

1960: Born in Cuba

Education: 18 years of education in Cuba; completed university

March 2002: Immigrates to the United States (alone) after winning a U.S. green card lottery

June 2002: enrolls in first ESOL class, level A (beginning), all skills

September 2002: enrolls in second term of ESOL classes, level B (high-beginning), all skills

January 2003: enrolls in third term of ESOL classes, level C (intermediate), all skills

1st interview: (3-03)
-Work: full-time custodian
-Academic goals: professional certification or license (post 4-yr college)
-General goals: learn English, improve basic skills, become citizen, register to vote, help community, get a better job

April 2003: enrolls in fourth term of ESOL classes, level C (intermediate), all skills

June 2003: enrolls in fifth term of ESOL classes, level D (advanced), all skills

2nd interview: (4-04)
-Work: full-time custodian at a veterinary clinic
-Academic goals: Professional certification/license, go to college
-General goals: become a citizen, help community, communicate better at work, get a better job

3rd interview: (7-05)
-Work: full-time (same job as last year)
-Academic goals: graduate school
-General goals: become a citizenship, enter training/ go to college

4th interview: (2-06)

-Jorge discussed the situation of housing and homelessness in the U.S. as a chief different between the U.S. and Cuba. He expressed a wish for security so he would always have a place to live and economic stability.