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## Equine counseling center gets grant



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**Photo Caption:** In this file photo from last July, horses are led to a barn at Osage Corral .

The Osage Corral, an equine assisted counseling center located in Albany, has been awarded a grant by Epstein Teicher Philanthropies in the amount of \$7,500. The grant will cover the cost of tuition for 16 area youth to attend two unique social-emotional learning (SEL) camps at The Osage Corral, according to a news release.

The Osage Corral will partner with Integrated Services of Appalachian Ohio to recruit camp participants based on a range of risk factors, including poverty.

The purpose of the camps will be to improve educational, mental and physical health outcomes of the participants by teaching them a set of core social/emotional competencies utilizing a proven equine assisted learning curriculum called Power Tools for Living, the release said.

In Power Tools for Living Camp, participants will be given the opportunity, through working with horses on specific tasks, to discover the life skills of respect, responsibility, relationship skills, boundaries, empathy and choices/consequences, according to the news release.

The premise of the grant, the release continued, "is that learning and skill acquisition will be enhanced by the nature camp setting, which will also build resilience and protective factors in some of the most vulnerable children in our region by providing them with a normative, fun experience in the midst of their otherwise stressful lives."

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