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## **Amilkar Delgado with SAVES**

Amilkar Delgado was born in Cuba in 1976. Even though he is from Cuba, he spent many years in Spain as a member of the swimming team and water polo selection. He moved to the United States in June of 2012 seeking better professional opportunities and a better life.

Mr. Delgado quickly realized how important it was to learn English in order to achieve his professional goal of becoming a lifeguard. Upon arriving to Miami, Florida, a social worker told Amilkar about the SAVES PROGRAM, so he was referred to Miami Sunset Adult Center, where Ms. Leyda Osuna and Ms. Cristina Diaz, the SAVES staff, guided him through the registration process.

After Amilkar took the ESOL pretest, he was placed in Foundations. He worked his way up through the ESOL levels. As a result, he has been able to improve his English skills. He is currently preparing to become a lifeguard. He has already passed the physical exam and is waiting for his interview.

Amilkar Delgado is very thankful to the SAVES program staff at Sunset Adult for all the support. He is also very grateful to his teachers Ms. Medina and Mr. Escalona, who encouraged and pushed him to learn and improve. We wish Amilkar the very best.



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