Who we are:

The Temple Grandin Equine Center (TGEC) located at the National Western Complex offers Equine Assisted Services (EAS) in Denver. The TGEC Denver facility at the National Western Complex is a satellite facility of Colorado State University’s main EAS programming at CSU Foothills Campus in Fort Collins, CO. The TGEC Denver facility is currently located in a temporary space at 4980 Brighton Blvd, with our new facility (the CSU Animal Health Complex at SPUR) slated to be open in January 2022.

What we offer:

Equine-Assisted Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy (sometimes referred to as “hippotherapy”): This type of treatment can only be performed by a licensed practitioner. Practitioners use the movement of the horse and the equine environment to achieve desired physical, emotional, cognitive and sensory outcomes. These services are one-on-one appointments and usually paid by private means, but may also be appropriate for insurance payment or reimbursement.

Adaptive or Therapeutic Riding: These equine-assisted activities are provided by certified instructors (PATH or CHA). While these activities may have therapeutic benefits, they are not “therapy” provided by licensed practitioners. Rather, these activities are dominantly provided utilizing the equine environment to teach skills in an adaptive manner and may have some physical, cognitive or emotional benefits. These sessions can be individual or group lessons (great for school groups!) and may not be commonly billed to insurance reimbursement.

Equine Assisted Learning: These sessions may be mounted or unmounted and are provided by trained or
certified instructors. Sessions may be individual or group, and will help to increase self-awareness, self-reflection, communication and teamwork. Great for team-building within a business setting. This may be reimbursed by private pay or grants and is not typically billable through insurance.

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy: These appointments may be mounted or unmounted and are provided by trained counselors or licensed therapists. These sessions may help with improving interpersonal skills, communication, self-advocacy, and independence. Depending on the type of service and the provider’s credentials, sessions may or may not be billable through insurance.

Volunteer Opportunities: Includes horse leading, side walking, administrative assistance, general housekeeping and barn chores. Individuals and groups welcome! Come join the fun and learn how rewarding it is to work with these special individuals and their equine companions. No horse experience necessary. We guarantee you will leave with a smile on your face and a spring in your step!

How to get in touch:

Please contact the Templegrandinequinecenter@colostate.edu or Debbie.mogor@colostate.edu for more information on programs, availability and volunteer opportunities. All our providers are contractors. Appointments are filling up fast, so please don’t hesitate to reach out. We are more than happy to invite you to tour our facility and meet our horses and staff.