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# EQUINE THERAPY

## *Bill & Anita Jones Equestrian Center*



Equestrian Center at YBGR



*It Sure Makes a Difference  
When You Know Somebody Cares!*

Since its beginning in 1957, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch has maintained an active Ranch program that includes cattle, and, of course, horses. Kids in the Ranch's residential therapy program have always been able to enjoy horseback riding and Equine Therapy was added in 2005.

YBGR uses the EAGALA therapy model to work directly with horses and children at the Ranch to provide healing and support to emotionally disturbed youth. EAGALA helps youth by using their own instincts and engaging the horses in various activities or challenges. The goal of this program is to have children use symbolism and metaphors to find solutions to the challenges they are facing in their young lives.

YBGR continues to offer recreational riding to residential children which allows the children to experience the simple joy of riding a horse. In addition, learning about basic care and maintenance of the animals is another skill youth can use even after leaving the Ranch.

**Mackenzie Martinson, Equestrian Specialist, has been with YBGR since 2019 and is certified in the EAGALA therapy model.**

**She studied Equine Therapy for two years at Rocky Mountain College and has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Dallas Baptist University.**

**Mackenzie oversees both Equine Therapy and recreational riding for the kids as well as caring for the horses.**



**To learn more about supporting the Equine Therapy Program at YBGR, please contact the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation at 406-656-8772 or email: [info@yellowstonefoundation.org](mailto:info@yellowstonefoundation.org)**