

SAVES Program



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Thank You SAVES!

Lisabet Rodriguez came to the United States on November 21, 2012, leaving behind her family and career. In the USA, Ms. Rodriguez started a new life that was completely different from what she had known. Lisabet's greatest concern when arriving in this country was the struggle with the language barrier and finding employment. She spent several weeks preparing her paperwork and going through the legal process, among many other tasks. Soon, the time came to investigate and decide on her number one priority in this country, which Ms. Rodriguez decided was to learn English. She made several calls and was informed about a program called SAVES that could help her. This was marvelous news for her.

With the SAVES program, Lisabet was able to take high-quality classes for free. She registered for classes on January, 2012, at Miami Springs Adult and Community Center and her professors were amazing. Ms. Rodriguez started to take her first few steps with the English language, enjoyed every single hour of study, and learned how to communicate easily. This way, when the time came for Lisabet's first interview for a job, she was able to overcome the language barrier, and given employment on April 12, 2013. At present, she is able to apply what she learned in class to her new job because she always prioritized accomplishing her goals.

Days would pass and on one beautiful afternoon, a counselor from the SAVES program advised Ms. Rodriguez to take child care classes, which she could take without affecting her current schedule. Her response was positive and was in the program from April 2012 to July 2013. The dream of her new life is to reach as far as possible, working and studying to the best of her ability.

Thanks to her SAVES counselor and the SAVES team, she reached her goal and acquired the Child Care Certificate. Lisabet also continued in the path of progressing through each ESOL level.

Ms. Rodriguez did not stop; she says that through the blessing of knowing the SAVES team and about the SAVES program, she received a job offer recently. It still surprises her to this day that since January 2012, she proudly works for Miami Springs Adult and Community Center as a SAVES Coordinator. It is incredible but true. In just fourteen months, she has been able to grow and accomplish so much.

Ms. Rodriguez feels that it is wonderful to have been able to gradually accomplish even some of her highest and toughest personal goals and to gain employment. She believes that she owes it all to the SAVES program and team!



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