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SAVES Welcomes Mr. Carlos Baena

The SAVES program would like to extend a warm welcome to a new Educational Specialist in its ranks. Mr. Carlos Baena joined the SAVES staff in mid April.

Carlos brings with him extensive experience working with adult refugees and asylees. Mr. Baena began his career in education teaching Bilingual Education classes.

From there he earned a Masters in ESOL, which allowed him to work at the college level teaching English to newly arrived adults.

This experience will help our new SAVES staff member relate to and provide help to our SAVES clients.

Born in Colombia, but raised in New Jersey, Mr. Carlos Baena will attempt to make new refugees and asylees aware of the benefits that the SAVES program has to offer. His background is important because here in South Florida, the fastest growing numbers of refugees and asylees are from Colombia and Venezuela.



Mr. Carlos Baena joins SAVES staff

Besides working for the SAVES program, Mr. Baena currently teaches ESOL classes at Miami Dade College.

His advice for anyone who has recently arrived here is to become fluent in English. "The key to having success in any new country is to learn the language which most of the population communicates with. This is why the Targeted ESOL classes offered by SAVES are so important."

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