

Briceida Gonzalez

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Good morning, everybody!! My name is Briceida González and it is, for me, a pleasure to be here with all of you today. Thank you for inviting us.

I'm from Colombia and I came to the United States a year and half ago. I came with the conviction of giving a 360 degrees turn to my life. The United States is the country of opportunities. Here I'm doing my best and -- most important -- I feel safe.

I arrived to Texas but after a year I came here to Vermont. Here I have found people with big hearts and also CVAE. Adult Education has been a great help in my learning process and also for people like me who think that English is undoubtedly very important for personal development. English is the barrier that we must break to move forward with our goals.

In my point of view, Adult Education is helping me to speak more fluently and understand better. It has not been easy but CVAE teaches us that step-by-step we can do it!!

Recently, in addition to my English classes, CVAE gave me the opportunity to take a job training course in weatherization. It was three weeks of training. It included OSHA and First Aid training. We had special English classes to learn the new vocabulary for weatherization. It was a really big challenge for me but not impossible. In this training I discovered that OSHA is my passion. My next long-term goal is to study OSHA and maybe work in that field. Now I'm working with Walmart Delivery but I am hoping to get full time work with a weatherization company soon. I want to give back to the Central Vermont community.

I appreciate that you are here, thank you so much for trusting in us and opening the door for all of us. I hope to continue learning and growing as a person and taking advantage of all opportunities that CVAE can offer.

I want to finish with this phrase of Adult Education that I love and it says, "Learning lasts a lifetime."