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Inspire Santa Fe Mentorship Program

What do you **really** want to **learn**?

Inspire Santa Fe begins with that question. Working with teachers, counselors and families across the city, we ask young people to identify a field or skill they would like to explore—not as a job or college application booster, but as a natural, deep calling.

We're often surprised by the longings they harbor. They tell us they want to learn oil painting, mountaineering, criminal law, architecture, and soccer. They want to know how to blow glass, code computers, and fight for environmental justice.

Once the youth “protégé” has identified a field, we find an adult volunteer who has expertise and talent in that area, and is willing to work with the young person for two hours a week for six to eight months. Together, the mentor and protégé develop a learning relationship and create project to share publicly with the community.

It's a new approach to education, but a familiar way to learn. People have been learning through mentorships centuries before the first school bell rang, and continue learning this way in shops, homes, studios and businesses. Inspire lifts up these natural learning and teaching relationships, and formalize them so they offer a balance to the conventional classroom learning predominant in schools.

Details

Ages: Children and Youth Teen Adults Seniors/elderly

Races: All

Genders: All

Intake Process: Appointment Necessary

Documentation: Photo identification

Payment Options: Free

Special Needs: Abused or neglected Immigrants/refugees Physical or cognitive disabilities

Waiting List: Sometimes

Minimum Age: 12

Maximum Age: None

Contact: Todd Lopez

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Capacity: 100 students / 100 mentors

Restrictions: Background Check

Services

Educational Programs Educational Support Services Youth Development

Locations

Santa Fe

1600 Lena Street, Suite F-1, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Mailing:

PO Box 2246

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Phone: (505) 231-5484

Hours: Weekdays 8-6 and weekends during the school year

Languages Spoken: English Spanish

Services Limited By Geography: Santa Fe and surrounding communities

Geographic Area Served: Santa Fe County

Parent Organization

SEED: Source for Educational Empowerment and Community Development

Cultivating Conscious Communities

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