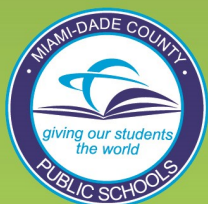


# SAVES Program



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## Integration as an Immigrant

Ms. Yelitza Tovar is a Venezuelan immigrant who made the hard decision to leave her country to look for a better life because of political, social, and economic difficulties in Venezuela.

Ms. Tovar arrived at the United States in December 2019 with the understanding that she needed to integrate and acquire knowledge to advance and support herself. The English Center was recommended to her, so she and her son decided to study together to learn English.

While studying English, her asylum was approved, and she was eligible to study for a technical career through the SAVES program. She chose Digital Design because she is a Computer Engineer and realized that this would raise her profession to another level. Her son Carlos also believes that it is a field for the future due to the evolution of digital content in the market.

Carlos, her son, said that it has been a marvelous experience. Carlos also stated: "I think people expected me to be embarrassed to be in the same class as my mom, but the truth is that she is my best friend, my pride, and my example to follow. We support each other and when one feels unable to do it, the other helps push forward."

Ms. Tovar expressed that The English Center is a wonderful place. She feels that there is a great deal to learn, including, English, vocational classes, and technical careers. Ms. Tovar indicated that she and her son have been fortunate to take classes in both areas, English and Digital Design. While the English is helping them every day to improve

