



SAVES

A Long Journey With A Happy Ending

Mariol Pradere is the perfect embodiment of a SAVES Success Story! Ms. Pradere started as a SAVES student at Coral Park Adult Education Center, and now works for Coral Park's SAVES Program. Mariol entered the Child Care Certificate Program, and after completing her 40 hours, she graduated from the Child Development Associate Program with a 120 hour certificate of completion. She then began as a paraprofessional in Coral Park's SAVES office with Ms. Carmen Leon, at the same time taking computer classes paid for by the SAVES Program. Mariol then became an ESOL teacher at Coral Park, which she still is, while continuing her work in the SAVES office.



Ms Pradere checks up on her students

Mariol Pradere was born in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, where she received her bachelor's degree in English as a Second Language from the University of Pinar del Rio. She taught English at the Catalina Valdes Middle School in her hometown for seven years.

She then won her passage to the United States through the Cuban Visa Lottery, which allowed her to bring her husband Pedro and her then three year old daughter Marian. Marian now attends a Gifted Program through a Miami Dade County Public Elementary School. Her husband, a medical doctor from Cuba, attended ESOL classes at the Coral Park SAVES Program, while he continues to wait for entrance into Florida International University's Nursing Program.

Mariol Pradere loves to teach her SAVES students, and believes that coupling this with her work in the SAVES office affords her a unique perspective that allows her to assist SAVES clients by helping to provide them with the information that will best meet their needs. Her supervisor, Ms. Carmen Leon, and Coral Park's Night School Principal, Mr. Robert Novak, concur, and Ms. Pradere speaks glowingly of both of them, as well as the SAVES Staff. Mariol really enjoys her dual positions, and hopes to be employed in this manner for the foreseeable future. She knows that the whole SAVES Program is very beneficial, and thinks that because of her background, it places her in a situation that helps her guide students from first hand experience.

Mariol Pradere likes to recommend to her students that they try to enter the job market through the day care field because of its accessibility to rapid employment, and the fact that it provides built-in provisions for their own children. Mariol loves to work with children and does miss teaching them. Besides her daughter, she also has a son, Marcos, who is almost two years old. Mariol Pradere, what a SAVES Success Story!

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