

Welcome to Ignite 2018!

Ignite is a new ICF Foundation initiative supporting a long-term strategy of advancing social progress through coaching, everywhere in the world. The goal is to support organizations who are working on United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. In this inaugural year, we are focused on education - ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Globally ICF Chapters are partnering with organizations with an education focus and providing pro-bono coaching to the organizations' leaders. The aim is to create a step change in the organizations' ability to fulfill their missions. Impact data will be rolled up globally to demonstrate the effectiveness of coaching as a tool for change.

ICF NM is partnering with Communities in Schools New Mexico. Communities in Schools is a national organization with a rigorously tested model proven to dramatically enhance educational outcomes for its students. It pairs social workers with children in poverty to provide them with basic necessities such as food and clothing as well as educational mentoring. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about the CIS model.



Communities in Schools New Mexico was founded in September 2012. It has grown from providing services in 2 schools to 8 schools, all in Santa Fe. They'd like to develop a K-12 pipeline of services as well as expand services to other areas in New Mexico. Their primary challenges are lack of personnel and funding.

Their four-person leadership team includes Julia Bergen, Executive Director and Program Director, Melanie Garcia, Director of Operations, Katy Medley, Program Director and Lindsay Taylor, Development Director. ICF NM coaches Renee Gregorio, Agnes Mura, Jean Strosinski, and Kristy Sweetland will each be paired with one leader to provide 10 individual coaching sessions. At the end of the 10 sessions each leader will complete the ICF Foundation impact survey as well as an ICF NM developed survey that will assess how the progress made against Communities in Schools New Mexico specific goals. We also plan to survey ICF NM team members to learn what worked and areas for improvement for future projects.

Join our team! Help us generate PR about this initiative and our partnership to raise awareness of both organizations and possibly bring even more resources to CIS. Help develop the assessments and analyze the results. Help us figure out how to maximize the impact of this initiative for our chapter.

To get involved, contact Lisa Brewer, Ignite Project Manager, brewerz@comcast.net.

To keep up on the latest developments, visit <http://icfnewmexico.org/ignite>.

