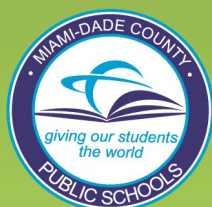


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## To a New Beginning

Elizabeth Otero was born in Cuba. In 2015, She immigrated to the U.S with her kids for a better life and opportunities. Like many other immigrants fleeing their homeland, leaving behind her native country and her family were two of the most difficult decisions she has ever had to make. She had a hard time adapting to the lifestyle especially with the English language.

After arriving in the United States, she began to look for work to support her family financially. She also was interested in learning the language because it would be difficult to find a job with no knowledge of English. While driving she saw a banner where English classes were offered at American Adult Education Center. She registered for ESOL classes, and she was introduced to the SAVES program and the benefits she has with her Parole.

While studying English, Ms. Otero found out about the health classes offered at American Adult Education Center. He was very interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, after successfully completing all ESOL levels she began taking Phlebotomy and Hemodialysis. She received all of her certificates found a job before she even passed her state license, Took the state test, and passed.

She now has a well-paying job, and she

is currently taking health classes at Valere health institute to complete her nursing assistant degree. The student feels grateful for the opportunities SAVES gave her. She wants to thank the SAVES program and the school staff for helping her achieve the American dream.

