

# SAVES Program



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## Leaving things behind for a better future with SAVES

Yamilka Louzado a Cuban mother of two children arrived at the United States on June 6, 2021, through the port of entry in San Luis, Arizona, with her 8-year-old daughter, unfortunately leaving her son behind back in Cuba. She lost her job as a physical therapist, where she had worked for 11 years, because of political problems.

step closer to her ambition of being a registered nurse in the United States and soon obtain the necessary immigration status to be able to enroll at Florida International University. She expressed her excitement about finishing the program and landing a position in the medical sector where she can utilize her expertise to help the community in all the ways possible.

After a year she was referred to the SAVES program where she was able to determine her eligibility for the program after completing the placement test at Robert Morgan Education Center. Yamilka started out in low intermediate ESOL and later registered for high intermediate ESOL and phlebotomy concurrently.

After completing ESOL-ADV, she enrolled in ABE classes to strengthen her reading comprehension in preparation for beginning Robert Morgan's most challenging and competitive program—the nurse assistant program.

Yamilka is on track to complete her nursing program this term (2023–3), which will put her one

