

Male mother

“In Dagara culture a child's maternal uncle is called the "male mother." The closest equivalent in English would be a "mentor." The male mother is both nurturing and challenging at the same time. When I returned to my village as a young man, my male mother saw in me what I couldn't see in myself. The simple act of being seen as a person with a purpose was the beginning of a massive change in me.[...] His complete belief in my capacity to become a good man made me who I am.”

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