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Team Work

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Through time, team work has been a great example of success. This story exemplifies achieving success thru team work. Ms. Danay Pereira is a Cuban mother. Her journey began on August 5, 2009, when she, along with her daughter and son, crossed the USA border in Laredo, Texas. With no money, she was determined to start a new life full of opportunities for her family.

Upon arriving in Miami, Ms. Pereira went to the Department of Children and Families for help. She was sent to a Youth Co-op agency for assistance in finding a job. Likewise, Youth Coop referred her to study English or a vocational class to make it easier for her to find employment.

Ms. Danay Pereira took English classes at Miami Sunset Adult. In addition, she took Child Care classes at Miami Coral Park. While in Child Care classes, she found a job as a teacher aide in a day care. She began to think about starting her own business. As soon as she finished the Child Care classes, she enrolled in Accounting. The SAVES Program also paid for translation and evaluation services of her college degree earned in Cuba.

She was taking accounting classes when she lost her job. A SAVES student classmate told her that the SAVES Program at Miami Coral Park had information regarding how to start a Family Daycare business. Ms. Perera contacted the United States Department of Health and Human Services in order to inquire about establishing her own business.

Ms. Pereira said that she was so blessed to be selected as one of 20 women refugees in Miami-Dade County. She also said that having the 40 hours of child care, the accounting classes, and her translated documents facilitated the process of finishing all the requirements to open her business.

Ms. Pereira states that the United States Department of Health and Human Services gave her all she needed to open and run the business: toys, cradles, etc. Furthermore, it paid for all the paper work, required licenses, and classes.

Ms. Danay Perera is eternally grateful to the SAVES staff at Miami Sunset Adult and Miami Coral Park Adult for all the help, support, and assistance in making her dream of running her own business possible. We wish Ms. Pereira the best.



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