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Yisel Vimonte with SAVES

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Yisel Vimonte is from Cuba. She moved to the United States in August of 2010 with her husband and daughter thus fulfilling a long-awaited dream. She attended college in Cuba earning a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Oriente.

Ms. Vimonte learned about the SAVES program and its benefits at Southwest Adult Center because of her daughter Diana, who is a high school student. She began her studies by taking ESOL classes. After advancing two levels, she registered for the Department of Children and Families vocational course (DCF 40 hours), which she successfully completed.

Ms. Vimonte's goal was to work in a daycare center since she had always wanted to work with pre-school children. After meeting all the pre-requisites, Yisel registered for the Child Development Associate program (CDA) at Southwest Adult Center in March 2012.

The S.A.V.E.S. program was able to pay for her tuition and books. She was able to find work at the Second House Day Care Center. She graduated from the CDA program last December, and she is currently waiting for her state certification.

Ms. Yisel Vimonte is very pleased and grateful to the S.A.V.E.S. program and to Southwest Miami Adult Center for their generosity and support. Their staff was always willing to inform, recommend, and encourage her to reach her goals and dreams. She is now certified to work as a pre-school teacher, doing work that she loves and applying all that she has learned. We wish Yisel the very best.



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