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## Project Venture

Project Venture is an evidence-based, culturally guided, outdoor experiential youth adventure program developed over decades of work with American Indian youth. NIYLP created Project Venture under the guidance of Native American elders, who emphasized using traditional culture and programs developed and implemented by Native peoples as a way to address contemporary challenges. The model promotes positive attitudes, behaviors and outcomes in a variety of experiential settings using components of traditional American Indian modes of learning and culturally meaningful service learning activities, and relies on American Indian traditional values to help youth develop positive self-concepts, effective social skills, a community service ethic, internal locus of control, and increased decision-making and problem-solving skills. Comprised of three components -adventure based experiential learning, service learning, and culturally based leadership, Project Venture uses unique group development processes to actively engage youth in a proven and effective method of developing life skills while reinforcing traditional Native values such as family, service learning and appreciation for the natural world.

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## Details

**Ages:** Teen

**Races:** Native Americans

**Genders:** All

**Intake Process:** Call

**Payment Options:** Fee for service

**Special Needs:** Behavioral health or substance abuse

**Waiting List:** Sometimes

**Minimum Age:** 11

**Maximum Age:** 18

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## Services

Educational Programs   Youth Development   Arts & Culture   Government Offices & Community Groups

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## Locations

### National Indian Youth Leadership Project

13701 Skyline Rd. NE, Suite B  
Albuquerque, NM 87123

**Phone:**

(505) 554-2289

**Geographic Area Served:** Bernalillo County Cibola County McKinley County Sandoval County  
Santa Fe County

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*305 Sunde St.  
Gallup, NM 87305*

**Phone:** (505) 722-9176

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## **Parent Organization**

### **Project Venture - NIYLP**

NIYLP's mission is to nurture the potential of Native youth to be contributors to a more positive world through adventure-based learning and service to family, community, and nature. NIYLP envisions a world with generations of healthy, capable, caring, resilient Native youth who contribute to their groups, families, communities and nations.

Native led, native serving organization

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