





Cristian Vivar Palma of Westville first came to Literacy New Jersey on behalf of someone else! "I first came into the office to enroll my son who had just moved here from Guatemala," Cristian said. "I wanted to help him get started with learning English so that he can feel more comfortable. After talking to Neha (in the Gloucester office), I realized that I can take classes too. I have lived here a long time and have a job in a factory where everyone speaks English. I am the only person who speaks Spanish there. I am able to talk to people at work, but I never feel comfortable with my grammar. Sometimes, I mix my words and say things the wrong way. I also never finished my high school and I always wanted to do that so that I can get a better job in the future. I have really enjoyed taking the class with my tutor, Ms. Gardner. She is so patient and makes all of us feel relaxed. I am hoping to take more classes so that I can get better at reading and writing in English."