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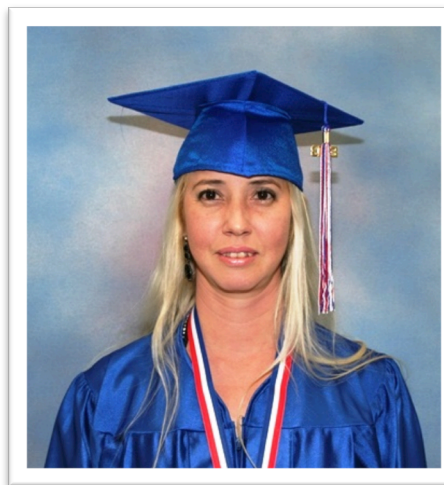
I Can't Believe How Fast Everything Happened

Ms. Jenny Ledo was born in Camaguey, Cuba, on August 21, 1976. After completing high school in her country, she began studying to become a child care educator. Due to personal issues, she was unable to complete the program. Later on, she began studying Podiatry. After graduating from Podiatry, Ms. Ledo worked in various medical centers. She worked with people of all ages. However, she always preferred working with children.

Ms. Ledo moved to the United States in July 2012. She quickly realized that to be successful, she needed to learn English. Consequently, she went to American Adult Education Center where she was referred to Ms. Jocelyne Ruiz in the SAVES office. After taking the CASAS test, Ms. Ledo began her English classes in August 2012.

Soon after starting her English classes, Ms. Ledo found out about the Child Development Associate program (CDA) at American. She decided to enroll. One of her instructors, Ms. Gonzalez, told her about a program that provides refugees studying CDA an opportunity to open a home childcare center. Ms. Ledo became very interested and contacted Ms. Joanie Grillo from the Refugee Child Care Microenterprise Developmental Project to request more information about her program.

At the end of the trimester, Ms. Ledo passed the English exam, but decided to temporarily stop the English classes to complete the CDA program. She completed the CDA classes on April 18, 2013. Ms. Ledo's childcare center opened its doors on July 12, 2013. She currently has a total of 4 children enrolled. Ms. Ledo is very grateful to the SAVES program and The Refugee Child Care Micro-enterprise Developmental Project for the support and opportunities provided to her. She also thanks the SAVES program and Ms. Carmen Gonzalez for their support. She cannot believe how fast everything happened, but she is very grateful. We truly wish Ms. Jenny Ledo the best.



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