



# SAVES



## Miami-Dade County Public Schools

### SAVES Team Shines at International TESOL New York

Members of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools SAVES team's District Office provided two presentations at this year's International TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) conference held in New York City from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup>.



Lawrence Ress, Dr. Edwina Hoffman, Dr. Gema Santos, Bill Bliss, Marie Philogene, Carlos Baena, and Georges Legerme at TESOL 2008

On Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Edwina Hoffman, SAVES supervisor, represented the State of Florida Department of Education in the annual forum titled "National and State Initiatives in Adult ESL". Dr. Hoffman provided an overview of major state of Florida initiatives including its development of a human trafficking curriculum for adult English language learners. Other states represented included Texas, North Carolina, California, and Arizona. Mr. Chris Coro from the United States Department of Education provided a Federal update as well.

Later the same day, Mr. Georges Legerme led a team comprised of Mr. Carlos Baena, Ms. Marie Philogene and Mr. Lawrence Ress in describing SAVES' successful native language media campaign. Titled "Recruiting ESOL Students Through Native Language Media", the session described SAVES' use of Spanish and Haitian-Creole media vehicles to reach their target population of refugees and asylees.

Team members described the use of half-hour radio shows, native language periodicals, school fliers and bilingual brochures. The audience had time to ask questions at the end.

Mr. Bill Bliss, internationally-recognized author of ESOL materials, attended the session and complimented Georges, Carlos, Marie, and Lawrence on a very well organized and coordinated presentation. He considered it the best he had seen so far in the conference!



The SAVES team in action.

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