

SAVES Program



Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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SAVES Changed My Life!

Noe Dol is from Haiti. He has been living in Miami, Florida, for two and a half years. He is 44 years old and was educated in a Baptiste school in Haiti where he was in high school. On November 21, 2010, Mr. Dol left Haiti to relocate in Port Saint-Lucie. After a year there, he moved to Miami.

As soon as he arrived in the United States, Mr. Dol saw that life was different and difficult. After six months in Miami, he was able to get a job. He earned \$8.86 per hour. The job could not really support his family, but he went to work every day. He took pride in his work, and last year, the company chose him as the best employee of the year.

As he was going to work in the afternoon, he decided to come to school to learn English in the morning. He met with the SAVES representative at D. A. Dorsey Educational Center and enrolled in ESOL. While he was learning English, he went to the SAVES office and discussed with the SAVES contact his desire to enroll in the Commercial Vehicle Driving program at Miami-Lakes Educational Center.

His dream came true when he started the program in February of 2013 and completed it in May of 2013. At this time, he is very happy to say that he has already completed the program, which included the required 320 hours of coursework and 1,000 miles of driving.

He has also completed the necessary requirements to drive other types of vehicles, such as school bus, regular passenger bus, double/triple trailers, and tank vehicles (endorsements P, T, and N).

Mr. Dol said that his life has totally changed. One month before he completed the program, he started receiving job offers from many truck companies that offered to pay him more than what he was earning. At this time, he is proud to say that he is in a paid training with a company in Central Florida. Upon completion of his training, he is sure he will be hired. He credits the SAVES program for that turnaround.

Mr. Dol would like to thank the SAVES program and its representatives for giving him the opportunity to be a productive member of this society! He says that SAVES changed his life.



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