

AT RISK YOUTH PROGRAM
JESTER PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
Program Description

The Jester Park Equestrian Center (JPEC) At Risk Youth Program engages children in horse-related activities in a safe and interactive environment. The program is designed to promote character values, confidence, communication and teamwork, creative problem solving, focus and trust. The desired outcome is the improvement of behavioral and academic performance of at risk children, and the development of internal skills to become stronger, more confident individuals willing and able to live, work and play in a team and social environment.

There is strong evidence that learning support strategies such as the JPEC At Risk Youth Program benefit students to become productive members of society. The investment of money and time in support of our students now can prevent the considerable loss to society of a high school dropout.

Number of Youth Served Annually: 300

Program Components

Scholarship Camps	After School Programs
Horse Skills	Private Lessons
Experiential Learning	Service Learning
Recreational Activities	Freedom to Grow

Community Partners

Des Moines Public Schools	West Des Moines Community Schools
Polk County Youth Shelter	Iowa State University Extension
Youth Emergency Services	Operation: Military Kids
Prairie Meadows	Ronald McDonald House Charities
Des Moines Mounted Police	Urbandale Community Schools
Johnston Community Schools	Iowa Horse Council
Fiserve Foundation	Meredith Foundation

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Mission Statement: To educate people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds about horses, nature, and themselves.