses bring folks closer to nature, and a healthy more active lifestyle.

Who are our 2023 HDCs?

- ♥ A Moment In Time Farm
- ♥ Camp Puh'tok's Top Bar Stables
- ♥ Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding
- ♥ Clark's Elioak Farm
- ♥ Coexist Stables
- ♥ Days End Farm Horse Rescue
- ♥ Dun-Pikin Farm
- ♥ En-Tice-Ment Stables at Obligation Farm
- ♥ Fairwinds Farm and Stables
- ♥ Foxie G Foundation
- ♥ Freedom Hill Horse Rescue
- ♥ Full Moon Farm
- ♥ Good Intentions Farm
- ♥ Graham Equestrian Center
- ♥ Great and Small
- ♥ High Ridge Farm
- ♥ Holly Ridge Farm Equestrian Center
- ♥ Linden Farm
- ♥ Maryland Therapeutic Riding
- ♥ Mexico Farms Equestrian Center
- ♥ Molly Hill Farm
- ♥ Paradise Stables
- ♥ Peaceable Pastures
- ♥ Promise Landing Farm
- ♥ PLF Melwood Recreation Center
- ♥ River Valley Ranch
- ♥ Rolling Hills Ranch and Freedom Hill Therapeutic Riding Program
- ♥ Rose of Sharon Equestrian School
- ♥ Silverado - Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program
- ♥ STAR Equestrian Center
- ♥ Sweet Rock Stables
- ♥ Taking the Lead
- ♥ Talbot Run Equestrian Center
- ♥ Talisman Therapeutic Riding
- ♥ The Big Purple Barn
- ♥ The Greenwell Foundation
- ♥ The Retreat at Beckleysville
- ♥ Vandermere Farm & Stables
- ♥ vR Growth and Learning Center
- ♥ Wellspring of Life Farm
- ♥ Windy Way Horses
- ♥ Worthmore Equestrian Center





HDCs welcomed people of all ages to the events on their farms and in their surrounding communities. They reached more than 200,000 people with horses!

Horse Discovery Center Events held over 366 events and introduced over 150,000 adults and children to horses in 2023.

Events included Horse Discovery Days Open Barns, Trail Rides, Therapy Sessions Horsemanship Lessons, Yoga, Holiday Events, Women's Retreats, Career Days, Camps, Boot Camp Private Farm Visits, Clinics, Library Visits, Back to School Program Introductory Lessons, Retirement Community Visit, First Responder Families, Veterans' Clinics, Pony Rides, Pony Parties, Field Trips, School visits, Government Officials Tours, Benefit Concert, Driving Clinics, Scouts and many more. Each HDC hosts and holds what events work best for their Stable and community.

