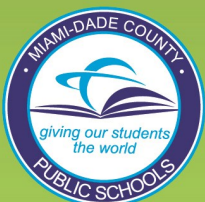


# SAVES Program

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## Helping Others Look Their Best

Sandra Derival was born in Haiti. In 2016 she immigrated to Miami with her one-year-old daughter looking for better opportunities for herself and her child. She soon realized to achieve her personal and professional goals she had to learn English. With the support of her family and friends, she was able to enroll in the Skills for Academic, Vocational and English Studies (SAVES) program at the North Miami Adult Education Center.

It was there where she registered for the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) course. Although learning a new language proved to be a daunting task, Sandra was not only able to successfully complete her studies, but she also enrolled in the Cosmetology program. Pursuing a career in the field of cosmetology and helping others look their best is her lifelong dream.

Today, Sandra is extremely grateful to her friends, her family, and to all that have supported her on this journey. However, Sandra is especially thankful to all the teachers, staff, and the SAVES team that provided her with vital resources such as tuition assistance, books, as well as encouragement and support to stay the course when things were not easy. Her heart is full today thanks to the SAVES program and all their staff members and the amazing teachers that assisted her. Sandra is now more confident

that her daughter has someone she can look up to, and there is a world full of possibilities.

