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## The Identity Project

The Identity Project is an adaptive intervention that utilizes documentary arts to address poverty-related barriers to identity development and learning in underserved Native American youth. Through a specialized curriculum in documentary storytelling, The Identity Project empowers marginalized youth with an invaluable opportunity for self-actualization, improving readiness to learn on the most fundamental level. Our programming is rooted in creative youth development and built on two pillars of inquiry, documentary storytelling and critically reflective identity work. We believe that documentary arts combine the act of creation with a motivation to tell truths and reveal honest realities, teaching students how to employ empathy, value humanness, and honor the inherent narrative in each of us. Our innovative approach to creative youth development is evidence-based and tested in over two dozen schools. The Identity Project began operating in New Mexico in 2016, and we have continued to build out our programming with the support of the Indian Education Division of New Mexico's Public Education Department over the past three years. Our summer and semester programs have now scaled to serve Native youth ages 13-18 in Santa Fe, Bernalillo, Sandoval counties.

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### Details

**Ages:** Children and Youth Teen

**Races:** Native Americans

**Genders:** All

**Intake Process:** Online Application

**Documentation:** Tribal enrollment/Certificate of indian blood

**Payment Options:** Free

**Special Needs:** Abused or neglected

**Waiting List:** Limited Slots

**Minimum Age:** 13 years old

**Maximum Age:** 18 years old

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### Services

Education Youth Development Arts & Culture

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### Locations

**Museum of Indian Arts & Culture**

710 Camino Lejo  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Phone:** (505) 476-1269

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

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## Parent Organization

### The Praxis Project

Fiscal Sponsor:

The Praxis Project is a national organization that works in partnership with national, tribal, regional, state, and local partners to achieve health justice for all communities. Our mission is to build healthy communities by transforming the power relationships and structures that affect our lives and our communities.

Fiscally Sponsored Project:

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