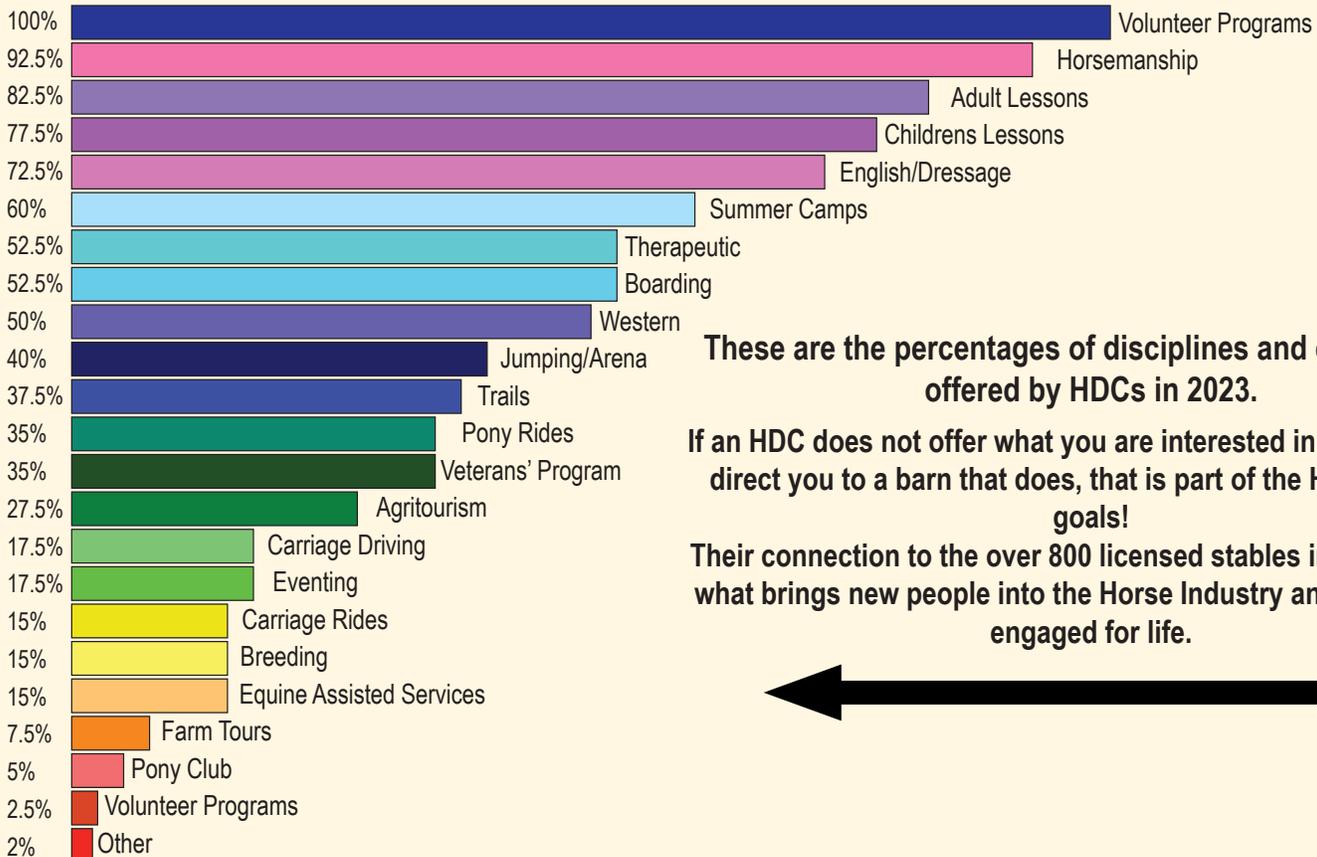
70,1650 attendees found a connection to horses at public events thanks to our Horse Discovery Centers!

2023 Fairs, Events, and Festivals including Horseland at the MD State Fair, MD 5 Star, Anne Arundel Co. Fair, Carroll Co. Fair, World of Pets Expo, Cecil Co. Fair, Manchester Fair, Frederick Co. Fair, St. Mary's Fair, PA Horse Expo, Montgomery Co. Fair, Howard Co. Fair, Harford County Earth Day, Kent. Co. High-Mental Health Resource Fair, Unicorn Festival, Atkins Arboretum Fairy Festival, SMADC Buy Local Challenge, Steeplechase Races, MD Horse Library Events, Mount Airy Christmas Parade & The Lisbon Feed the Hungry Christmas Parade, MD Million, MD Renaissance Centreville Christmas Parade, Lisbon Horse Parade, Kent. Co. High-Mental Health Resource Fair, Fall and Spring Equine Festivals. And more!



Horse Discovery Centers offer something wonderful for everyone at an introductory level.

Your life with horses starts at a Horse Discovery Center!



These are the percentages of disciplines and experiences offered by HDCs in 2023.

If an HDC does not offer what you are interested in, they will help direct you to a barn that does, that is part of the HDC network goals!

Their connection to the over 800 licensed stables in Maryland are what brings new people into the Horse Industry and keeps them engaged for life.

