



Footprints of Transformation

A legacy that Strengthens and Transforms Communities

Instituto Nueva Escuela (INE) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to the academic and social transformation of school communities such as Caimito, to provide Puerto Rican children and youth with academic and socio-emotional improvement through the implementation of **public** Montessori education. Our organization is under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS and CECFL approved.

Did you know?



Inés María Mendoza is the **only public school in Caimito** a rural community in San Juan.

The school serves **800 students** from 18 months up to 18 years old.

Inés María Mendoza has been a Montessori school for **10 years**.

In the same decade Caimito's community high school graduates rate increased to 91%, and bachelor's degree or higher increased to 59%.



The Academic Program seeks to train Montessori guides, assistants and directors who serve the children and youth of Puerto Rico. It offers courses for the certification of Montessori guides at all educational levels. It also offers the course for Assistants and the Introduction to Montessori Philosophy course for support staff.



Enraizando is a program that supports transformation of public Montessori schools. Develop in students and their families a commitment to the common good through school gardens, nurseries and butterfly gardens, promoting environmental awareness in them.



Casa Familiar is a space where human pain is transformed into a path to happiness. This program offers various psychosocial services to students, families and school communities that promote healthy and happy upbringings.



Luna Morales - Senior - "I would like to be a psychologist, thanks to how I felt here, I realized that I also want to help other people to make them feel comfortable wherever they are." I take the values with me: hard work, respect and responsibility.



Katherine Cintrón - 10 years as a certified guide - We visited INE in 2012, they opened the doors for us to begin preparing and become guides. Now you walk through the school hallways and you hear happy children. I meet graduates who hug me and tell me that creating independence for them helps them now in college, by teaching them that they could. "I want to be the teacher I want for my daughter, as I believe in the process I created an environment in my house for my daughter, Montessori has impacted my life."



Ileane Cruz - Casa Familiar Coordinator - Mother of 4 children who have studied in Caimito. "I've lived all my life in Caimito, I'm from here. I fell in love with what Montessori is; Before working at the school I was a volunteer mother, then I took the Casa Familiar workshops and finally I had the opportunity to work on the project. I have been shocked by the transformation."

School to school, a better Puerto Rico



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