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SAVES Helps Youngster Succeed in the United States

Mr. Andy Plasencia immigrated to the United States on July 25, 2015 when he was 20 years old. He decided to come in search of the American dream and grow in his profession as an IT Technician. Mr. Plasencia earned an Accounting Technical Degree with his high school diploma in his home town Pinar del Rio, Cuba, and worked in finances, sales, and as an IT Technician.

After arriving, Mr. Plasencia learned about the Skills for Academic Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) Refugee Program from the Department of Children and Families and enrolled in ESOL Advanced classes in the SAVES program at Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center. SAVES provided him with tuition fees and books. He also received career counseling services.

Mr. Plasencia is grateful to the SAVES Program for helping him learn the English language, which helped him gain a part-time position with an auto parts store called AutoZone. He is grateful for the SAVES Program that helps people who come from other countries as paroles, refugees, or asylees with limited resources to resettle in the United States.

Currently, Mr. Plasencia works at Miami Coral Park Adult Education Center as a registration clerk at night and with AutoZone during the day. He is a highly motivated individual and quick learner who, without a doubt, will succeed in everything he puts his efforts into.

